



Kilburn Junior School



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Dear Parents and Carers,
After a busy first half term, I hope you had a pleasant break and enjoyed some family time.

Autumn is well and truly upon us and it was lovely to feel the excitement of Halloween and Bonfire Night last week and hear of the 'Trick or Treating' enjoyed by the children. This half term promises the same level of excitement in the lead up to Christmas and lots of things have been planned for the children to enjoy both in and out of school.

Parent Consultations

I hope you found the recent parent's consultation evening useful in sharing information about your child's progress. The evenings were very well supported, with 99% of pupils represented. This provides clear evidence of the strong partnership we have between home and school.

It was lovely to meet many of the new parents of Year 3 pupils and discuss how the children have settled into life here.

As always, I welcome feedback from parents about school issues and I would like to invite the handful of parents who were unable to attend the meetings to contact their child's class teacher to make an appointment this half term.

Uniform

As we move into the colder months, please ensure your child wears their coat for school and check they have their name in it as we have lots of items in lost property already, many without names in.

Can I also remind you that in line with our school uniform policy, pupils should wear black shoes in school and not boots?

Break time Snacks



Whilst most pupils do not bring a break time snack, could I please remind you to provide your child with a healthy option if they require one (fruit, cereal bar etc), rather than chocolate or other sugary snacks or crisps. Thank you for your support.

White Hall

Year 6 pupils have just returned from another successful residential visit to the White Hall Centre near Buxton. Whilst there the children sampled a range of outdoor pursuits including climbing, caving, abseiling, stream scrambling and mountain biking, to name but a few.



The children's behaviour was impeccable during the week and the way they worked together was a real strength of the group.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr Barber, Mrs Pursglove, Mrs Herbert, Mr Whiteman, Mr Hardy and Ryan Murphy for attending and supporting the pupils.

Over the forthcoming week I will be sending out information to our current Year 5 pupils in preparation for next year's course.

Website

Please keep your eye on our website at www.kilburnjunior.school for up-to-date information about school events. Your comments to our posts are always welcome.

Upcoming Event:

Here are some of the events planned for this half term so far:

Date:	Event:
6 th Nov	Year 3/4 Handball comp at school
8 th Nov	PTFA Film Night at school
9 th Nov	PTFA meeting- All Welcome- 6.30
10 th Nov	Remembrance Assembly 10.45
13 th Nov	Bikeability Level 1 for Year 5
17 th Nov	Children in Need
20 th Nov	Year 5/6 Mini Basketball Comp
27 th Nov	Year 3/4 Handball Comp at Belper
1 st Dec	PTFA-Christmas Event at School
12 th Dec	Christmas Show
13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
13 th Dec	Year 5/6 Dodgeball Comp at Smalley
14 th Dec	In school Pantomime- non uniform
14 th Dec	School Christmas Disco- 1.30-3pm
15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
20 th Dec	Achievement Assembly
20 th Dec	Break up for Christmas

PTFA

I would like to express my thanks to our PTFA who organise events in school and raise funds for the benefit of our pupils. They are a small team of dedicated parents and friends of the school, who meet every half term.

If you would like to join the team, please speak to a member of the group or the school office.

The PTFA have recently agreed to cover the cost of the new outdoor classroom being built in the school woodland and are also funding the visiting pantomime in school at Christmas.



The group are at present also collecting votes to secure £10,000 of funding for our Trailblazer Programme from the Aviva Community Fund. If you could support this please register at:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/login> select the project-Trailblazers and give them the 10 votes you are allocated.

Fundraising

This year's MacMillan Coffee morning event proved another huge success in school raising £954.

It was great to see so many people in attendance and thank you so much for the donations from home.



It also gave many of our pupils the opportunity to develop their enterprise skills through the setting up and running of stalls.



Children in Need will be our next fundraising event on November 17th. We will be having a non-uniform day and inviting the children to pay £1 if they wish to take part. I understand that this will be our 3rd fundraiser in a short space of time but I'm sure you agree it is for a very worthy cause.

Trailblazers



Our trailblazer programme has certainly taken the school by storm and Mr Goodburn and the team have really inspired our pupils. Mr Goodburn has also built a fire circle with throne in the woodland area and he is set to start work on the outdoor shelter over the coming weeks. Please feel free to pop down and take a look.

Remembrance service

We will be holding a short service of Remembrance in school on 10th November by our Memorial Garden at the front entrance. The service will begin around 10.45 and you are most welcome to attend.



and finally.....

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

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