



# 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 as well as can be during these difficult times. Whilst this week has been a week to remember for all the wrong reasons, more of that in a minute, last week contained two real highlights, which will be remembered for a long time and for all the right reasons.

#### Armistice Day

On Wednesday last week, the school fell silent at 11am for our annual act of remembrance. Pupils watched a short PowerPoint presentation which outlined the origins of Armistice Day and explained why we continue to hold remembrance events to this day. We also reflected on current conflicts across the world together with the worldwide ‘battle’ against Covid – 19 and the brave people working on the frontline to protect us against the virus. We were so proud of the way pupils conducted themselves throughout, particularly during the period of silence, which was impeccably observed. Well done.

#### Children in Need

On Friday we had our non-uniform day to raise money for children in need. Sadly, this was a slightly lower key affair than usual however, the atmosphere across school was excellent throughout the day and we were delighted with the overall total raised. Thank you to everybody for their generous donations, particularly given the backdrop to the appeal this year. For me, the stars of the show were

Poppy and Mabel who performed to their year group during afternoon class time. Make sure you click on the link overleaf to view this if you have not seen it already.

#### Covid - 19

As you may have read, Kirklees currently has one of the highest Covid – 19 infection rates in the country. We are continuing to work very closely all relevant authorities in relation to the rapid rise in cases within school. We have taken the very difficult decision to close two of our six bubbles and we thank parents for their support with this. On Friday I spoke with a consultant from Public Health England who confirmed the steps we’ve taken to date are the right ones. We will be speaking again on Monday to discuss any further action the school needs to take. This may include a visit from an infection control specialist nurse to look at the measures we have in place and provide any additional advice.

Whilst we strongly believe there has been within school transmission in at least one of our bubbles, we can’t be sure this is the case in all bubbles. We are aware that some of the pupils who have tested positive for the virus live in households where family members had previously tested positive. We are therefore asking for your continued support in taking steps to drive the spread of the virus down in the community. This will support our ongoing efforts in school. The latest government guidance for parents can be found [here](#).

#### Remote Learning

**Please note - the email address for our IT Technician was wrong in the letter we sent out last week.** For any queries with pupil email addresses or logging on to Teams, please contact [jwebster@scissett.com](mailto:jwebster@scissett.com)

Thank you for the positive feedback to date in relation to the remote learning offer. As you are aware, we will launch live lessons this week; we hope you find these a useful addition. We are aware that in many households,

pupils work on shared devices and as such, it may not be possible for them to join all live lessons. We will aim to record all live lessons so pupils can view them at a time that is convenient to them.

Finally, please remember that Friday this week is an INSET day and school will therefore be closed to pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I will continue to keep you updated with news in relation to the Covid 19 situation in school whenever I can.

### School Lunches

A reminder that we are serving a full range of hot school lunches once again.

### Children in Need 2020



Thank for everyone's support we had a fantastic day in school and raised an incredible £877.70.



Poppy F and Mabel B both in Year 7 marked 'children in Need' day by giving a socially distanced performance of 'Riptide' by Vance Joy in the Year 7 area for all classes to enjoy. They then went to the Pavilion to perform to 7E. Thank you so much for uplifting our spirits on a Friday afternoon. We look forward to your next performance. Here is a taster of their performance.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kirkburtonmiddleschool/permalink/697169974538489/>

### Armistice Day

**'We will remember them'.**

Four pupils were accompanied by Miss Kaye to represent our school at a socially distanced service of remembrance at the Cenotaph (War Memorial) in Kirkburton on Wednesday 11th November. All four pupils took part in the act of remembrance, Amelie K, Stanley M, Poppy F and Reuben W. Stanley M laid the school wreath and Miss Kaye played the Last Post and Reveille.



### Maths - TT Rockstars

Year 6 - please encourage your child to continue to log onto TT Rockstars regularly to keep their times tables as sharp as possible. They should really be logging on three times a week for about 10 to 15 minutes. Thanks, Maths Department.

### Careers

Could all year 8 students please fill out the Reading questionnaire before November 23<sup>rd</sup> that has been sent by email or use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/UCCFgWAKbUKRPRWY9>

Please can they be emailed back to A.Greenleaf on [agreenleaf@scissett.com](mailto:agreenleaf@scissett.com)

Many thanks in advance.