

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 13th September 2024

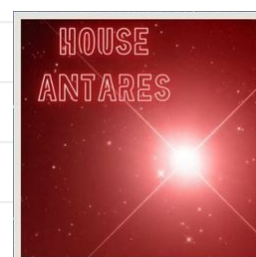
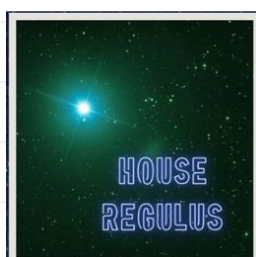
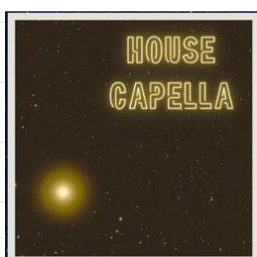
What a lovely first couple of weeks back at school it has been, and a delight to welcome our new nursery and reception children as well as new children and staff across the school. There is a lovely buzz around school and lots of happy smiling faces too. The reception class have now had their first full week in school and it is lovely to see how they have already settled in and playing with their friends. We believe partnership with parents is essential so please do get in touch if you have any worries or questions and we look forward to a super year ahead.

Nursery

As you know we opened our nursery this week and the children have settled in their new environment beautifully. A huge thank you to those of you who have donated resources to make it such a special place. They are still on the look out for any outside toy donations if you have anything and someone able to help make a mud kitchen from pallets!

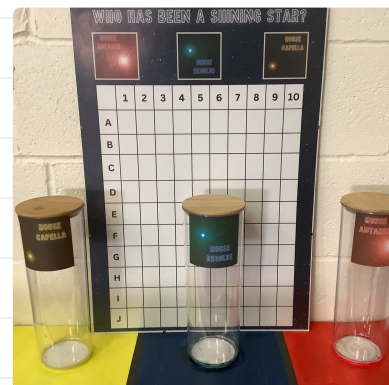


House Points, Rewards and Team Captains



This term we have launched a new house point system. Whilst the team colours remain the same, children have been placed in new houses that are all names of the related coloured stars and match our vision of 'Shining like Stars Lighting up the Sky.' They are the houses: Capella (yellow), Regulus (blue) and Antares (red). Each week in Friday's worship, house points will be collected and tubes will be filled. The winning team each half term will join the headteacher with a hot chocolate or ice cream!

Individual stars from each class will also be celebrated weekly and names put on a grid for their chance to win a 'star prize'.



Team Captain Speeches

Some of our fantastic Year 6s put themselves forward this week to become their Team's Captains. In the true spirit of democracy they campaigned and made speeches before a secret ballot was held. We are so proud of all of the children who put themselves forward this year- you are all superstars! Well done everyone



Brilliant Buddies

This year, children in Year 6 are 'buddying up' with the reception children, helping them at playtime and lunchtime. They have also spent time reading with them and this will continue at times throughout the year- it's a great learning opportunity for both the older and younger groups of children to work together. As a school we believe that we are all one school family and we encourage all children to help children in other year groups. Year 6 have really enjoyed helping their buddies and have taken on the new responsibility very sensibly. Well done year 6 and well done Reception for settling so well!



Tour of Britain

The term began with a great opportunity for our children to cheer on the cyclists on The Tour of Britain as it passed our school last Wednesday. The children loved seeing the cyclists but also the huge array of support vehicles too!



50th celebrations and Mosaic



Celebrations

Preparations are underway for our 50th Birthday. On Friday 4th October, children are invited to come to school in none uniform but wearing anything golden (the colour, not the element) or sparkly. Throughout the day we will be taking part in various activities.

There will be a service at school led by Rev Anne on the 1st October. We would like to invite any parents or friends who used to come to the school along to this special worship at 10.15 am. Please do let us know if you can by 20th September so we are sure we can fit you in as space is limited.

If any of you who used to attend the school could come to talk to the children on the 4th October about what school was like when you were here or be part of the service on the 1st we would be very grateful. Please do let us know if you would like to.

Open Coffee Morning

To continue to celebrate our birthday, we would like to invite past students and friends of the school to a drop in coffee morning on Saturday 5th October (10am to 12pm). There will be tours of the school, a chance to see photos and articles from the past as well as time to catch up with tea and cake! Please spread the word!

Marvellous Mosaic

This week all children and staff from Nursery to Year 6 have contributed to a special mosaic commemorating the school's 50th year. The main design was created by Emma P in Year 5 but it also incorporates ideas from some of the other designs the children created too, including Lucy, Harriet, Harry, Ava, Alba, Penny and Isla. It is fabulous that every child will have left their 'legacy' for years to come . The mosaic, which looks amazing, (but no spoilers) has been taken to be professionally finished so it will last, maybe another 50 years! We will be unveiling the completed mosaic on the 4th October and will let you know the time!



Colour Run

The school's birthday on the 4th October will be finished off in style with our annual Colour Run (postponed from last term). More detail will follow but please see the poster below. Children will be able to change into their own t-shirt/old clothes before and will be provided with goggles.



Friday 4th of October, straight after school on the field

Sunglasses will be provided for each child, please provide old clothes that you don't mind getting messy!

Sponsorship forms will be sent out in school bags for reception, if you still require a sponsorship form please ask at school reception. Please encourage children to collect as much as they can! All monies raised will go towards the children. Forms and money can be brought into school on the Friday Morning.

Please come along to cheer the children on!
The more the merrier!

Dates for Diaries

Monday 23rd September: Individual and whole school photos

Tuesday 1st October 10.15 50th service in school- parents who are alumina invited (see above)

Friday 4th October: School celebrates 50th birthday including colour run

Saturday 5th October : 10am -12am Open Morning/coffee morning for past friends and members of the school to celebrate 50th

Tuesday 15th Oct 11am Harvest Festival at church **all welcome**, Donations of food for foodbank welcome

6th November Y3 Bible Service 10.15 in school - **Year 3 parents and carers welcome**

Weds 6th Nov Parents Meetings

18th Dec 11am Christmas Service in church : **all welcome**

EY/ KS1 nativities- dates tbc



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in 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 Gence 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.



Emma McCormick

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