



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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A word from the head

Welcome to the final parent bulletin of the term and also the calendar year, I hope you and your family are well.

Wow, what a final two weeks we have had in school! Rather than winding down for the holidays, our school has gone completely the other way. We have had - 2 full year group trips to the cinema, 1 pantomime visit for the whole of year 6, a girls' football tournament victory, an inspirational dance festival, the return of our amazing Carol Service, a fantastic School Show, Christmas dinner, Christmas assemblies with the Reverend Hunter, our Brass Band playing Christmas music on the way in to lunch, three Christmas variety shows, 12 tutor group parties, plus much much more! Please do not be surprised if your children return home from school quite tired today after all this excitement. I am sure this will not last for long however; I think as we move in to next week their excitement and energy levels will start to build once again. Good luck!

I will keep to my word of being brief and would therefore just like to finish by saying a huge thank you to the whole

school community for making this first term of the academic year such a success. The pupils have engaged with every opportunity we have offered, staff have been incredibly generous with their time to run additional activities, and parents and the wider community have been as supportive as ever in the work of the school. I just hope we are still in the same position in January to continue to offer our full and extended curriculum.

I think Christmas will always be a special time of year for me at KMS as it will mark full years of service. I cannot quite believe it has been two years since I was appointed. It has been an interesting two years but also a fantastic two years. Thank you for all your wonderful support and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Mr Taylor

Staff Changes

We say goodbye to some very highly esteemed colleagues today. Miss Hayton-Pilkington will be moving on from our school office; Miss Seedat is leaving the English department; Mr Smith our Head of maths is retiring; finally, Mrs Barrett (the face of KMS) will be leaving after 10 years service to take up a post outside of education. On behalf of everybody associated with KMS, both past and present, I am sure you would like to join us in thanking them for their service and wishing them all the very best for the future.

We also have new colleagues joining us in January. Mrs Maryam will be joining the English department having previously worked at Scissett Middle, Mr Barry will be returning to the maths department and Miss Charlesworth will be taking over the Head of maths role.

Carol Concert – 8th December

A sincere, heartfelt thank you to **ALL** who contributed to making our school Carol Service special, magical and festive. I am so proud of all of you and it has been a pleasure to work with you all in preparation for this event. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to making music and presenting readings of such high quality.

Mr Taylor congratulated pupils in the daily bulletin, 'a spectacular Carol Service', 'such an amazing event'. The pupils were incredible and showed maturity and skills way beyond their years. It was great to see the church so full and everybody who attended was full of compliments for the school.

Miss Kaye



Rock Guitar Club

Book a place on a 6 or 12 week Rock Guitar Course and opt for this chance of develop musical skills. This is led by Mr Crone, the Guitar teacher from Musica, starting Wednesday 12th January 2022. No experience is needed and the sessions are taught as a group. This is a chance to experience learning some popular tunes and riffs, simple

chords to accompany songs and develop an understanding of Guitar notation.

Many thanks to our Musica staff for their hard work and commitment this term and for their continued support, especially during this festive period and in our Christmas Concert.



Nativity Interrupted

Our pupils performed their very own version of the Christmas story this week. Set on a film set, complete with Evil Scrooge, The Grinch and Boris Johnson it certainly was a 'nativity interrupted'. Thank you to those parents who attended and supported with the raffle and refreshments. A huge well done to all the pupils involved. This is the first of what we hope will be many performances from the KMS drama academy. Finally, a huge thank you to Ms Austin and her wonderful team for such a great show. We can wait for the next one!



Pyramid Dance Festival

Pupils from KSM performed 'The Greatest Show' at the recent 2021 Pyramid Schools Dance Festival. This inspiring event involved pupils from a number of first schools, Shelley College and our very own KMS superstars. Well done to everybody who performed - you were amazing! Special thanks to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the event such a success.



Welcome Centre collection



Thank you for all your generous donations for the Welcome Centre food bank. Mr Parker delivered the items this week and they were most gratefully received.

Parent governor election

Thank you to everybody who voted in the recent parent governor election. We are delighted to announce that Melanie Barnard was the successful candidate and will be joining the governing board in the new year. Thank you to everybody who expressed an interest in the position, your support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas lunch

On Wednesday this week, pupils were treated to a quite spectacular Christmas lunch complete with all the trimmings and festive music. For some, the wait was very long but all pupils were in fantastic spirits and their manners, as always, were impeccable. A massive thank you to our wonderful catering team for putting on such a good spread.



Stationery Shop

We have noticed that some of our pupils are running out of equipment and are having to borrow equipment from teachers, which disrupts the learning in the lesson. Please ensure that your child is fully equipped for lessons and ready to learn in January with:

- a black pen
- pencil sharpener
- rubber
- pencil
- ruler
- green pen
- calculator
- highlighters
- glue stick
- mini white board pen

We will be running the school shop again after Christmas and equipment can be purchased at cost price via Parent Pay: please place an order and we will deliver to your child.

Thank you for your support with this.

PE Update

Please see the PE extra-curricular timetable for next term. If you have already signed your child up to an after school club they can continue to go without signing up again. If anyone would like to stop going to a club they should let the office staff know.

Please note that boys will need football boots and shin pads for their football lessons in PE after Christmas. Girls will need trainers and shin pads.

Congratulations to the pupils who secured second place in an inclusive football tournament at the Zone this week. They were highly commended for the sporting manner in which they approached every game. Well done everybody.



Many thanks for your support – Mrs Joyce

Parent Pay

It is important Parent Pay accounts are topped up when needed in order to ensure pupils remain in credit. Please could parents ensure this is the case for the return to school in January. Many thanks – Mr MacIntyre.

Year 6 SATs information evening – Thursday 13th January 6pm – 7pm

Colleagues will be sharing information regarding the Key Stage 2 SATs, which take place May 2022.

Parents will have an opportunity to look at example test papers in Maths and English and review current revision guides with an option to purchase at a later date via Parent Pay.

Question/discussion with SATS Coordinator (Mr Martin) and Mr O'Brien (Head of English) and Miss Charlesworth (Head of Maths).

More details to follow in the new year.

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.**

From everybody at KMS.



**We look forward to seeing pupils on their
return to school –**

- **Year 6 & 8 - Wednesday 5th January**
- **Year 7 – Thursday 6th January**

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