

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that this weekend is the last one in November, and that we only have 4 more weeks left at school. The weather has even had an 'arctic blast' whilst I've been on duty during the week, but it has been great to see so many of our pupils wrapped up in coats, hats, scarves and gloves to keep warm.

Young Leaders: On Wednesday, 30 of our year 5 pupils attended training at Silksworth Sports Centre. They listened and watched demonstrations, following instructions in order to take part in a range of activities, which helped them develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills. We can't wait to see the Young Leaders apply these new skills when helping our younger pupils in school during sports activities, break times and lunch times.

Anglo-Saxon Workshop: On Thursday, our year 4 pupils had 2 visitors from Jarrow Hall as part of their history topic. Throughout the session, they were able to take part in a crime and punishment activity, a runes, magic and medicine activity and they even designed their own settlements. They were also able to examine and try on Anglo-Saxon artefacts and replicas to get a better idea of what life was like between 410 and 1066AD. What a fantastic day to help enhance the curriculum!

Children in Need: Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity last Friday. We raised £231.00, which is a great amount. The money raised will be used to help fund the many projects that Children in Need supports.

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 93.90% and the class with the best attendance is 5DF with a fantastic 100%!

House Points: The winning house this week, with the most points, was Franklin. Congratulations!

After School Clubs: Due to various Christmas preparations taking place over the next two weeks, including the upcoming fayre, we need to cancel the teacher-led afterschool clubs on Thursday 30th November and all club's week commencing the 4th December. We will announce the spring term club options when we return in January. This does not include wrap-around care.

Christmas Fayre: We are so excited for our upcoming Christmas fayre, full details in the poster, and in preparation we would love any donations you can make of bottle bags, and tombola prizes.

In addition, if you are having a pre-Christmas sort out and have any good quality toys or books, we would love to take these off your hands for one of our stalls. Please hand any donations to your child's teacher or to the school office.

Christmas Performances: Don't forget to request your tickets for your child's Christmas performance. Please use the following link by 9am on Thursday 30th November: <https://forms.office.com/e/5MxqjhYAWg>



Christmas Lunch: If your child does not usually have a school meal but would like to have a Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December, please complete the following form by 9am on Monday 4th December:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FakjXgPFmK>

Non-Uniform Day: All children are invited to wear non-uniform next Friday, 1st December. We kindly ask for donations on this day of the following:

- Early Year and Key Stage 1 – chocolate items
- Key Stage 2 – bottled items, such as alcohol or condiments etc

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 27/11/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	
Friday		Swimming 5RN

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.

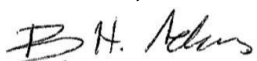
Week Commencing 27/11/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	RAM
Tuesday		RSC/BG
Wednesday		
Thursday	2FM	
Friday	1AP	

Healthy Snack: We would like to remind parents that children should only bring healthy snacks into school. Children should not bring sweets, chocolate or cakes.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 27th November – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important all bookings are made using this form before 8am Monday, or via the school office after this time. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

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	Halle B Bobby Y
Reception	RSC/BG	Lucas B Freda C
	RAM	Electra P Aurelia B
One	1AP	Ayda D Ayesha B
	1ES	Teddy M Cecil R
Two	2FM	Evelyn M Patrycja S
	2IT	Stanley R George H
Three	3MS	Leo H Finlay B
	3JW	Sophia S Lexi K
Four	4AF	Norah R Thomas B
	4BK	Alfie Y Shyla C
Five	5RN	Aaron B Thea C
	5DF	Emilie O Ella Mae R
Six	6PP	Imogen G Macie B
	6LM	Ava C Jayden S
The Treehouse	TSK	Steven
	TNP	Oliver

