



Kirton Primary School Summer Term Newsletter 2021



learning and providing intervention to bridge the gaps in their knowledge. This term, we will continue to accelerate the children's learning whilst remaining Covid safe.

We have been so pleased to have the children back in school - and so proud of how they have settled in.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who supported their children's home-learning during lockdown.



As previously communicated, all external tests, such as the Foundation Stage Profile, Y1 Phonics Check, Y2 SATs, Y4 Tables Check and Y6 SATs, have been cancelled this year due to the Covid situation. This means we can dedicate more time to teaching and learning - and less time to testing. Just the way we like it!



Covid-19 Reminders

We have included, in this newsletter, a few of the home-learning photos you have shared with us.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

The children settled remarkably well into the routines of school last term. We concentrated on getting the children back into the routine of school, assessing their

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature;
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia);
- breathing difficulties.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

If you become concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

These are the things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

If any member of your household develops symptoms, they must book a test. This can be done at: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.



All household members must self-isolate until the results of the test are known. This means your child(ren) must not come into school. If you suspect one of your children may have the virus, their household siblings must also stay at home.

If your child is requested to self-isolate, they should remain in the home for the full time period (ten days from their last contact with the infected person). The school will let you know the date that your child may return to school. They must not accompany other siblings, who continue to attend school, at drop off or collection times.

Google Classroom

The school will set school work via Google Classroom for all children who are self-isolating in line with the Government guidelines.

Whilst staff realise how difficult it might be when one child is sent home as part of a bubble, whilst another sibling is expected to continue to attend school, the school is only permitted to set work for the child that is legitimately self-isolating. This is because the Government classifies a child's absence due to another sibling's self-isolation as unauthorised. The school is not permitted to set work for children who are missing school for what the Government deems to be not a legitimate reason.

Please do not ask teachers to set work for any reason other than self-isolation. Some parents get frustrated with the school but we are simply following the rules.

We urge parents to share the school run and to support each other when bubbles close. The school is not in a position to advise on individual childcare as this remains a parental responsibility.

The Mighty Creative School Award



We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the Mighty Creative School Award. This is a national award that recognises schools' dedication to creativity and a commitment to arts and cultural education.

Kirton Primary School has been presented with a plaque which we will display with pride.



World Book Day

Unfortunately, World Book Day fell in the middle of lockdown this year. However, many of our children still took part in the school's Masked Reader competition.

Thank you to everyone who took part - and to all our staff members who donned masks. Did you guess who they were?



The winner was Livie Melton, who is proudly clutching her 10K prize money. Well done, Livie!

Read to Succeed (R2S) in Y4 - Y6

Children, in Years 4 to 6, get the opportunity to take part in our 'Read to Succeed' initiative.

Children can earn 1 Kirt for passing five quizzes on the books they have read (scoring 80% or above to pass) or by obtaining 10 R2S points - whichever comes first.

Since September, the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 have read 33 376 834 (over thirty-three million) words between them. This is 3 259 (over three thousand) books!

Currently children are banking their hard-earned Kirts (with interest), and will be able to spend them as soon as Kirton Stores is able to open.



how happy, friendly and engaged our children are.

We are enormously proud of how our staff, children and parents have coped through three national lockdowns, and have complete faith that our committed staff will target and eradicate any lost learning.



White Gables Care Home

Children in KS2 have been communicating, by card and letter, with some of the residents at White Gables Care Home.

The children have enjoyed practising their writing and communication skills and have loved learning more about the residents' lives. These are some of the lovely cards we have received in school:



Parking

Please do not bring your cars onto the staff car park or park on the road directly in front of the school gate. Cars and children are a potentially lethal combination.

We thank those parents who have taken photographs of vehicles they have seen breaking our safeguarding rules. We always pass these on to the police.

Please help us keep our children safe. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

Message from the Governors

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

Learning to Save



Our 'Learn and Earn' initiative continues to engage and inspire our children. The children are banking their earned Kirts, and we anticipate a surge of spending once lockdown restrictions are lifted!



Sport Update by Mr Greaves:

Kirton Primary School was awarded the gold award for participating in Boston and District sport partnership in association with the Boston United Football challenge.



Matilda Smith clearly has some football skills. She came 2nd out of 24 schools in the Boston area for the "Roll Over Challenge" - a very impressive feat!



Gym equipment and Climbing Frames



We have invested a great deal of money in the promotion of children's fitness. Please note: the gym equipment and climbing frames are designed for school-age children only. They are not safe for the use of pre-school children and will become damaged easily if used by children (or adults!) over 12.

Please report any misuse of our equipment to the office, or the police if misuse occurs out of school hours.



Nursery and Reception children celebrated Chinese New Year in school

Kirton Nursery School



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.



With our expanding school, places are filling quickly for our Nursery for September but we have a few spaces left. If your child's date of birth falls between 1.9.17 and 31.8.18, and you would like a place, please let our office staff know as soon as possible in order to secure a place.

Remember, every child is entitled to 15 hours a week at our 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 this as well as increased 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.



Remember, we are also the only local provider with **fully qualified teachers** who are educated to degree level or higher.

Our Nursery is currently full, but you may add your child's to the waiting list. Contact the office for further information.

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 English weather. We will be maintaining year group bubbles throughout.

Thank you in advance for the fabulous support you always give us for this event. This event is traditionally one of our best fund raisers. Please help us to support our amazing school.



Kids' Club

If you need childcare before or after school, Kids' Club may be able to help. They run sessions from 7.30am before school until 5.45pm after school during term time.

For more details, contact them on 07583762072.



Bug Busting

Every school has to deal with head lice, and we are no exception. The problem is often

more prevalent when children start back to school after a holiday. Although we will never eradicate head lice, there are things that we can do to alleviate this problem. This **Saturday, 24th April**, we ask that every child's hair is checked at home for lice.

The following advice comes from the school nursing team:

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.



Top Tips for Staying Safe near Roads

- Teach children to Stop, Look, Listen and Think when crossing roads.
- Encourage children to wait for the green person before stepping onto a light-controlled crossing. Be cautious that some drivers don't always stop for the red light.

- Remember to keep a look out for traffic on driveways and in car parks. Reinforce the message that vehicles can come from any direction.
- Choose safe places to cross roads.
- Children need to stay close to an adult when near roads.

A Few Reminders

Please let us know if you have recently changed your telephone number or home address, and remember to check that all additional and emergency contact details are current. It would be useful for the school to have your email address as well, particularly in the current circumstance.



Thank you for not bringing dogs or other animals onto the school site.

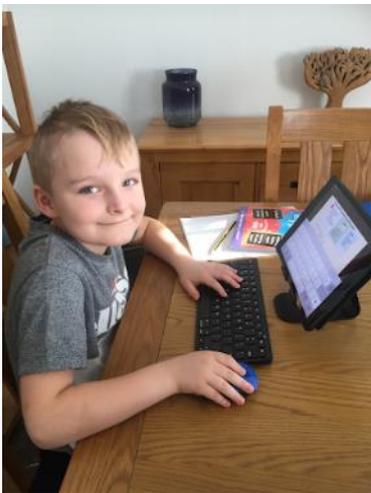
We are a non-smoking site; this includes all outdoor areas such as the playground. We do not allow e-cigarettes to be smoked as we expect all adults on our site to act as good role models, and many of our children are not able to distinguish between the two types of cigarette. Please note: it is illegal to smoke on the site of a maintained school.



Some of our children risk suffering a life-threatening reaction to nuts - even by being in the vicinity of a nut.



For this reason, we ask that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.



Our children know that, for safety reasons, they should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school site. We remind them regularly in class and in assemblies. Please support us by ensuring your child dismounts at the school gate and pushes their vehicle to the bike shed.

We are a Healthy School. Please encourage your child to bring in healthy snacks should they wish to have one at break time (fruit is ideal) and remind your child that they may bring a water bottle into school to access during the day (water only please - in order that we maintain our Healthy School status). Our school water bottles cost £1.20 and may be purchased via the office. Please ensure you write your child's name clearly on the bottle in permanent ink.



For safety reasons, please obey the zigzag lines on the road and do not bring vehicles up to the school gate. Children and traffic are never a good combination.

The school carpark is for staff use only.

If your child is unwell, you must let us know as early as possible on their first day of absence. This is particularly important if they are exhibiting symptoms of Covid. Thank you to everyone who already does this as it saves considerable administration time and this, in turn, means we can spend

more of our diminishing resources on teaching and learning in the classroom. Please note: if we are unable to contact you, we may ask the police to call at your home to complete a 'safe and well' check on your child. If we are unable to ascertain your child's safety, we may make a referral to Social Services. We are obviously keen to avoid this.



Are you reading this newsletter via Parent Mail?



ParentMail has never been so important. Most parents have already signed up to our ParentMail service. Ensure you never miss the latest school information. Email the office for details. It is simple and free to enrol.

Remember to keep your contact details, email address and mobile 'phone number, up-to-date on ParentMail.

If you need to contact the school, please ensure you do so on: enquiries@parliamentfederation.co.uk. The

school does not receive correspondence forwarded from parents to Parentmail.



Some Useful Dates for your Diary

Further information will come out for many of the listed events, and many more events will be added over the coming term.

All dates are subject to change or cancellation.

By their nature, Sports Days are weather-dependent and may have to be rearranged at short notice.

Under the current road map to exit lockdown, all dates should be considered 'pencilled in'. We are not sure at the moment whether we will be able to invite parents to these events safely. Should the dates be required to change, we will let you know.

3.5.21 Bank Holiday - **School Closed**
 17.5.21 - 21.5.21 Sponsored Walk Week
 28.5.21 Last Day of Term 5
 7.6.21 First Day of Term 6
 23.6.21 New Nursery Intake Evening 5pm
 30.6.21 New Reception Intake Evening 5pm
 5.7.21 Nursery Sports Day (morning and afternoon sessions)
 13.7.21 Reception and KS1 Sports Afternoon
 14.7.21 Y3 and Y4 Sports Afternoon
 15.7.21 Y5 and Y6 Sports Afternoon
 19.7.21 Y6 Production 5pm
 20.7.21 Reports Sent Home
 20.7.21 Y6 Fish and Chip Lunch
 22.7.21 Children Meet their New Teacher
 22.7.21 Last day of Term 6
 1.9.21 First day of Term 1

2021-2022

TERM 1: Wednesday 1st Sept 21 - Friday 15th October 21

TERM 2: Monday 1st November 21– Friday 17th December 21

TERM 3: Tuesday 4th January 22 – Friday 11th February 22

TERM 4: Monday 21st February 22 – Friday 1st April 22

TERM 5: Tuesday 19th April 22 – Friday 27th May 22
May Day Monday 2nd May

TERM 6: Monday 6th June 22 – Friday 22nd July 22

Other websites purport to advise on Kirton Primary School's term dates and events. Unhelpfully, many of these sites have the incorrect dates and/or incorrect information. The school has no control over other sites. We strongly recommend that you refer to the school's own website and newsletters only for advice.

Term dates are published on our website.

TERM 5: Monday 19th April 21 – Friday 28th May 21
May Day Monday 3rd May

TERM 6: Monday 7th June 21 – Thursday 22nd July 2021

