



# Kilburn Junior School



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## June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and managed to enjoy some family time in the sunshine. As we begin our final half term, there's certainly no easing off and winding down as the pace increases towards the end of the school year.

Please find below information about events in school in this half term.

### Environmental Ambassadors

The children have recently been studying the local environment and issues that effect local people such as litter and graffiti.



Following discussions in class, a number of pupils in year 5 and 6 have voluntarily performed litter picks on their way to school. I would like to express my thanks to Preston, Edie, Ruby, Amber and Sophie for demonstrating our core values, integrity and teamwork, in improving the local area for the benefit of others, something I am extremely proud of them for.

### PTFA

This year's Summer Fair is on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 12-3pm**. It promises to be another exciting community event so please come along and give your support.

The PTFA are looking for help on the day and for donations of bottles, cakes, books, toys and Bric-a-brac. Please speak to a member of the PTFA team or get in touch via their Facebook page (Kilburn Junior School PTFA) if you can help in any way.

**We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June when pupils are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a bottle for the famous bottle pull, or a tombola/raffle prize. The bottle should be unopened and if alcoholic, please bring it in to school yourself rather than send it with your child. Could I also ask you not to send in any cleaning products or hazardous substances.**

Attached to this letter you will find an invitation to join our PTFA, please read it carefully and give it your consideration. The time commitment is really small but



if we do not recruit more help, the group is at risk of folding, which would be a real shame for our pupils.

### Sun Safety

With the hope of more sunny weather this half term, it is useful to remind the children of the importance of keeping safe in the sun.



In particularly hot weather our school field is in full sun during lunchtime. **A sun hat and water bottle are vital** so please ensure your child has one in school.

**Please also apply sun lotion to your child before coming to school.**

We will be discussing SunSafe issues with the children both in class and through assemblies. We also have sun lotion dispensers around the school and we will encourage the children to use them on sunny days.

In addition, you may wish to ensure your child:

- wears long sleeve clothing
- applies extra sunscreen lotion, especially if they have particularly fair skin.

We will also encourage children to use the shaded areas of the playground. The SunSafe website gives further advice.

**[www.sunsafeschools.co.uk](http://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk)**

### Premises

As you may have noticed, we have continued to make changes to the school site: new fencing on the path by the school gate; astro-turf to areas around the playgrounds; additional security fencing around the perimeter and new internal doors to section off Team Endeavour's classroom.

In addition, as I mentioned in our last achievement assembly, our outdoor Trailblazer Headquarters is almost finished and I would like to invite you take a look at the impressive structure.

I would like to thank Mr Goodburn, who single-handedly constructed the building, working in all weather on his own, and to the PTFA, who covered the cost of the build.

As I am sure you have heard from your child, Trailblazers adds something special to our school, providing meaningful outdoor experiences and enabling children to develop skills and behaviours that cannot be developed so easily in the classroom.

These are just some of the improvements to date and I am hoping to announce further improvements very soon that are going to have huge benefits for the children.

## Final INSET Day

Our final school INSET day for this year will be **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

Once again, Big on Bikes will be offering your child the opportunity to take part in an activity day at school during the day. Details of this are attached to this letter and if your child would like to take part, please contact the school office.



## Events this Term

There's lots going on in school during this half-term. Please make a note of the key dates below.

Date:	Event:
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit from Y7 staff from JFCS to see Y6
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Go Ride Team event@ school
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and Team Photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Quad Kids Athletics Comp at Belper LC
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket Comp @ Denby
15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Swimming Gala
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Equality and Endeavour Shipley Visit
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Parents to Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Individual Go-Ride @Alfreton Park
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Summer Fair
26/27/28 June	Y6 Transition days @ JFCS
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Cross Country Comp@ Eyes Meadow
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Individual Go Ride Comp@ Shipley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Mini Leader Reward Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Camp Out @ school
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tough Runner @ Eyes Meadow
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Health Day @ JFCS
6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports out
11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Orienteering Comp @ Eyes Meadow
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day 9.15am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Concert 6pm
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Assembly 9.15 Break up for Summer

## Illness and Punctuality

Please ensure your child attends school each day if they are fit and well, arriving at school by 8.50 in order to start promptly with their classmates. In the event of your child being ill, please ensure you contact the school office before 9am.

## Requests for absence

Just to remind you of the regulations concerning requests for school absence. Here is an extract from the regulations:

### Holidays in term time:

You have to get permission from the headteacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time. You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the head teacher in advance.
- There are exceptional circumstances.
- It is at the discretion of the governing body as to how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted.

**You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.**

Following recent government guidance, future applications by parents for request for absence will need to demonstrate exceptional reasons if I am to authorise them.

If a request is not submitted and a child is absent, this will not be authorized.

Applications for absence in term time cannot be considered if your child's attendance is less than 95% for the year.

## Term Dates 2018/2019 Academic Year

These are the term dates for next academic year:

- **3 September 2018 to 26 October 2018**
- **5 November 2018 to 21 December 2018**
- **7 January 2019 to 15 February 2019**
- **25 February 2019 to 12 April 2019**
- **29 April 2019 to 24 May 2019**
- **3 June 2019 to 22 July 2019**

**Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September will be an INSET day (closed to children), so the first day of the new school year will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** I will notify you of the remaining INSET days in the new academic year.



## and finally.....

I would like to thank the pupils, staff, parents and governors for their support throughout the academic year.

I have really enjoyed leading such a talented team and look forward to taking the school forward to new and greater things in the future.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter, or indeed any other business, please get in touch.

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