Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 14th July 2023

With only one week left until the summer break this will be the final newsletter of the term and year-and what a busy one it has been! We are so proud of the children in our school- how the have shone in so many ways. This newsletter is just a taster: sports, music, acting. We were also delighted this week to see our children shining academically in statutory tests. Our school achieved well



over national average in all subjects at Key Stage 2 with a large percentage achieving the higher standard too. We have also had a successful Ofsted this term which recognised our 'high expectations' and 'desire for pupils to shine.'

We are saying farewell to our amazing Year 6s next week and we wish them all the best in their future and we can't wait to welcome our new starters into school who we met this week during transition.

Finally, thank you all as always for your continued support of your children and our school. Have a wonderful summer and we can't wait to see most of you back on 5th September.

Emma McCormick

Farewell Miss Shamat and Mrs Cane

As well as saying goodbye to our Year 6s we are also saying goodbye to two of our teachers. We wish them luck in their future ahead and thank them for everything they have done for our school.

A Message from our Governors

Last week, the governing body held their final meeting for this academic year. As ever, there was a full agenda, including items on school improvement, upgrades to lighting in school and a number of policy reviews, alongside standing items such as health and safety and safeguarding. The meeting was also an opportunity to reflect on the school year and the huge progress that has been made in so many areas. We are delighted that the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection confirms the schools's judgements and recognises the many strengths of the school. The final report is extremely positive, highlighting aspects such as: the high expectations of staff for all

children, the "mature and sensible attitudes to learning" as well as "supportive and trusting relationships".

The Board of Governors are delighted that the report recognises the hard work of the staff, pupils and school community in retaining a good judgement under a new,more rigorous framework. Thank you to all the parents and carers who shared positive comments with the inspectors and also to those of you who took the time to complete Parent View, Ofsted's online questionnaire for parents; the Lead Inspector was extremely impressed with the feedback from parents. Finally, thank to all of the staff in school who work tirelessly throughout the year to enable our children to shine like stars lighting up the sky. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a relaxing summer break.

Best wishes,

Sue Brooks, Chair of Governors

Sports Day

We hope you all enjoyed last week's sports day as much as we did. In the morning the children took part in team challenges and in the afternoon the races commenced!

There were fantastic skills on show, brilliant enthusiasm and commitment (see the sack race photo below!) and superb sportsmanship. The eventual winners were the Yellow team but the scores were extremely close- everyone should be very proud of themselves.

Sophia in Year 6 summed it up perfectly: "The thing I love most about our school, is how everyone cheers for each other!"















School Council Cake Sale

As a final mission, this year's school council are holding a cake sale for the school on Thursday (and any left for parents after school!) Through their work as 'Well Being Warriors' they have taught the school ways to stay mentally healthy. They have chosen to give half of the money raised to 'Young Minds', a mental health



charity for children, and the other half to choose new exciting books for their new classroom. Any donation of cakes on Thursday morning would be very welcome.

PTA NEWS

As you can see from the information below it has also been a very busy and successful year for the 'Friends of Kirkby and Great Broughton'. Thank you for all your support to make our school a better place and a huge thank you to those parents who have given up their time at the events. We are looking forward to even more fun next year so please do get in touch if you would like to help.



Get us out of here!

What a show! Huge congratulations to Year 6 and all of Key Stage 2 for putting on two amazing performances of "I'm an 11 Year Old Get Me Out of Here!" this week. The singing and acting was superb and a special mention to those parents (and sisters) who were chosen to take part in one of the trials!







Terrific Trips

Much of our school have enjoyed some school trips to enhance their learning this week. Reception class had a fabulous day at Monk Park Farm. Perfect weather, lots to see and do, and a yummy packed lunch. The children were brilliant, such super ambassadors for Kirkby School. Well done everyone!







On Thursday Years 3,4 and 5 were immersed into the life of an Anglo Saxon at Murton Park and had a brilliant time. Throughout the day they learned how Anglo Saxons made candles, practised Anglo Saxon writing and games and even had to defend their village!







School Uniform

The summer holidays is usually a time for buying new uniform. The list of uniform is on our website <u>here</u>. Please do ensure hair longer than shoulder length is tied up. Thank you.

Summer Events

Groovin' High

The Bones are hosting 'Summer Groovin' High' during the summer at Hurworth Grange. The aim of the course is to have fun as well as gaining confidence in a band situation. Everyone has the opportunity to sing, either on their own or with a group, even if an instrument is played. See further details in the attachments below.

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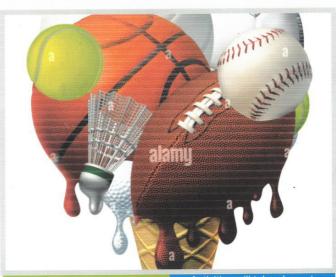
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Summer Camps



Thursdays 2-4:30 @ Gt Broughton sports club 27th July , 3rd , 17th , 24th August

£12 per session

Activities will take place at stokesley and great broughton club and will include tennis and multi sports.

Please contact James on 07720030653 or email tennisjames@hotmail.co.uk to book on .

Children will need drinks and snacks.

Sessions maybe cancelled due to

Sessions maybe cancelled due to low numbers on certain dates







Safety Online

For some quick tips on keeping your child safe online watch this video. It includes information about age limits.



Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 18th July 6pm Drama Club perform Wizard of Oz:
Weds 19th July 11am Leavers service in church (all welcome)
Weds 19th July 3.15 Y6 leavers tea for parents:
Thursday 20th July pm School Council Cake Sale
Friday 21st July 3.15 School closes for pupils

5th September 2023 Children return to school

Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Borwell and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.



Attendance Matters

At Kirkby and Great Broughton School we aim for excellent attendance and it is our legal duty to monitor this. Anyone with less than 90% attendance (this is 18 days in the whole year) is classed as a 'persistent absentee' and may receive a letter (although we know that in some circumstances this is unavoidable and we do take this into account). However please do read the leaflet attached below written by the Swaledale Alliance which the school is part of. This clarifies the impact of low attendance on children's learning and other aspects of attendance such as a parent's legal responsibility.

Please also be aware that Headteachers are not expected to authorise any term time holiday and should only authorise absences under exceptional circumstances (noted on the application form available on the website or via the school office). Please do support us with this.

If you would like a paper copy of this leaflet or if you would like to know your current child's absence please contact the school office.

Attendance Matters Parent Guide - printable.pdf

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