

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at John F Kennedy. It has been lovely to see everyone back at school this week now that summer has finally arrived! The atmosphere around school has been excellent, with all the pupils engaged in their learning – this bodes well for the rest of the school year.

**Staffing News:** As a school, we are always looking to give teachers their first opportunity to set foot on the ladder, and this year is no exception. We are delighted to welcome Miss Heath (year 2), Miss Walker (year 3), Miss Keogh (year 4), Mr Thompson (PPA) and Miss Atkinson (PPA) as they begin their teaching careers. We also have a new teaching assistant, Miss Stockdale, who will be supporting pupils in year 1. We know they have been made to feel extremely welcome.

Mr Titmus will be returning to work from next week to teach intervention across the school with groups of pupils. We are all delighted that his treatment has been a success and he is raring to be back in school again.

I must also give huge congratulations to Miss Campbell, who has returned to school this year as Mrs Bolton after her wedding during the summer.

**JFK Superstars:** Evan Mc (year 5) played for Washington AFC Tigers in the Cockfield Cup at the weekend and his team won the plate! Evan was captain of the team and also received 'Player of the Tournament' award. Well done, Evan, we are so proud to have a football superstar!



Cecil (year 1) has been working very hard during his sessions at Taekwondo and received a super star award. He said he had to do lots of kicks!

Darcy (year 5) class, was very proud of the medal that she won as part of her football team. As goalkeeper, Darcy saved an important penalty in the semi-final of the tournament in order to progress to the final, which they won!



**School Uniform:** Please can we remind parents that children should come into school in full school uniform. This consists of a blue jumper or cardigan, a white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, skirt or dress and black school shoes. In summer months, children can wear black or grey school shorts or a checked summer dress. On PE days, children can come into school wearing their PE kits. This consists of a white t-shirt or polo shirt and black shorts or joggers. This is something we will monitor over the next few weeks.

**Washington Carnival:** On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the school will be taking part in the annual parade as part of the festival. The parade sets off from Usworth Gardeners Club at 9.40am, and will go through Concord, before arriving at Albany Park around 10.00am. All pupils and parents are welcome to attend and help parade our school designed miners banner, so it would be great to see you there.

**Home Reading:** From next week, children in years one and two will bring home a reading for pleasure book as they did in their previous class. This is a book for you to share with them and enjoy. Children will have the opportunity to change this book each Thursday. They will then bring their new book home on Friday. Decodable reading books linked to your child's phonics will be sent home from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for children in Y2 and from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September for children in Y1 and reception.

**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. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (RN) Year 4

**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 11 <sup>th</sup> September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	2FM	
Friday	1AP	

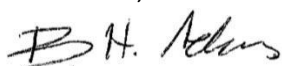
**Diary Dates:** You have received a copy of the diary dates we have in place so far for this year. As more events are organised, we will let you know.

**Health and Safety:** Can I please remind all adults that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds or fastened onto the school railings. This is for the safety of the school community. Thank you for your support with this matter.

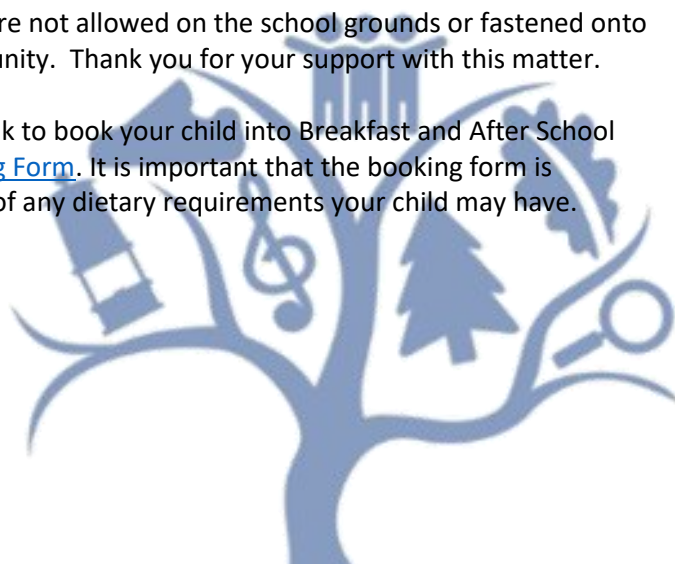
**Breakfast and After School Club:** Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September– [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that the booking form is completed on a weekly basis. Please ensure you advise staff of 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	All of nursery
Reception	RSC/MA	Rosie S Nathan B
	RAM	Finley R Hannah H
One	1AP	Derrick A Lachlan C
	1ES	Max F Mia-Marie M
Two	2FM	Ceejay C Nancy H
	2JH	Edith R Stanley R
Three	3MS	Wesley H Jackson M-B
	3JW	Brook M Oliver R
Four	4AF	Mohammed A Evie O Olivia S
	4BK	Hayden S Sophia H
Five	5RN	Harley Forrest Elsa Armstrong
	5DF	Adam W Chloe W
Six	6PP	Jordy P Orla T
	6LM	Nur Hemn A Ben E
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	Dylan A Matthew H

