



Kirkburton Middle School – Parent Bulletin

24th April – 1st May 2020

Headteacher Update

Welcome to our first parent bulletin of the summer term. In normal circumstances we would send the parent bulletin out fortnightly however during this period of school closure we will endeavour to send out a weekly bulletin in order to keep you informed about all things KMS.

Thank you to all pupils for working hard on the work set this week, we hope the new timetable is helping to prioritise workload. As I mentioned in my recent letter, please don't worry if your child is struggling to complete every piece of work set. We recognise there will be times when parents can't directly support their child or when access to family electronic devices becomes stretched. All we ask is that you continue to do the best you can and always contact school if you need any help or support. It's good to hear anecdotes of lots of fantastic 'informal' education taking place. It looks like we've got some very talented chefs and bakers within our school. I wonder how many pupils have learnt other new skills such as using a washing machine, ironing or gardening. Keep up the good work!

Thank you once again to all the parents who took the time to complete the parent survey. We are continuing to work hard to address the issues raised and whilst we recognise we won't get everything right first time, we're trying our hardest to support pupils and families as best. Staff will make contact with any families who raised specific concerns about their child's well-being in the survey and we would ask if any other families need further support to please let us know.

It has been great following the progress of both pupils and staff on our social media platforms this week. For those of you who don't normally follow social media, can I suggest you may want to make an exception at this current time. Mr Tyson is doing a great job in providing regular updates on both our Twitter feed and Facebook pages in order to try and keep everybody connected with the school during our time away.

Last Thursday was national offer day and we were delighted to learn who will be joining us in September. This will no doubt be a particularly worrying time for parents with children in Year 5, this will include some of our families with children already in the school. Please be assured that we are working hard to ensure the transition process will run as smoothly as it possibly can this year and we look forward to welcoming our new pupils into school at some point soon. We would be grateful if you could pass this message on to friends and family.

Finally, you will have seen in the media that there are discussions taking place in relation to when schools will reopen. We recognise that this uncertainty can be difficult for some people and as soon as we know more we'll let you know. At present we've not received any official steer either way. Many people will be anxious about what a return to school will entail; we'll cross this bridge when we come to it but please be reassured that protecting the health and well-being of all members of our school community will always be our number one priority.

Mr Taylor

Well-being

Although schools are closed to the majority of pupils, we remain here to help. Please be sure to make contact with school if you need support. Please also see the end of this bulletin for a list of further support services available to you at this difficult time, including details about how you can access community support in Shelley and beyond. You may also be aware of other services that you have been directed to; if this is the case and these are proving helpful, please continue to access these.

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Staying safe online during the coronavirus outbreak

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has published [new guidance](#) on what you can do to stay safe online during the coronavirus outbreak. It is well worth a look

The guidance also has tailored advice for parents to keep their children safe online. This includes using parental controls to manage what children can access, switching on family filters to protect children from inappropriate content, and having conversations with children to encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if they come across anything online that makes them uncomfortable.

Welcome



MRS KERR

Assistant Head at Kirkburton Middle School

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Kirkburton Family.

My name is Mrs Sam Kerr and this is officially my first week at Kirkburton Middle school as one of the Assistant Headteachers, although I was lucky enough to meet a few of our pupils last week at Scissett Middle school. I am really looking forward to working at Kirkburton, I am a languages teacher and have worked at several high schools during my career; my last role was as Head of Languages at Holmfirth High School. I have also worked as an Advanced Skills Teacher with responsibility for teaching and learning.

At Kirkburton I will be teaching French as well working with both staff and pupils to continue the great teaching and learning work happening in the classroom.

I look forward to meeting you all when we are back at school.



MRS JOYCE

Head of PE at Kirkburton Middle School

Hi I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the pupils of KMS and their families.

Obviously, this is not the way I had planned to join the school, however, from Monday 20th April 2020, you have a new Head of PE at KMS!

From this week I will be setting PE work for my classes to complete at home. I will also be working hard to develop the PE curriculum and schemes of work to ensure that when you return to school your PE experience will be of the highest quality.

Part of my duties are to develop the extra-curricular provision available to you to make your return to school more fun and enjoyable. My vision is to build upon the already very successful reputation of Sport at KMS, entering school teams in regional, county and national competitions from year 6 to year 8. I also look forward to Gymnastics and Dance shows which you will have the opportunity to perform at under my leadership.

I really cannot wait to meet you all but until then please try to get your 60 minutes of exercise every day to keep you fit and healthy. If you have any questions or need any advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

EDUCATION

Greenhead College 2000 – 2002

PE Grade A Biology Grade B Geography Grade B Math's (AS) Grade B

Leeds Metropolitan University 2002-2006

Sports and Exercise Science Degree (BSc 2:1)

Teacher of PE PCGE

WORK EXPERIENCE

North Halifax Grammar School – Teacher of PE

2006 – 2009

Brooksbank School Sports College – Teacher of PE

2009 – 2014

Honley High School – Teacher of PE and SSCO

2014 - 2020

CONTACT EMAIL

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Hobbies

Hockey – Colne Valley Ladies – West Yorkshire U16 and U18

Netball – Kirklees U16

Running – London Marathon and GNR 2019

Reading

I love all Sports and Physical Activities!

I look forward to; Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together!

Year 6

Hello Year 6- I hope you are all well and have managed to enjoy the sunshine we have been having. We certainly have had an interesting and unusual start to the term but I am so pleased to see the learning that is going on in your homes with some very exciting projects going on. Can I remind you if you are struggling to any of the work set to contact the office so someone can help you with this ASAP.

Just a reminder to keep trying to be the best you can be, enjoy exploring the different forms of learning that you are undertaking, take care of each other and continue to be the very kind people I know you to be. Hope to see you all soon.

Miss Sharples

Year 7 and 8

Hello to all James and Martin Area,

I hope that you have managed to enjoy the sunshine over the Easter holiday and are managing to access your work now that we have started the Summer Term. It has been fantastic hearing from some of you by email and I know many of you are working through the tasks set by your teachers. During this term, we have a new feature in ClassCharts that allows certain pieces of work to be submitted to your teachers and I look forward to seeing how you are doing with this as the work comes in. If you have any questions, your teachers can be contacted via email.

Whilst it is important that you continue with your studies it is also important that you take regular breaks and exercise. This is also a great opportunity to develop a new skill or hobby, or maybe just to help out around the house and learn how the washing machine works!

Be safe and look after each other, hopefully see you all soon.

Mr James and Mr Martin

Trips Update 22nd April 2020

Italian Ski Trip, Paris, Year 7 trip to Magna and Year 8 trip to Huddersfield University – all monies have been refunded via ParentPay.

Trips to Ardeche & Bushcraft – We still haven't had a response from the travel companies regarding what, if any, monies will be returned. This is needed before we can make an insurance claim. As a consequence, we have emailed the insurance company for guidance. Nevertheless, we have taken the decision to return the money to parents. This will be refunded in the next 14 days once we have transferred the money to ParentPay and they, in turn, have processed the transfer.

Caythorpe Court – This trip is due to take place in July. As such we will continue to keep this under review and awaiting information from the travel company.

Thank you for your patience.

The Finance Team.

English

Reading a lot of books but can't take quizzes on Accelerated Reader? Fear not, try this new link:

<https://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2250232/>

They then log in as pupil as they would in school.

Congratulations to Jasmine P on being shortlisted for the first round of the BBC'S 500 word short story. Out of 135, 000 entries, it's a fantastic achievement and (as a school!) we are incredibly proud of her. She will find out in May if her story is selected for the next round. Well done, Jasmine.

MFL

Salve! How about learning some Latin during this period of home learning? The Oak National Academy has some online beginners Latin classes which are very accessible. If you are interested in grammar and languages, then Latin is a great language to learn. If there is enough interest, we could run a Latin club on our return to school! Mrs Hallas.

Maths

If you have a mobile phone or access to one, we have managed to find some Maths apps that are a REAL challenge for you. They can be found for Apple or Android phones alike and are made by MEI, Mathematics in Education and Industry. They are **FREE** to download and use.

The two apps are: Sumaze! & Sumaze! 2

We think Sumaze! 2 is a little easier than Sumaze!

Good luck. Give them a good go, get any help you can and if you get stuck, leave it for a while and come back to it.
Mr Tyson

Maths in action – Where will you end up?

Calculate your next travel destination

Instructions	Destination
1. Choose a number between 1 and 9	1. Singapore
2. Multiply it by 3	2. Spain
3. Add 3	3. India
4. Multiply by 3 again	4. Thailand
5. Add the two digit number you get together	5. Malaysia
6. Number you get is where you will be travelling to	6. Indonesia
	7. Brazil
	8. England
	9. Stay at home
	10. Australia
	11. Cambodia
	12. Vietnam
	13. Japan
	14. South Korea
	15. India
	16. Canada
	17. Mexico
	18. New Zealand

Work through the questions and discuss your answer with someone at home.....good luck!

How does this work?

Music

'Offbeat' entertained at the White Horse in Emley at an 'open mic' event earlier in the year. The group rehearsed every Friday in school during the Autumn and most of the Spring Term.

The Band line up is Austin G - Drums, Stanley M - Vocals and brothers George and Alfred P on Bass and Electric Guitar,

'Offbeat' also entertained the Skelmanthorpe Scout Group at the start of the year - Friday 31.1.20 and in school on Friday 14th February to friends and members of the Pop Choir. Well done boys and keep up the good work. Share some of your songs on the school website.

'The First Ones' check out Dan's latest recordings with his band 'The First Ones' on the school website. The band consist of Dan J (Bass Guitar) in Year 7, brother Doug J (Electric Guitar/Vocals) at ShC and friend Will W (Drums) at ShC. Dan played bass and did backing vocals on the songs: 'Red Ridge' and 'No Satisfying' He was also involved in the process of recording them. Good luck with your future endeavours, boys. Have you seen their recent clip on twitter?

Summer Term – Enrichment Club

We were due to start a Ukelele club in the Summer Term with Miss Roulson the Guitar teacher from Musica. If you have one at home, why not get it out and remind yourself of a few chords. Choose some of your favourite songs and sing along. You will be able to find words and chord sequences on line. I have a copy of the words and chords for Budapest by George Ezra if you would like it.

If you need some inspiration, make sure you check out Poppy's (6EP) solo performance of her singing, 'Counting Stars' on our Twitter feed or Facebook page. It is superb! Thanks Poppy. Keep them coming.

Please keep sharing with s.kaye@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk and keeping following KMS social media channels for further updates.

Website

Great to see so many pupils (and their parents!) working so hard on some fantastic work. If you have anything to share, please email it to Mr Tyson at website@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk. If you haven't yet seen, follow our main social media outlets at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kirkburtonmiddleschool/> or twitter.com/kmschool. I do have some ideas to involve the school community that we may try in the near future.

Another couple of projects that I am working on, that I would love some more submissions for please. I already have a few offers and clips for both, but do need more to really make it what I hope it to be.

1/ Joe Wicks type workout video. We have 6 submissions so far, several for mountain climbers so please do another but need at least 10, ideally 20. All you need to do video yourself doing an introduction (resting for 30 secs), then the exercise for 30 seconds. If you have done any PE Joe workouts, there are plenty of ideas there for an exercise. - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pe+with+joe

2/ KMS News - I have not had chance in this year we have had so far to do one, these were going to be termly after the one we made last summer! I know plenty of people wanted to be involved as interviewers or presenters. I have some videos from staff that were interviewed when they left last summer, and need some more stories for the rest of the 'show'. First of all I need some stories - you could interview someone else, or could just speak to the camera yourself, explaining what you have been doing during this time away and any messages to people back at school. Once I have a few clips, I will need a couple of presenters to present from their 'studio' at home to link it together. If you are interested in doing that, then please email as per the details below, so I know who to get in touch with. Here is last summer's example - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5gD64NwmA>

INFO FOR ALL VIDEOS

- email to website@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk - (if it is too big, just email me and I'll sort a way of getting it through). Email any questions to this email address.
- No music and no mention of full names please.
- AND you may do it in private, but please no videos in PJs!!
- Video in LANDSCAPE orientation, in as high a quality as possible.
- Make sure you have parental permission, the email should come from their account.
- If possible, by 1st May.

Thank you so much in advance, stay safe.

Mr Tyson

Preview YouTube video KMS News July 2019



Careers – We need your feedback

Our pupils have been working in booklets in class time and have worked on starters in lessons in National Careers Week. We have had assemblies to inform pupils about Apprenticeships and jobs in the local area. Lots of pupils have had visits to workplaces. (Theatre, Syngenta), Year 8 pupils have also visited a 6th form college. We would welcome your feedback on our careers provision so far this year.

Do you think the career provision at Kirkburton is useful to your child?

Has any of the information had an impact on your child's thoughts about the world of work?

Does your child feel more informed about the choices of university or apprenticeships?

Is your child connecting the skills they learn in lessons to skills they need for employment?

Is your child managing to work on their Careers school work and use some of the quizzes and websites (BBC Bitesize and National Careers websites) that have been recommended whilst working from home due to school closure?

Please click [here](#) to provide your feedback via a short online survey. Thank you.

As most of our pupils are working from home we have asked if the pupils would try the Careers Buzz Quiz. This can be done online (just type Buzz Quiz into search engine) and it is very interesting to see which animal you are compared to.



In under five minutes, discover:

- your strengths and what makes you tick
- what you're like as a boyfriend or girlfriend
- which celebrities share your personality type

There are 16 possible results, each connected to an animal.

Which animal are you?

Take the Buzz Quiz

Well-being support and guidance

Websites

- [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) – free, safe and anonymous online support for young people, including counselling and self-help articles;
- [mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing) – website with guidance on how to cope specifically during this period of uncertainty;
- [mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/) - website with guidance on how to help others when you know they're struggling.
- <https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/> - (0300 304 5555) supports with health and well-being

Other sites which may help

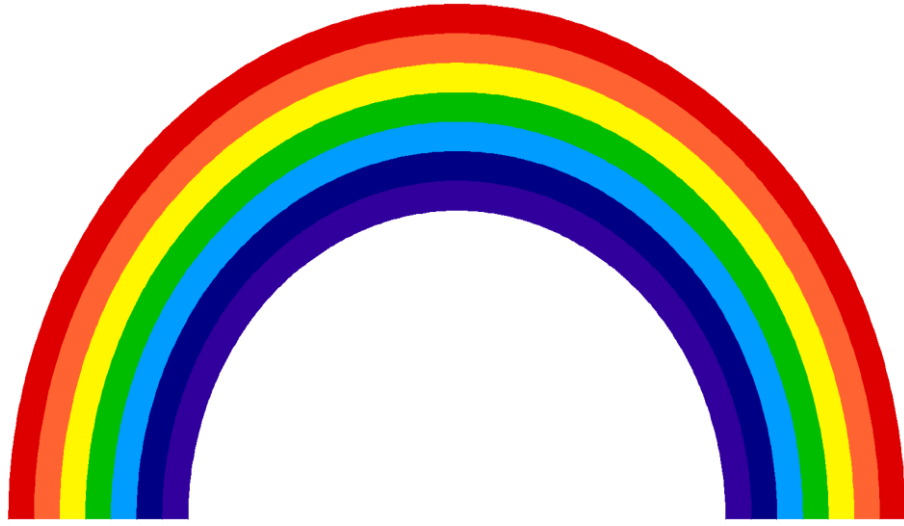
- www.samaritans.org
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- www.childline.org.uk

Text Services

- Thriving Kirklees - School nurse health support around mental health and worries/anxiety – 07520618866;
- 24/7 Text Line – If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can text YM to [85258](https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/85258).

In an emergency

- If you are in a position where you are unsafe and in immediate danger, please contact the police immediately, dialling 999.



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HELP IN SHELLEY
AND BEYOND**

FOOD

Flying Ferret

Tel: 07308 305515

Farmer's market every Weds, Sat and Sun 12-4pm for fresh fruit and veg and artisan bread. Can be pre-ordered.

Delivery available if necessary

McColl's – our local shop for most needs – social distancing in place

Tel 01484 603976

Holmfirth Fresh Fish Tel: 01484 683151

Shop open as usual. Will deliver. No minimum order

Russ Parkinson Butchers, Kirkburton

Tel: 01484 606812.

Open daily except Sunday will deliver if required

Thorncliffe Farm Shop

Tel: 01924 848171

Shop open as usual. Can also pre-order for collection or to be delivered.

Quality Butchers and Fishmongers, Queensgate Market,

Also delivering fruit, veg and Hadfields Bread from neighbouring stalls

Tel 01484 534272 or 07825

441605 Small delivery charge of £2

GG's Artisan Bakery and Organic Health Store

Tel: 01484 863876. Will deliver.

The Petstore, Denby Dale for all pet and wild bird needs. Tel 862242 or for delivery call 01226 380581 Minimum order £30

All local supermarkets and shops open including small convenience shop on Storthes Hall Campus

FOOD OR MONEY

www.toogoodtogo.co.uk

Food from supermarkets which would normally go to waste, nearing its sell-by date.

Each **MAGIC BOX** **COSTS £10** but is worth nearer £40

If you have concerns, please call local volunteer Carol:
07788 404707

If you are in crisis, facing real difficulty, there is a **FOOD BANK** that will deliver to Shelley

Contact Ian on: 01484 684545

Or text: 07725 996887

Open Monday – Friday 9.30am-3pm

Kirklees MC can help:

- Those who don't have a bank account
- Those who can't access cash machines
- Those who don't have money to pay for food

HOT FOOD

Asparagus Green
– All meals under
£5 – just heat. No
minimum order
and no delivery
charge. Order by
6pm for next day
delivery. Order
on-line or Tel
0778 880 7886

Beanies – Hot
home-cooked
meals every day
except Monday,
costing approx.
£6/£7 each – can
deliver for £1 paid
to driver

Big Yellow Chippy
– now visiting
Shelley Park Weds
12 – 1.30pm Tel
Andy on 07990
772802

The Venue at
Storthes Hall
Take-away
burgers and
pizzas from 1-
7.30pm daily Call
01484 270156 to
place an order

Flying Ferret
serving Sunday
Lunches Tel:
07308 305515
Must be pre-
ordered can
deliver

If you know of
any more
suppliers to
Shelley please let
us know.

Up to date
information on
Facebook Shelley

MEDICATION

Pharmacy2U – free
delivery on NHS
prescriptions. Visit
pharmacy2u.co.uk/nhs or
call **0800 020 9700**

COMMUNITY TEAM

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Please call for any
help needed with
shopping,
prescriptions or
feeling isolated