



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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And much, much, more.

A word from the Head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well. Just when we thought spring was upon us, we get a day of snow.

It was great to see so many parents for our second Year 7 parents' evening. The atmosphere was lovely and there were lots of very positive conversations about how the school and parents can work together in order to ensure all pupils make great progress during their short time at KMS. Thank you to those parents who came in to collect lost property. **To ensure we don't end up with such a large amount of lost items again, please ensure you write your child's name in ALL their belongings.**

Today sees more key changes in the governments '[next steps to living with COVID-19](#)' strategy. Please see below for more details in relation to this.

It was great to see another whole year group trip take place last week with Year 7 attending the 'Get up to speed with STEM' careers fair at Magna. All pupils were impeccably behaved and they represented our school with great pride and great maturity. We look forward to sending all of Year 8 to Huddersfield University next week for what I'm sure will be another excellent visit.

All staff continue to be very impressed by the positive work ethic our pupils demonstrate on a daily basis, even at the end of a long term. It has been particularly pleasing to see the effort levels displayed by our Year 6 pupils as they focus on preparing for the upcoming Key Stage 2 SATs. We

would ask they keep this up over Easter and use the [Key Stage 2 SATs revision page](#) of the school website to support their studies. The more past paper questions they can complete the better. We are very excited to see how they do in their first set of national tests. As with any test in school, all we ask is that pupils try their very best.

Finally, you may be aware that one or two local Headteachers have recently felt the need to write to parents in relation to negative home school communications. I'm pleased to report that our interactions with parents remain, predominantly, very positive and we thank you for your support. We all want the same things for your children; for them to feel safe in school, happy and to succeed. This is best achieved by parents and school staff working together. That said, in line with all schools in the Mast Trust, we do operate a zero tolerance approach to such matters. Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated on the school premises, by email, by phone or by social media.

I hope you have a lovely Easter break when it arrives and you enjoy a well-earned rest in the sun, snow, wind, rain or whatever else the weather decides to throw at us.

Mr Taylor

COVID-19

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from today, Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

The school, as we have done throughout the pandemic, will continue to be guided by government guidance; we are educationalists not medical experts. From today, regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children’s social care settings. **Therefore, the school will no longer be able to order or supply any test kits.**

Links to latest government guidance (from 1st April)

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during Covid-19](#)

[Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19](#)

Remote Education

From Monday, in line with the latest Department for Education guidance, we will be returning to our pre COVID-19 arrangements in relation to remote education. **This means we will no longer be providing live lessons to pupils who are absent from school.** Whilst this approach has been very successful in supporting pupils at home during the height of the pandemic, it often limits what teachers are able to deliver in the classroom. If pupils are too ill to attend school, we will assume they are also too ill to complete any school work. Prior to COVID-19, teachers have always supported pupils to catch up missed learning when they return to school from an absence due to illness and this will continue. Where pupils are unable to physically attend school but are able to continue learning e.g. recovering from an operation the school will send home work for pupils to complete or direct them to relevant online content. In such instances, we ask parents to contact their child’s Head of Year who will liaise with subject teachers.

Illness

We have more pupils than ever before visiting our first aid team for general illness (for example; colds; stomach ache; sore throat; feeling sick). Whilst we are committed to supporting our pupils and will always prioritise their health, given the amount of learning our young people have missed, we do want to try and keep them in school wherever possible, particularly if a parent or carer has deemed them well enough to come to school in the morning (most of those who seek support remain in school). As we are sure you can appreciate, there is very little that we can do for general illness, and we would be grateful for your support in helping your child to understand the self-care elements they can implement if they are feeling under the weather, but not too unwell that they need to stay at home.

Support for Ukraine

Reuben and Eliza baked and organised a fundraiser at church to raise money to support those suffering in Ukraine.

Together they raised £61 and we are super proud of them.



IMPORTANT! - Office Email Addresses

Please note our office email addresses have changed –

The main office/reception email address is
Kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk



For **all** attendance issues including absences, medical appointments and reasons for being late or out of school please email Diane Allen at
Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk

Lost Property

Thank you to all who came and had a good rummage in the lost property, thankfully some items were returned to their owners but we are still left with way too much uniform, PE kit and water bottles and shoes/trainers.

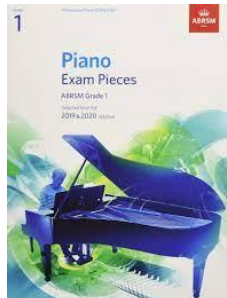
PLEASE put your child's name on all of their belongings. The office staff can then reunite your child with their belongings and save you money by not having to replace 'lost' items! We will start sending out messages with photos of recently 'lost' items for you to try and identify your child's belongings.

SATs Revision

We have recently created a SATs revision page on the KMS website. Please take some time to look at it and the resources we've added to help you understand what the Key Stage 2 SATs involve and how you can support your child. There are links to past papers and videos our teachers have taken time to record for you to explore.

[Access the page here.](#)

Music Exam Success



Congratulations to Charlotte A (Year 7) who passed her Grade 3 Piano exam with MERIT and also to Holly A (Year 7) who also passed her Grade 2 Piano exam. Well done girls and keep up the good work!

Mrs Sunderland Music Festival



Congratulations to Emma O and Evelyn M who were awarded 2nd Place in the recent Mrs Sunderland Music Festival in the Piano Duet Class. Well done.

Congratulations to Molly G (Year 8) who took part in the recent Mrs Sunderland Music Festival in 3 singing classes.

1. Girls solo singing
2. Musical Theatre (Year 8/9)
3. Disney (Year 8/9)



Molly received some encouraging and positive comments about her performances and gained 2 commended awards and one Merit.

'Convincing performances, technically and artistically' and 'A capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and/or technical ability.' Well done, Molly.

National Festival for Music and Youth



Well done to Ethan B (Yr6) who took part with the Musica Percussion Ensemble in the recent Music for Youth Festival at Colne

Valley High School. A great experience for all concerned and a great performance of a medley of sporting themes.

Also performing were Ben R and Josh H, both x-pupils of KMS.

Term Dates 2022-23

Please see the school website for details of our [term dates for next year.](#)



Key Dates

Easter Holiday	11-25 April 2022
May Day	2 May 2022
2 nd Y8 HPV Jab	12 May 2022
Y6 Bushcraft Trip	13, 14 & 15 May 2022
Half term holiday	30 May – 3 June 2022
Queen's Jubilee Day	6 June 2022
End of summer term	22 July

Careers Fair

Can you help with our annual careers fair for Kirkburton Middle and Scissett Middle pupils. The event this year will be held at Scissett Middle School.



We need YOU!



Parents/Carers/Staff/Relatives/Friends

Our annual Careers fair is being held at Scissett Middle School on Wednesday May the 4th.

Do you have an interesting career? Or do you know anybody who would like to join us on the day to talk about their career? Would you be able to come in in your uniform and bring exciting equipment in that the students could try out?

If you can help us, make this day extremely exciting, please contact A.Greenleaf on agreenleaf@themast.co.uk as soon as possible!!!!

Thank you

Uniform

Whilst the vast majority of children turn up to school on time and in the correct uniform every day, in recent weeks we have noticed an increase in pupils wearing trainers. Please can you support the school, by ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. **If there is a genuine reason why your child is not in the correct uniform, please put a comment in their planner for their form tutor.** The comment should give the reason and when you expect for it to be rectified. Please contact your child's form tutor if you wish to discuss this further.

From Monday 14th March any child who is not wearing the correct footwear to school will risk further sanctions, unless there is note in their planner. Thank you for your support.

We have also noticed some pupils arriving without their jumpers. Please make sure your child is wearing theirs and that they have their name on the label.

Huddersfield Giants Netball Club



Huddersfield Giants Junior Netball Club
EASTER HOLIDAY FUN CAMPS

Huddersfield Giants Junior Netball Club are running a variety of Easter holiday open camps for girls in school years 3 to 11. All abilities are welcome!

All camps are 9am-4pm @ Huddersfield New College Sports Barn

£20 per day!

YEARS 3-5- Friday 22nd April
YEARS 6 & 7- Friday 22nd April
YEARS 8 & 9- Weds 20th April
YEARS 10 & 11- Weds 20th April

Contact hjncfreyja@gmail.com to book your place!

Huddersfield Giants Junior Netball Club
EASTER HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE CAMPS

Huddersfield Giants Junior Netball Club are running an Easter Performance camp for anyone currently in a Performance squad or wishing to trial for a Performance squad in May.

£20 per day!

YEARS 7 - 9 (U14) Thurs 21st April
YEARS 10 & 11 (U16) Thurs 21st April

All camps are 9am-4pm @ Huddersfield New College Sports Barn

Contact hjncfreyja@gmail.com to book your place!

Plant a tree for the Jubilee



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built.

This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

Here at KMS we'd like to not only support the Queen's Green Canopy scheme but we will also be trying to raise funds to purchase three mature trees. These three trees would be planted on the edge of the field to provide some shade for the children when they are playing outside in the summer. We will be applying to the Woodland Trust for free trees in the next round for November planting,

Why three trees I hear you ask, one for each of the year groups at KMS to nurture and as a legacy for the Y8s to pass on to future generations. Three because we know they will be expensive, saplings are prone to damage by the weather and vandalism, whereas a more substantial tree will not be so easily broken and bent in the elements.

We hope you will help us with this project and donate as much as you can spare to help us achieve this goal.

To donate via ParentPay look for the Plant a Tree for the Jubilee account. A variable amount from £2 to £30 has been set up on ParentPay. Please do not feel obliged to pay the maximum amount. It is just the way the system works to allow us to put in a variable amount.

We have also applied for sapling trees via a carbon offsetting charity, we'll let you know if we are successful in our bid.

Thank you for your support.

Food Bank Collection

We are currently holding our termly collection for our local food bank. As I am sure you are aware, given the current financial situation, many families in Huddersfield are struggling to purchase essential items. Therefore, any donations from across the community are warmly received.

Last term we had a fantastic response from pupils and parents to our appeal and myself and Mrs. Clark were able to take hundreds of items down to the collection centre.

We are asking for a small item from each pupil if possible. We have made it very clear to pupils this is a voluntary donation and we will not be chasing up pupils for items but we hope that they can find an item(s) to bring in.

Ideally items should be a tin/packet of food which is "long life". The food bank is also very keen to receive toothpaste, toilet roll & washing up liquid.

Please see the website address below for further information about useful items which they would like donated.

Please note their request for no bags of pasta.

<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/>

In advance many thanks for your support with this appeal.

Mr. Parker (HOY 6) & Mrs. Clark (Head of Pastoral)

Parent/Carer Workshops: Children's emotional wellbeing



Parent and Carer Workshops: Children's Emotional Wellbeing

* As part of the Rural Place Partnership Project, we are pleased to offer the following parent workshops that are aimed to help you support your child's positive emotional wellbeing and mental health at home. Each free workshop has a specific theme and will be delivered by Stacey Barton, Rural Education Link Worker (Children's Mental Health):

Tuesday 3rd May 6.00-7.30pm:
An Introduction to Self Harm

Tuesday 10th May 6.00-7.30pm:
Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

Thursday 19th May 6.00-7.30pm:
The Teenage Brain



All workshops will be held at Kirkburton Middle School, Turnshaws Ave, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0TJ
Please book on Eventbrite by following the links on the next page.
Limited places available.

We are delighted to offer a series of parent/carers workshops in conjunction with Northorpe Hall. THESE WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT KMS and come highly recommended. Early booking is advisable. Please contact the school office for further details.

RAF Cadets

The RAF Air Cadet 59 (Huddersfield) Squadron, are open for the next intake of cadets from 8th April 2022.

The RAF Air Cadets is a Youth Organisation, sponsored by the RAF which aims to:

- Promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among young people
- Provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life
- Encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship

They offer options in outdoor activities, STEM, camps, leadership training and opportunities to fly in gliders or powered aircraft. Some cadets go on to gain flying qualifications and if any of your children want to be a pilot or are interested in aviation related careers, it is an ideal introduction to this sector. Even if they do not, the activities on offer introduce them to a range of new experiences.

Interested in aviation?
Enjoy outdoor activities?
Age 12³/₄ - 17?

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Enrolment Evening 4th April 2022

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register interest

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School Safeguarding Contacts

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead
g.senior@themast.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 11

