



# Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

## 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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#### Word from the Head

Welcome to the penultimate parent bulletin of the term and the calendar year, I hope you and your family are well. It's amazing that we find ourselves in December once again.

It certainly is beginning to look a bit like Christmas in school and the early snow over the weekend only added to this. Thank you again for your support with a difficult morning on Monday. We may be nearing the end of term however things certainly aren't slowing down in school, if anything they are accelerating at pace. Lunchtimes remain incredibly busy with a wealth of clubs and activities on offer. Our recently launched scrabble club has been packed out, the craft club have been selling wonderful Christmas cards they've made, the gardening club have been making a bug house and bird feeders and all the music clubs have been very busy preparing for our annual carol service next week. We do hope you are able to join us at the Parish Church next Wednesday for what is always a very special event and for many families is seen as the official start of Christmas. You'll see from the end of this bulletin that our PE provision remains exceptional and fully inclusive.

The final two weeks look like they could be the busiest of the term so far however, busy in a nice way. We hope the pupils enjoy the full return of Christmas to KMS. We recognise this comes against a backdrop of increased

concern in relation to Covid-19 and the new Omicron variant. We have been so impressed with how pupils have adapted to wearing face masks in communal areas once again. This is a far from ideal situation however we know that wearing a face mask is as much about protecting other people as it is ourselves and as such it is great to see those pupils who can wear a face mask being so supportive of each other. It's also really pleasing to see that those pupils who are unable to wear a face mask due to a medical exemption receive a similar level of support from their peers. We ask for your continued support in ensuring we keep the Virus out of school, in particular continuing to engage with twice weekly testing. At present we do not intend to make any significant changes to our end of term plans however we are constantly monitoring the situation against our risk assessment. When we return in January, all Year 7 and 8 pupils will once again be asked to take a lateral flow test before they return to lessons and this will require a slightly staggered start – more details to follow.

It has been great to see such a high attendance at our Year 8 parents' evenings, both in school and virtually, and we hope you found the events useful. All parents are reminded that you can contact school at any point to discuss concerns, there's no need to wait until a parents' evening

Finally, we are delighted that pupils have finally been able to access the lockers. Programming the codes of 540 lockers has taken far longer than we expected and huge thanks to Ms Clark and Miss Charlesworth for all their work here.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to reporting on the end of term in our final bulletin of the year.



Mr Taylor

## Upcoming Christmas Trips

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 cinema trip  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 cinema trip  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 theatre trip

**ALL pupils require a packed lunch for the day of their trip. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, please ask them to order their lunch with the school office.**

Many thanks – Mr Parker and Ms Clark

## The final two weeks of term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Shelley College Dance Festival, 4pm.  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Carol service, 7pm.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Festive lunch  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas performance 6.30pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas assemblies  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – ‘Warm’ jumper day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas variety shows



## Carol Service

Everyone is welcome to join Ms Kaye and KMS for the annual Christmas Carol Service at All Hallows Church, Kirkburton on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm. It's always a wonderful start to Christmas for the school and to showcase the pupil's talent. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Festive Dinner

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be serving our annual Christmas lunch. **Please note this will be the ONLY meal served on this day along with pre-ordered sandwiches.** Please ask your child to order a sandwich via the school office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## PE Update

**PE Curriculum:** All year groups will be taking part in Football and Dance activities after Christmas to February half term. Boys will play football on the school fields and will require football boots, shin pads and black football socks. Girls will play football on the AWP and will require

trainers/astros, shin pads and black football socks. Dance activities will take place indoors.

**Week before and after Christmas:** There will be no PE extra-curricular timetable the week before Christmas, all after school clubs and lunchtime activities finish Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. A new timetable will be put together after Christmas and communicated to staff, parents and pupils the first week back after Christmas. The new extra-curricular timetable will begin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Sports Hall Athletics:** Well done to the Sports Hall Athletics team who competed in the first round of the competition on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Newsome Academy. The KMS team were clear winners and have progressed to the Kirklees Final to be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Newsome Academy. The Year 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletic competitions will take place in the Spring term.

**Cross Country:** The Year 6 Kirklees Final Cross Country will now take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Leeds Road Playing Fields. All the runners who qualified last time will be invited to this event. The Year 7 and 8 Cross Country event and trials will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at Colne Valley High School. A team will be selected from KMS after Christmas.

**Dance:** Good luck to all of our wonderful dancers who are performing at the Shelley College dance festival on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December! Mrs Joyce and Mr Taylor are looking forward to watching your performance!

**Football:** The Girls Football U13 Cup will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at Leeds Rd playing fields. KMS have qualified for this event and a team will be selected after Christmas. Hopefully the U12 Girls Football team will qualify for the West Yorkshire Cup on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January if they are successful in their tournament on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Best of luck! All boys league fixtures will return in February.

**Netball:** All Year 7 and 8 Netball league fixtures will start early in January and will be on Wednesday evenings. Practices have been well attended at lunchtimes and after school and teams will be selected for each match accordingly. The Year 6 High Five Netball tournament will take place later in the Spring term and we will endeavour to play some friendly matches before then.

# FESTIVE DINNER

**Kirkburton Middle School**  
**15/12/21**

## **Festive Roast Chicken Dinner**

Served with roast potatoes, vegetables,  
pig in blanket, sage and onion stuffing

## **Roasted Root Vegetable Wellington**

Served with roast potatoes, vegetables  
and cranberry sauce

## **Its all about the pudding**

White chocolate raspberry cheesecake  
Christmas pudding and white sauce

Fruit Punch

**£2.35**



## **School Safeguarding Contacts**

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead

[g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk)

## **Kirklees Support Services**

### **Thriving Kirklees**

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

[www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

0300 304 5555

### **Northorpe Hall – Kirklees**

Children’s mental and emotional health  
service

[www.northorpehall.co.uk](http://www.northorpehall.co.uk)

01924 492183

## **Kirklees Children’s Services**

Safeguarding Services

[www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://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](http://www.childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

### **NSPCC**

Support for Parents and Children

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 1111

