



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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Word from the Head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well. I can't believe we are into October already. I would just like to update you on the following.

Start of term

The fantastic start to the term continues and we are so proud of how all our pupils are approaching the new school year. Year 6 now seem like they have been with us forever and it has been great to watch their confidence grow as they settled in to their new surroundings. They've had some great role models in our Year 7 and 8 pupils who have always been on hand to help when need.

Nut free school

Parents are reminded we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts or traces of nuts.

Open Evening

One of the highlights of my KMS career to date, it was fantastic to see the school so full for our annual Open Evening last night. The buzz around the building was incredible and we received many positive comments from visitors about what they saw and heard on the evening. Particular thanks to our pupils helpers and performers who did an amazing job on the night and, as usual, stole

the show. We will share the presentation from the evening on our website and via social media for those who missed it. If any of your family, friends or neighbours would like any further information about places in any of our year groups, please encourage them to contact the school office.

Vaccinations

It was another first for the school last week as our Year 8 pupils became the first 12-15 year olds to receive the Covid-19 vaccine in West Yorkshire. We'd like to thank parents for their support with this and once again offer our apologies for the rushed nature of the process – this was entirely beyond our control. It was a week of needles for many Year 8 pupils as they received their HPV vaccine as well this week.

Buses

We have been extremely impressed with the behaviour and conduct of those pupils who travel on our school buses. We now have pupil bus monitors on each bus who will work with the pastoral team in order to ensure this continues. For those who missed it, the KM1 now offers [live tracking via the Transdev Go app](#).

EduLink One

All parents should now have access to our parental engagement app EduLink One. Please contact the office if you need any help in relation to this.

Extra-Curricular clubs

It has been great to see such high attendance at our extra-curricular clubs. Please encourage your child to attend at least one club each week. See the end of the bulletin for the timetable this term.

And finally...

As the weather turns cooler and more changeable, please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. We always aim to play outside and will usually only come inside in torrential rain.

I think that's all for now. I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing what the next two weeks brings.

Mr Taylor

Remote Education Covid-19

All pupils should now have their new email address and logon details for Teams and as a result staff are now able to schedule lessons on the calendar in the way we did last year. Year 6 pupils have had some Teams training with Mr Sallu and will no doubt learn all the features of Teams very quickly!

From Monday, all lessons will appear on your child's Teams calendar, and should your child be off school with Covid or isolating and awaiting a PCR result, we expect them to access live lessons and/or work for the lesson via the calendar and their subject Team. Practical subjects will continue to set work via the Team channel.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend live lessons, please let the school office know. If your child has any issues accessing Teams, or they need support with devices or lessons are not appearing, please let the office know.

Parents are reminded that the school is only able to offer live lessons to pupils who are absent as a result of Covid-19.

Thank you for your patience whilst we have set up our new systems.

Mrs Kerr
Assistant Headteacher

DT

A gentle reminder that we still have outstanding technology contributions and slips to be returned. Thank you to everyone who has responded but we do have lots outstanding. Please complete and return by 5th October.

Mrs Charlesworth, Mrs Johnson and Mr Townend.

Vaccination Update

Please note we have been advised by Locala they will be writing to all parents/carers who did not complete the HPV consent form with a copy of the link.

For any pupils who missed the Covid-19 vaccine due to illness, again Locala have advised. 'It is proposed that catch-ups will be provided via the John Smith's stadium or GPs. Plans regarding this are being finalised. Once agreed we will inform schools to enable you to inform parents.'

Many thanks - Locala

Lost property

We already have lots and lots of unnamed coats, jumpers, water bottles, lunch boxes and PE kits. Unfortunately, as nothing is named, we cannot hand back to pupils. Please ask your child to come to the school office if they have lost anything and **please ensure every item has your child's full name on**. Many thanks.



Drama Stars of the week

Miss Austin has shared the following Drama Stars of the week, well done to you all. Brilliant.

Scarlett W-B
Nathan H
Oscar B

Church Contact and Church Worship

Please see the following information from Rev'd Stephanie Hunter, Interim Priest in Charge of Cumberworth, Denby and Denby Dale, Shepley and Kirkburton

Sunday 3rd October 11.00am - Harvest Festival

Sunday 31st October 11.00am - All Hallows' Patronal Festival

Thursday 11th November 10.45am - Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 14th November 10.45am - Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 5th December 11.00am - Christingle Service

Sunday 19th December 6.00pm - Community Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.00am - Christmas Family Service

We have a Youth Group that meets fortnightly - usually in the Hub, but also via Zoom. Anyone interested should contact Katherine Metcalf 07913774552 or katherinemetcalf@outlook.com.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

After an unusual 12 months with the Gardening Club we managed to finish on a high in July.

We were in a celebratory mood with Year 8s as some had been with me since Year 6. They have certainly left with an abundance of skills and knowledge to develop in the years to come in their own gardens.

Maisie P and Oliver K each received a trowel and gardening book for 3 years' commitment to gardening in the school grounds and developing a memorial garden, near the skate park in Highburton.

Cadence L, Maddy M and Sophie H each received a gardening book for 2 years' commitment.

The grow the most potatoes (by weight) from a single potato competition was won by Cadence and Maisie, who each grew 400g and received a prize.

The design and plant a garden beneficial to wildlife and people was once again a huge success. Mrs. Josey had the difficult job of judging the gardens as they were all winners!

Mabel and Hetty from year 7 won with their garden "The Plot" which was reminiscent of a cottage garden.



As I have hung up my KMS gardening gloves after 20 years, I would like to wish all the pupils who have attended gardening club over the years all the very best.

Mrs Seed

Please contact the school office if you are interested in supporting our weekly gardening club. The children would love to see you. We thank Mrs Seed for all her wonderful service over the years.

Sporting Update

Year 7 and 8 Sports Leaders

If your child would like to apply to be a Sports Leader they must complete the application form, which can be obtained from the school office, and return it to the office by Wednesday 6th October. All students will have been given information about this in their school assembly this week. KMS Sports Leaders have a great reputation across the Shelley Pyramid and we look forward to offering them many leadership experiences once again.

Year 8 House Captains

If your child would like to apply to be their House Captain they will need to complete the application form from the school office and return it to the school office by Monday 4th October. The House Captains will be voted for by the school staff and will be announced at the end of next week.

Junior Athlete Education Programme

We currently have some students who have great commitments to Sport outside of school. We are in the process of setting up a JAE programme to support these students to allow them to manage their school work alongside their Sporting commitments. If you have a child who trains for 12 hours or more outside of school time, you should contact vjoyce@themast.co.uk with the details and we may be able to add them to the programme.

Latest Results

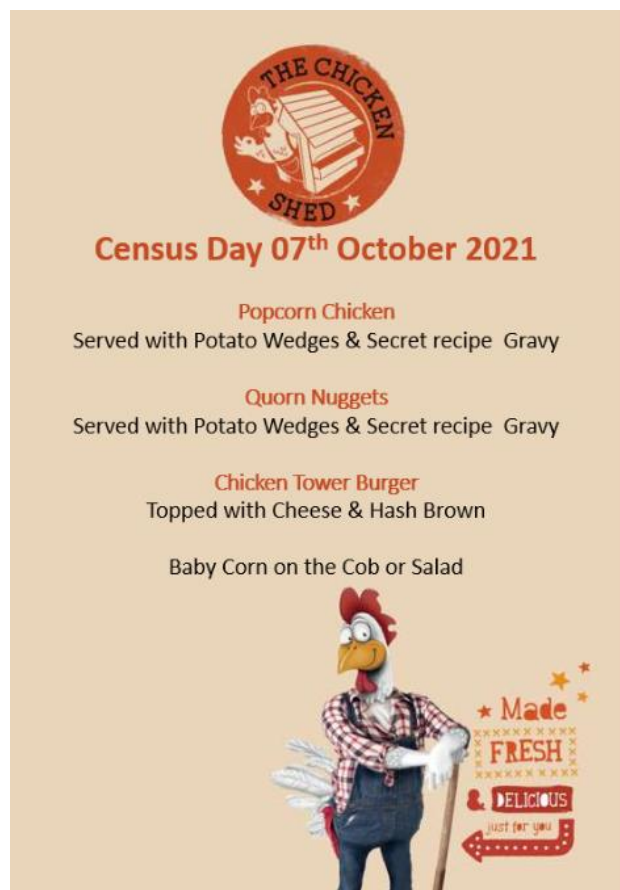
Year 6 Cross Country: A massive Well Done to all KMS students who ran at the cross-country event at King James High School on Monday 20th September. We saw 10 boys and 5 girls through to the next round. This will be held at Newsome High School on Monday 4th October, Best of Luck!

Year 7 Football: The Year 7 team have made a great start to the Huddersfield Football League. They drew 2-2 away at Salendine Nook and beat Scissett 4-3 last week. Fixtures are coming thick and fast over the next few weeks with league and County Cup fixtures!

Year 8 Football County Cup Victory: The Year 8 team started their County Cup campaign with a win against Minsthorpe last week. It was a tough battle but they finished with a 7-2 victory. We await to hear who our next opponent will be.

School Catering

Please see our special menu below which will be served on Thursday 7th October.



Application for high school

Please do not forget to complete your online application for a year 9 place by 31st October 2021. This applies to all our Year 8 pupils. It also applies to friends and family who would like to apply for a place in our Year 7 in September.

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-secondary-school-place.aspx>

School Safeguarding Contacts

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead
g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk

Mr MacIntyre – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
a.macintyre@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk

Kirklees Support Services

Thriving Kirklees

Health Care advice, Emotional Wellbeing and
Mental Health Support, Healthcare
Signposting

www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk

0300 304 5555

Northorpe Hall – Kirklees

Children’s mental and emotional health
service

www.northorpehall.co.uk

01924 492183

Kirklees Children’s Services

Safeguarding Services

www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk

01484 456848

Thriving Kirklees

Chathealth – Text message services for young
people – direct link to School Nurse

07520618866

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

0800 1111

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children

www.nspcc.org.uk

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 1111

