



# Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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#### A word from the head

Welcome to our first parent bulletin of the term and the new calendar year, I hope you and your family are well.

The new term has started very much where the last one finished off i.e. staff delivering some fantastic lessons and pupils working incredibly hard across all aspects of school life. It has been lovely to see our extra-curricular clubs and activities start up once again and take up remains high. I am very grateful to all colleagues who give up their spare time to run clubs. It has also been a very busy fortnight on a sporting front; well done to everybody who has represented the school so well.

News in school last week was dominated by the publication of [our latest OFSTED inspection report](#). It was a huge relief for staff to finally find out the grades the inspectors had given (as I am sure it was for parents) – until the report is published the judgements remain confidential to the inspection team and school leaders. The report firmly reflects the direction of travel in which our school is moving however we are not standing still. There is still a great deal we have planned which we feel will make our great school better still. Thank you to all parents who shared positive comments either via email or on social media. We always pass these on to staff and they are very much appreciated.



**Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.**

Can I thank parents for their ongoing support with the Covid-19 situation – particularly in relation to the wearing of facemasks. Thankfully, the number of positive cases in school remains relatively low and we wish all those who are isolating a speedy recovery.

Finally, Ms Clark and I had the pleasure of attending the Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association meeting on Thursday. It was great to meet such enthusiastic people who are so committed to ensuring our community remains a wonderful place to live and work.

I hope you have a lovely weekend when it comes and I may even see one or two of you on Saturday at the Town match, I'll watch anybody for a fiver! (The question is will I get my money's worth.)

Mr Taylor

#### STEM roadshow

We are delighted to host a STEM roadshow on Wednesday next week. The BAE Systems Schools Roadshow – supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force – visits over 420 schools across the UK every year. It provides an interactive experience for students aged 10 to 13 years old in primary and secondary schools, which is designed to inspire excitement in STEM subjects. The focus for the show this year is Magnets and electromagnetism and it will include exciting demonstrations to support the learning of pupils within school.

Whilst we have put routine large gatherings such as assemblies on hold this half-term, we feel it is important pupils have the opportunity to attend this exciting event. The roadshow will take place in the hall, which will be well ventilated. We look forward to sharing some photos from the event in the next parent bulletin.

## Key dates this term

19<sup>th</sup> January: STEM Roadshow Year 7 and Year 8  
20<sup>th</sup> January: Pupils Parliament meeting at Birdsege  
24<sup>th</sup> January: Covid vaccinations Year 7 and Year 8  
27<sup>th</sup> January: Year 6 Interim reports issued  
27<sup>th</sup> January: Parent Forum  
3<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 7 & 8 Interim reports issued  
6<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 Parents' evening  
10<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 Parents' evening  
15<sup>th</sup> March: Year 7 Parents' evening  
24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 7 Parents' evening

## PSHCE update

In year 6 the classes who are timetabled for PSHCE are beginning the unit of learning on Relationships, Sex and Health Education. As part of this unit, pupils will be learning about puberty, reproduction and FGM. [Examples of teaching resources can be found on the school website](#), which are all age and stage appropriate. Pupils currently timetabled on RE will cover this unit of learning in the summer term.

Mrs Johnson

## Road Safety

We take the safety of our children very seriously and we ask for your support in helping us to keep them safe on the journey to and from school. The turning circle is becoming very congested and there have been some near misses between the school buses and other vehicles. **We would ask that you drop your child away from the school**, preferably not on Turnshaws Avenue as this is also congested in the morning and after school. In addition to this, the path on Turnshaw Road down to Kirkburton is very narrow in places and we have had incidences of children stepping into the very busy road which I'm sure you'll agree is far from ideal. We will be speaking to our pupils during enrichment periods about road safety and we ask that you also speak to your child, and support them, and us by dropping off and picking up away from school whenever possible.



## Food on Tour

The school kitchen and catering company continue to provide a range of delicious hot and cold meals which are proving to be very popular with our pupils. Next week we have one of our 4 themed days for the year. I'm sure this one will prove to be extremely popular!



## Music Update

### Rock Guitar Group

A great start to our new enrichment club which started on Wednesday. Well done to those who attended. I look forward to seeing how you progress and develop your skills in Rock Guitar Club.



### String Group

String Group will be starting again NEXT TUESDAY, 18th January and this will happen every 2 weeks, in Week A.



## PE update

**Kirklees Cross Country Finals:** a great effort from all those pupils who took part at Colne Valley on Tuesday. Year 7 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with TH in 2<sup>nd</sup> and FE in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Year 7 girls came 4<sup>th</sup> overall with RH in 3<sup>rd</sup>, AM in 6<sup>th</sup> and HO in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Junior boys came 8<sup>th</sup> and Junior girls came 2<sup>nd</sup> with MW in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

All of the pupils who came in the top 10 for their race have been selected to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire Cross County Championships on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Leeds Grammar School. **Good luck** to all runners representing KMS and Kirklees!



A massive **well done** to all of the players who took part in U13 West Yorkshire Cup on Wednesday. We travelled to Leeds Road playing fields and played in a tournament representing Huddesfield against the top two teams from Wakefield and Calderdale. Unfortunately we didn't manage a win and came 6<sup>th</sup> overall. However, to come 6<sup>th</sup> out of all of the secondary schools in West Yorkshire is not a bad achievement for a small middle school! We look forward to next year when this set of players will be in year 8 and hope to have even more success at this high level in the future.

PE Department



## Remote Learning

We are fortunate so far to only have small numbers of pupils off school due to Covid, which we hope will remain the case. We will continue to provide live online lessons in non-practical subjects for all pupils who are off school either after a positive LFD or positive PCR test. For our more practical subjects, work will be set in the class Team. We cannot provide live lessons for pupils who are off school for other reasons as it goes against Government absence policies.

Please let the school office know if your child is struggling to access any lesson or needs support with any IT equipment as we will be able to help.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any concerns or issues.

Mrs Kerr

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## Stationery Shop

Just a further reminder that the school stationery shop is now up and running. We are still finding that some pupils are coming to school without equipment, hindering their learning. Continued lack of equipment will result in negative points on SIMS and short detentions.

## **School Safeguarding Contacts**

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead

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## **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

