



Kirton Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter 2023

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. It is lovely to have the children back in school and eager to learn once again.

World Book Day



Thank you to everyone who supported our World Book Day last term. Our children (and staff!) looked fabulous dressed as book characters.

We received just over £755 in commission from the Book Fair to spend on books for the school, and our children have also benefitted from having some lovely books to read at home.

Our Y6 children decorated the Y6 entrance to look like the gates of the Wonka Factory. All the children were given a golden ticket to enter which they could use as a bookmark. These are our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory inspired children.



Thank you again to all parents, carers and members of staff who supported these ventures.

Boston United Football Club World Book Day Competition



To coincide with World Book Day, Boston United Football Club ran a competition. Primary school children across our local area were invited to design a front cover for The Pilgrims' match programme. The

design had to include set pieces of information, but the style of these facts and the rest of the design was entirely up to the children.

Kirton Primary School did well. Isaac in Y6 claimed first prize which meant he got tickets to watch the match with his family and a match programme. His design also featured on the front cover for over 2000 fans to see when they went to the match.

We also achieved 2nd place in the competition with Evelyn's entry (Y4).

Representatives from Boston United visited the school to give the children their prizes and congratulate them.

Get Caught Reading



Thank you to everyone who entered our 'Get Caught Reading' competition. All the entries will be displayed in school.



Although it was a hard decision to reach, we are delighted to announce Emelia (and a horse) in Y4 to be the winner. Emelia won 20K to save in our High Street bank or spend in our shop.

National Finalists



It has been announced that Kirton Primary School is a finalist in yet more national awards. Our school has been shortlisted under the category 'Best Establishment of the Year' and Mrs Donley has been shortlisted in the category 'Leadership in Education'.

The winners will be announced in May.

Young Voices 2023



Twenty-eight Y5 and Y6 children, from the school choir, represented Kirton Primary School at the annual Young Voices event held in Sheffield.

The staff, who accompanied the children, couldn't praise the children's behaviour highly enough. A special thank you to all those staff who gave up the time to accompany the children and/or run the choir.

Introducing our New Eco Committee



Following an extensive application process, and after displaying an incredible passion for the planet, twelve children have been selected to form our first eco-committee.

Committee members have enjoyed their first meeting and have been devising and implementing ways to make the school

more environmentally friendly. They have explored the school's environmental strengths and weaknesses and have already begun to make changes: planting wildflower seeds around the school playing fields in support of wildlife whilst also enhancing the beauty of our natural environment and making plans to recycle more.

Celebrating the King's Coronation



We are planning to hold a Royal Garden Party for our children and staff on Friday 5th May to celebrate the King's coronation. We hope the weather is kind but, as this is England, we have a contingency plan should it let us down.

We will all be wearing party clothes to attend the coronation on that day - no school uniform required. Please be aware that the children may be taking part in craft activities in the morning and will be playing outside so they shouldn't be wearing expensive clothing and clothing must be warm and practical - including safe footwear.

Our food supplier is planning a party pack up lunch for the children as well. Remember to book one for your child. Alternatively, consider adding a treat to your child's lunchbox. It's a party!

We are looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation together.

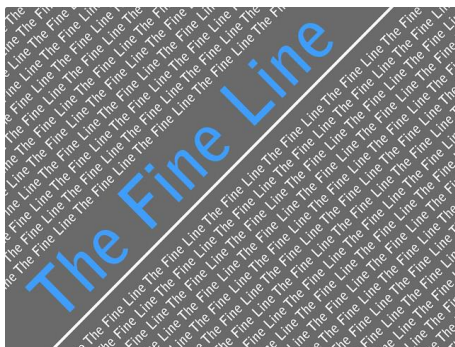
Important Reminder for Y6

This year's SATs assessments for Y6 children take place over 4 consecutive days in the week beginning **9th May 2023**.

If your child is in Y6, please ensure they are in school for the whole of this week as these important results travel with them to their secondary schools.

Our staff and children are working harder than ever to ensure this cohort is 'secondary ready' and that they have made up any lost learning due to the pandemic. Inevitably, the children will be disadvantaged if they are not in school for the SATs, so please make a note of the date.

Fines for Unauthorised Absences - Help Us to Help You



As you are aware, the Local Authority can (and does) fine parents for unauthorised absences such as taking holiday in term time or having an excessive number of days missed due, ostensibly, to illness.

We are keen to avoid this situation as we neither want our families to be fined nor do we want our children to miss their education.

Already, since the beginning of September, 20 fines have been issued to parents at Kirton Primary School by the Local Authority. Despite popular belief, it is not the school that fines parents and carers, and the money does not find its way back into the school budget. It is not in the school's interest for our parents to be fined.

The Government expects children to attend school over 96% of the time. An average of just two or three days absence a term would put your child below this figure and would mean that their attendance would be monitored.

Please help us to help you get your children into school and avoid fines. If you are invited to an attendance panel with our staff, please attend. We are holding these to support you and help you to avoid being fined.

Y6 Celebrated VE Day



Y6 were lucky enough to experience what life was like for children during World War 2. They learnt about how to be safe during an air raid, which occurred frequently, and how to put out fires using equipment from the 1940s. They also got the opportunity to write using pen and ink and learnt about pre-decimal money.

Later in the day, the children prepared performances, including poetry reciting, singing and dancing, and celebrated the end of the war with a tea party.

Y5 Explored the Alps



Y5 learnt about The Alps as part of their geography topic. They were lucky enough to have a real-life explorer who came to visit them.

The mountaineer, Simon, has climbed over 100 mountains, some over 7000 metres high. He was the first person to climb four peaks in Asia, allowing him to name the mountains!



The children learnt how mountains are formed, the different mountain ranges in the world and the different kinds of mountains that form them. They also learnt about wildlife in alpine environments and how to survive in extreme conditions.

Y5's Trip to the Eco Centre



Y5 have been learning about habitats and lifecycles so a trip to the Skegness Eco Centre was organised. The visit embedded knowledge learnt in school, and also taught the children a myriad of new facts about the biomes and creatures around us.

The day started with some mini-beast hunting which yielded some lovely finds: millipedes, centipedes, wood lice, spiders, ants, snails and evidence of squirrels, rabbits and badgers. Following this, the

excited children moved onto an aquatic environment and were taught how to 'pond dip'. Everyone got involved, worked well together and found a plethora of animals such as: ram's horn snails, pond shrimp and deep dive beetles. Two of the children even found some female newts - they knew the amphibians were female because the male newt has a frilly tail and these little swimmers had flat tails (fact of the day!).



After a short break for lunch (so much to pack in), Y5 created food chains and food webs. This led to a discussion about our planet, pollution, the environment and how humans can affect the ecosystem!

Den-building was next. The goal was to build a waterproof shelter with a south-facing door (to protect inhabitants from the wind) that could hold at least five children. After a brief team-talk, four groups of children rose to the challenge. Travis - who was the eco guide for the day - thoroughly tested each shelter with buckets of water. All of them passed the waterproof test (just!).



To end the day, teachers roasted marshmallows for the children to enjoy.

Y4 Welcomed a Visitor from Ancient Egypt



An 'Ancient Egyptian' visited Y4, and the children spent the morning making mummies, making bread, writing on papyrus and getting involved in many other ancient Egyptian activities.

In the afternoon, groups presented ancient Egyptian stories to the Royal Court, whilst slaves presented everyone with bread, grapes, cheese and wine (which tasted a lot like water!).

It was a great day, and the children took home everything they had made. They learnt a great deal from the experience.

Clubs in School

	Lunchtime	After School
Mon	Sport2Day Activity Session	Multi-sports (Y1 - Y2) Lego Club (Y3 - Y4)
Tues	Sport2Day Activity Session	Girls' Football Academy (Y4 - Y6) Multi-sports (Y3-Y6)
Wed	Sport2Day Activity Session	Boys' Football Academy (Y5 - Y6) Multi-sports (Y3 - Y6)
Thurs	Sport2Day Activity Session Gardening Club (Y4 - Y5) Art Club (Y6)	Football Club (Y1-Y3) Multi-sports (Y1 - Y2) Multi-sports (Y3 - Y6)
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Sports Update

Girls' Five-Aside Tournament



Ten very keen girls headed off to the Middlecott Academy for a 5-a-side football tournament with six other schools. With each game lasting only 5 minutes, it was 100% effort all the way and Kirton girls did not disappoint! There was fabulous passing, powerful shots and a selection of awesome saves made by the keepers!

Kirton took four wins and one draw to seal overall victory but it was a well fought, tight bunch of games.

The win secured Kirton Primary School another wonderful trophy for the cabinet.

Well done, everyone!

Dance Development Day



Eight Y5 children attended a Dance Development Day at Boston High School. They experienced different dance routines with the help of High School pupils.

The children had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to learn and practise a range of movements which they performed to the other groups. The children behaved brilliantly, took part in all the different routines and did their very best! They set a brilliant example and represented Kirton Primary School very well.

Tchoukball Competition



Children in Y3 - Y6 competed in the annual Tchoukball Competition at Holbeach Hub.

The game is a fast-paced, highly-skilled, tactical, semi-invasion game. The fact that no passes or shots can be either blocked or intercepted means that the speed of passing and accuracy of shots plays a key role in deciding a winner; you can give away points for a missed shot.

Squads of nine children from KS2 competed. Seven children were on the pitch at any one time with roll-on, roll-off subs ensuring the games were rapid.

The younger of our two teams came in 5th out of nine schools. They played well with some close games.

Y5 and Y6 qualified to play for the bronze medal position in their age group - securing a win by 5 points (which is a close game in Tchoukball as 3 goals can be scored in less than 5 seconds!).

Well done to all the competitors.

Boccia Competition



Five Y5 children attended the Boccia Competition at Peter Paine Sports Centre. The children split into teams (Kirton A and Kirton B) and played against teams from many other schools from the local area.

All the children played incredibly well, set a wonderful example of Kirton Primary School, and showed excellent sportsmanship. Both teams reached the semi-finals, narrowly missing out on the final by only a point each!

Kirton finished a respectable 3rd and 4th and earned a certificate and medal for each child. We're proud to announce that Bella and Jack earned individual prizes for excellent sportsmanship as well. Well done everyone!

Cross Country Event



Kirton Primary School attended the annual primary schools' Cross Country event at Thomas Middlecott Academy.

Eighteen, excited athletes competed against over 400 other children from around the Boston area. There were prizes for individual runners and a team prize to compete for.

The weather was 'classic' cross country - wet, cold and - just for added dramatic effect - plenty of sleet and snow! This made the mile-long course even tougher than usual. Needless to say, Team Kirton

did its best, got covered in mud and had a great time!

The girls' team were placed 3rd overall, narrowly missing out on 2nd by 5 points. This is Kirton's best-ever team finish.

Within the girls' team, Mia (Y5), also took the overall individual first place - an incredible achievement as she was racing against so many Y6 competitors. She started out with a sprint to get behind Middlecott's 'hare' (used to help with pace and show children the correct route) but ran her own race with an even speed. By the time crossed the finish line, she was 150 metres ahead of the 2nd placed girl!

Goalball Tournament



A group of Y5 children took part in the popular Goalball Tournament at the Peter Paine Sports Centre, and played excellently from start to finish.

They competed against a large number of local schools and showed excellent sportsmanship, fair play and skill. The children were able to beat the 'teacher team' as well as the end of the tournament in a match which was excellent!

Basketball Development Day



We are proud of the Y5 children who took part in the Basketball Development Day held at Middlecott Academy. The children learnt how to shoot at hoops, travel with the ball and learnt the rules of the game. Every child displayed team spirit and sportsmanship, just like top professionals.

At the end of the event, the children took part in multiple games against other schools to put their new skills to the test. The children had a wonderful day and should be very proud of all they achieved.

High 5 Development Day



The Y4 children, who took part in High 5 Development Day at Boston High School, had a fantastic afternoon, learning and

experiencing a range of different ball skills incorporated in netball.

They spent time learning skills at different stations within the hall. They applied these new skills in games of Netball with other local schools.

The children showed a superb example of great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout. Kirton Primary School is very proud of all of the children that took part.

New Age Kurling Competition



The Y5 children, who took part in the New Age Kurling competition, were amazing!

Kirton took two teams (Kirton A and Kirton B) to the event which consisted of three players per team. Both teams were exceptional throughout the event and won almost every game they played. Sportsmanship, skill and setting an excellent example of our school were demonstrated throughout.

Kirton B only just missed out on a semi-final spot. However, the team was brilliant and should be very proud! Kirton A reached the semi-finals before moving into the

final where they won a close, well-played match.

All players received a certificate of achievement and Kirton A received winners' medals and the winners' trophy.

A Message from the PTA



We will be running our Sponsored Walk event again in May. The times and dates for each year group will be dependent on class timetables and, of course, the weather. Thank you in advance for the fabulous support you always give us for this event. More details to follow.

Our Gala will be held on Friday 30th June between 3.30 and 5pm. A letter will come out later with suggestions on how you might be able to support us.

These are traditionally our best fund raisers. Increasingly, we are asked to fund the children's school trips as the School works hard to keep costs to no more than £10 per child. However, this now proves impossible due, predominantly, to the increase in the price of the coaches. We subsidise trips regularly and are keen to continue doing this.

Please help us to support our amazing school.

A Message from the Parliament Federation's Governing Body

We would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school for the summer term - no doubt it will be action-packed and full of fun and learning.

As a Governing Body, we are made up of members from many walks of life, and we all feel really privileged to be part of this amazing school. We are lucky enough to take part in school-life and we see first-hand how happy, friendly and engaged our children are.

We have recently welcomed several new Governors to the Board which will, no doubt, revitalise our work. We are, as ever, proud to play our part in supporting one of the most successful schools in the country.

Kids' Club

If you require childcare before or after school, please contact Kids' Club. They run sessions from 7.30am before school until 5.45pm after school during term time. For more details, contact them on 07583762072.

Staff Car Park

Children and vehicles are a bad combination. For the safety of all our children, please do not bring vehicles into the staff car park.



We advise parents to model using the pathways and to avoid cutting through the car park.

Should you witness parents parking in our car park or in the zig zag lines outside the school, please inform the police and the school. A photograph clearly showing the numberplate is helpful to the police.

Unfortunately, staff are unable to simultaneously supervise children coming into school (we open our doors at 8:45 despite an 8:55 start) and patrol the playgrounds and car parks. We rely on parents and carers playing their part in ensuring child safety.



Cost of Living Advice

Cost of Living support information can be found on the local district council website.



Admission to Nursery

Places are filling quickly for this September in our award-winning Nursery - and we are often oversubscribed.

If your child's date of birth falls between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20, and you would like a place at our Nursery, please send an email to enquires@parliamentfederation.co.uk and we will forward details on how to apply.

Remember, every child is entitled to 15 hours a week at our teacher-led Nursery **completely free**. This can be taken in the morning, in the afternoon or all day, as long as we have enough places available. Afternoon places are often easier to secure than morning places which are regularly oversubscribed.

As well as the 15 free hours a week, to which all three-year-olds are entitled, we offer additional sessions over and above these, as well as flexibility when selecting sessions for your child. You may choose mornings, afternoon, or a mix of both, including full days - or even 5 full days a week. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be purchased

at a cost of £12.50 for 3 hours. This is extremely competitive locally. Eligible working parents may be entitled to **30 free hours** for their child. Lunch is also available if required.

If you know anyone else who might benefit from our excellent Nursery facilities, please let them know.

Remember, we are also the only local provider with **fully qualified, school teachers**.

Ofsted said of our Nursery:

Children in the Nursery Year settle quickly and make a good start to their school life. Staff build effective relationships with parents to meet children's learning and care needs well. Relationships between adults and children throughout the early years are nurturing and positive. Well-structured routines and procedures mean that children enjoy their time in school and are kept safe. They cooperate with each other and behave well.

Contact the office for further information.

Boston Nursery School

We are part of a federation. Last year, when our Nursery became full, some of our parents discovered our sister nursery, Boston Nursery School.

Boston Nursery School has the same Governing Body, the same Executive

Headteacher and, most importantly, the same high values and rates of success.

As one of only five maintained Nursery Schools in the whole of Lincolnshire, Boston has fully qualified teachers and is inspected by Ofsted under the Schools' Inspection Framework rather than the Early Years' framework. Their intent, like Kirton Nursery, is to give every child the best possible start when they begin school.

Check out the Nursery's website or book a visit to see the fabulous education they can offer your child. Contact Boston Nursery School on 01205 358647. You can find the Nursery School on Church Lane PE21 0LJ. They also have their own website:

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school>

and a Facebook presence.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Please check out the most recent information in the section labelled 'Parents' on our website.

Safety Reminders

Please contact the school **early on the morning of the first day** of your child's absence. A lot of office time is lost chasing up absent children, which we do to ensure they are safe. You will appreciate that we would prefer to direct our resources to supporting our children in the classroom.



Please remember, in the interest of keeping children safe, no images of children may be taken on the school site without the express permission of the Executive Headteacher or the Head of School. Any images, you have permission to take, must not be posted on social media sites or shared publicly. We also do not allow visitors to use mobile 'phones inside the building.

These safeguarding measures ensure that we may be sensible about allowing parents and family members to take photos and videos of their children at events such as Sports Day and Christmas productions, which we understand is important for families and we are keen to continue.

If you have changed your address or telephone number recently, please ensure that you have let the office staff know. We must be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Also, ensure that the school has **at least one emergency telephone contact**, in addition to your own, in case we

are unable to contact you. Remember that this number may also need updating.

If your child brings a phone to school, please remind them to hand it in to the office in the morning. The children must remember to collect it at the end of the day.



Children should not come to school with 'smart watches' or any other devices capable of taking images or sending/receiving messages. This is to ensure the safety and privacy of other members of our school community.



Some of our children risk suffering a life-threatening reaction to nuts - even by simply being in the vicinity of a nut. For this reason, we ask that no child brings any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.

Keeping your Child Safe Online

While there is no perfect way to eliminate online risk, there are things parents and carers can do to support their children online, reduce the risk, or manage it after the fact. Remember to keep lines of communication open with your child.

If you can keep technology out of the bedrooms, this is also an effective tool in safeguarding your child.

Here are some practical steps parents and carers can follow:

- Contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP): companies that provide broadband such as BT, Sky and Virgin, offer free protection for parents and carers. They can filter your internet connection directly, without having to install anything. Guide on how to use this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>
- YouTube is a fantastic resource, but not all the content is appropriate for children and not all YouTube channels are made for young audiences. YouTube has an app just for children - YouTube Kids - but many people don't realise that the main YouTube app has a restricted mode. Check out more about how it works here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>
- Parental Controls for Devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>
- Games consoles have features that can limit the games your child can play, based on the age ratings, and can even turn off certain features to allow gaming to be safer. To learn

more about these features visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

- Games are also rated based on the content; not how difficult they are. 18-rated games can have graphic violence, adult language and themes, sexual content, and horror elements. Learn more about appropriate games by visiting <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/> or visit this site for more about game ratings <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>
- Social Media privacy guide - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Have you heard about Tik Tok Family Pairing <https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktok-introduces-family-pairing> Family pairing allows you to link your account to your teenager's account so you can customise their safety settings, such as content, privacy and wellbeing.

It's important to remember that no filters or controls are 100% effective so make sure your child knows they can, and should, talk to someone if they see or hear anything upsetting online.

This information from Thinkuknow might be useful <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>

You Can Help Your Child at Home

The best place to discover what your child will be learning in the upcoming term is the year group newsletter. These newsletters come out six times a year. They contain ideas about how to continue learning at home.

Teachers are always only too happy to let you know how best to support your child should you have specific enquiries. They are also always happy to discuss your child's progress - you do not have to wait until parents' evening. The end of the school day is the best time to talk to staff. We recommend that you make an appointment through the school office to guarantee that your child's teacher is available - they often attend after-school meetings or may have made arrangements to speak to another parent.

Multiplication Tables Test for all Y4 pupils

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

All children in Y4 will have their multiplication skills tested formally, beginning in June. Our results were exceptional last year with 77% of our children achieving full marks compared to 27% nationally.

If you have any questions or concerns about these tests, please discuss them with your child's class teacher.



Support your Child's Learning

Multiplication Tables: One of the challenges of the national curriculum is that every child should know their tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of Y4. We have a Tables Challenge in school and we teach tables regularly in class, but learning tables is matter of constant repetition so, whenever you get a moment, please practise with or test your child. As an incentive, every set of full marks in your child's weekly tables test earns them another Kirt to save in the bank or spend in the shop.

We are keen for our children to know their tables, but wish the learning of them to be as much fun as possible. To this end, our website contains useful resources to support your child's learning at home. These may be found in the 'Parents' section under 'Support Your Child's Learning', as well as in the 'Children's' section.

You will find a tables' grid and some practice sheets to download should you wish to use them with your child. You will also find songs and videos made by our

staff and children that you might sing along to.

Spelling: From Y2 to Y6, your child will bring home a set of 10 weekly spellings to learn. These may include words that support the spelling rules your child is learning in class, commonly misspelt words, or useful words recommended by the National Curriculum.

If you want to take a look at the National Curriculum spelling vocabulary for Key Stage 2, it is on our website. They're not as easy as you might think!

Remember, we are running a Spelling Championship in school with a top prize of 100 Kirts to spend at Kirton Stores, and every set of full marks in your child's weekly spelling test earns them another Kirt.

Handwriting: We use a cursive script across the school in order to improve handwriting and presentation. Lower down the school, this may result in a more 'untidy' style at first as children get to grips with the joins. However, with perseverance, your child's handwriting will improve. Visitors often praise our children's amazing handwriting skills.

If you would like to practise handwriting with your child at home (perhaps by copying out spellings), please follow the exemplar below:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Passports of Achievement

These passports make a wonderful home-school link. Please support your child in achieving their challenges for the year. Each completed passport earns your child a medal.

Encourage your child to take care of their passport and to treasure it as replacement passports incur a charge of £4, and the children would need to complete the challenges again from scratch if misplaced.



The Myth of the 'Head Lice Letter'

Occasionally, parents request that a 'head lice letter' be sent when it appears there has been an 'outbreak'. However, unlike in smaller village schools, in a school of almost 600 children, it would be safe to say that a number of children will have head lice on any given day. Younger children, in particular, often put their heads together when playing, and may pass lice on to their friends and/or siblings. This can lead to the impression of an 'outbreak'.

On the advice of healthcare professionals, the school does not send out a letter every time lice are detected – such a letter on a daily basis would soon lose its impact.

We have also been advised that to send a letter advising on head lice would be to give the false impression that there is a particular problem at a particular time when in fact it only appears that way to the small group of families who are dealing with the issue. It is, therefore, preferable that all parents and carers be vigilant at all times.

On the advice of healthcare professionals, we hold 'Bug Busting' days on a regular basis instead.

Bug Busting

Every school has to deal with head lice, and we are no exception. Although we will never eradicate head lice, there are things that we can do to alleviate the problem. This **Saturday, 22nd April** we ask that every child's hair is checked at home for lice.

The following advice comes from the healthcare professionals:

*A fine-tooth plastic comb is best for detecting head lice and you should check school children and family members at least once a week. Young lice are the size of a full stop and adults the size of a sesame seed. Treatments are available from your GP and are **free** for children. You should only treat those people with lice living in their hair.*



Illnesses Circulating in Schools

The Government has advised schools that Covid, flu and Scarlet Fever, as well as common colds, are likely to continue to circulate widely in schools.

We continue to operate under risk assessment conditions which include encouraging children to 'catch it, bin it' and wash their hands regularly. We also open windows and doors whenever we can to ensure a good airflow. We also check the air quality with CO2 monitors.

The Government advises that any child with a raised temperature or fever must keep away from school. We have enjoyed the complete support of our parents and carers for this strategy and know we can rely on your continued support.

Our Virtual School Tour

If you haven't seen it yet, we have a virtual school tour which you can find on our website or by pasting the following into your search engine: <https://virtual-tour.educatedmedia.co.uk/kirton-primary/> We hope you find it useful. Please feel free to share it with perspective parents.



Are you reading this newsletter via Parent Mail?

Most parents have now signed up to our Parent Mail service.

We do our utmost to remain open despite inclement weather conditions and other hazards. However, there may be rare occasions when, following a risk assessment, the school has no alternative but to close. If your up-to-date details, including your mobile telephone number, are registered on our Parent Mail system, you should receive a text automatically in the event that we are forced to close.

Tax Free Childcare



75% of families, who are eligible, are not taking advantage of Tax-Free Childcare. Eligible families could begin saving money by making payments into their Tax Free

Childcare account. Every £8.00 that they pay in, the government will pay in £2.00 (up to £2,000 per year, per child under the age of 12 years old or up to £4,000 for disabled children under 17 years old).

To be eligible, parents or carers need to be working at least 16 hours a week, earning at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.

This includes:

- self-employed
- on maternity or parental leave
- on sick leave or annual leave.

Each parent or carer can earn up to £100,000 per year and still be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare

Just like 30 hours funded childcare, working parents or carers need to reconfirm eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every three months. They will get a text reminder and it's easy to do through their online childcare account. Please note that families cannot claim Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

A Message from the Lincolnshire Police Prevent Team

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from

being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent. Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned seek advice.

ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned.

[ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation
https://actearly.uk](https://actearly.uk)

Dates for your Diary:



We are aware that there are several websites purporting to advise on Kirton Primary School's term dates. Unhelpfully, many of these sites have the incorrect dates. The school has no control over other

websites. We strongly recommend that you refer only to the school's own website and newsletters.

The following dates are subject to change, but you have told us how helpful it is to have advance warning. Further information will come out for many of the listed events, and many more events will be added over the coming term. By their nature, Sports Days are always weather-dependent and we may need to rearrange these at short notice.

17.4.23 First Day of Term 5
22.4.23 Bug Busting on Saturday
5.5.23 Garden Party to Celebrate the King's Coronation
8.5.23 Bank Holiday to Celebrate the King's Coronation
9.5.23 SATs Week for Y6
15.5.23 Sponsored Walk Week
26.5.23 Last Day of Term 5
5.6.23 First Day of Term 6
12.6.23 Y1 Phonics Screening this Week
22.6.23 New Reception Intake Evening 4.30pm
29.6.23 New Nursery Intake Evening 4.30pm
30.6.23 Summer Gala 3:30 - 5pm
10.7.23 KS1 Sports Afternoon
11.7.23 Nursery Sports Day (morning and afternoon sessions)
12.7.23 Y3 and Y4 Sports Afternoon
13.7.23 Y5 and Y6 Sports Afternoon
14.7.23 Reception Sports Afternoon
18.7.23 Y6 Production 4.30pm
19.7.23 Y6 Fish and Chip Supper
20.7.23 Reports sent Home
20.7.23 Children Meet their New Teacher
21.7.23 Last Day of Term 6
4.9.23 First Day of Term 1

Term Dates up to the Summer Holiday:

TERM 5:

Monday 17th April 23 – Friday 26th May 23 28 days
May Day Monday 1st May
King's Coronation Monday 8th May

TERM 6:

Monday 5th June 23 – Friday 21st July 23 35 days

Term Dates for 2023 – 2024:

TERM 1: Monday 4th September 23 – Friday 20th October 23 35 days

TERM 2: Monday 6th November 23– Thursday 21st December 23 34 days

TERM 3: Wednesday 3rd January 24 – Friday 9th February 24 28 days

TERM 4: Monday 19th February 24 – Thursday 28th March 24 29 days

TERM 5: Monday 15th April 24 – Friday 24th May 24 29 days
May Day Monday 6th May

TERM 6: Monday 3rd June 24 – Friday 19th July 2024 35 days