

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2024. It's hard to believe this is the first Buzz of the year!

The children have settled very well into their learning – there has been a real buzz around lessons and work. They are also being incredibly polite and well-mannered around school, which has been lovely to see.

**Reminder:** Since returning after Christmas, there has been an increase in jewellery being worn by the pupils. Can I just remind parents that due to health and safety grounds; we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, a watch, or small objects of religious significance. We do ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Santa Claus must have given lots of make-up gifts over Christmas, especially false nails. Can I also remind parents that children should not be wearing false nails to school.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Durham Cathedral Choir Auditions:** Durham Cathedral Choir is looking for the next generation of Boy and Girl Choristers. The cathedral would like to invite children and their parents/guardians, to attend their free Chorister Experience event on Saturday 3 February at Durham Cathedral. We know we have some very talented children at JFK, and this is a unique opportunity for any child in school years 2-6 to sing with the Choristers in the Cathedral. If you would like further information, please see Miss Owens who will be in nursery entrance for details.

**Attendance:** This week, our overall attendance is 96.29%, and is our highest weekly attendance this academic year! The class with the best attendance is 6PP with 99.17%.

**House Points:** Our winning house for the first week of the spring term is Currie.

**JFK Superstar:** Sophia H-H in 4AF started dancing in April 2023 at Trish 'n' Trina's School of Dance, after showing an interest in the sport. She soon discovered she enjoyed the dancing styles of tap and jazz the most and began learning both styles. Recently, she took part in dancing exams for both styles of dance and tried her hardest to show all the skills she had learnt. Incredibly, she received a bronze award for her ability in both tap and jazz! Sophia was delighted with her achievements and is excited to continue showing her skills when she performs in the Robin Hood pantomime at Fatfield Arts Centre at the end of the month. Well done and good luck in the pantomime Sophia, you'll be brilliant!



**Financial Guidance:** Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, we have been offered support from a DWP Advisor – Dave Barker, who will be coming into school to offer guidance in the form of drop-in sessions to help parents with benefits advice. 15-minute appointments are available between 9am–11am, and all our parents have the option to request one of these to discuss any queries or next steps/what is available to them. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in arranging a time.

**A Taste of Italy:** Our school kitchen team is holding a 'Taste of Italy' promotional day next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to try a school meal if they don't already have hot dinners.

The cost of this meal will be £2.30 (unless your child is entitled to free school meals).

If your child would like a meal on this day, please complete the form via this [link](#) by 10am Monday.



**PE Lessons:** Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. At this time of year, PE is generally in the hall however depending on the weather we may still have opportunities to go on the yard or field so please ensure your child has a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday	Treehouse PE	Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	
Thursday	Year 3 PE	
Friday	Treehouse Swimming	Year 5 Swimming (??) Year 4 PE

**Forest School:** Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	3JW	RSC
Tuesday		Year 4
Wednesday		2IT
Thursday		RAM
Friday	1ES	

**Vacancies in school:** We have vacancies in school for lunchtime supervisors. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our school team, please contact the office for further details.

**INSET Day:** Just a reminder school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January due to an INSET day.

Best wishes,

Mr B Adams  
Head of School





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# Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Oakley F-G Nell P
Reception	RSC/BG	Harrison F Owyn L
	RAM	Maisie L Bella P
One	1AP	Arthur S Jack B
	1ES	Emily C Jack M
Two	2FM	Peter B Nancy H
	2IT	George B Harry W
Three	3MS	Leo H Esme-Rose S
	3JW	Emilia-Grace H Joel M
Four	4AF	Lincoln P Mia W
	4BK	Sophia H Oliver H
Five	5RN	Harley F Aaron B
	5DF	Alfred R Grace M
Six	6PP	Eva L Olivia C
	6LM	Emily T Heidi H
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	Daniel M Jack M

