

# JFK Buzz

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**John F. Kennedy**  
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may be cold, but this week we have had glorious weather. In school, there have been a wide range of activities and opportunities to engage the pupils throughout the week, which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

**Year 2:** This week, the pupils have started to learn 2 songs by The Beatles, which they will be performing in February as part of Infantasias. This is a chance for schools within Sunderland to come together and enjoy the love of singing. Even after only a handful of practises, they sound amazing, and I hope that they have been singing around the house. I know that I've had the songs in my head as I've been working in school.

**Chinese New Year:** Around school this week, lots of classes celebrated the year of the rabbit - from activities in reception to a Chinese restaurant in the Treehouse. On Thursday, our kitchen staff created some excellent Chinese dishes to help celebrate the New Year. All the children who I spoke to after they had eaten described the food as delicious.

**Reminder:** As we come to the end of the second week back, can I please remind everyone of a few expectations we have in school.

- Please make sure there is only water in their drinks bottle during the day.
- We encourage the children to enjoy a healthy snack for their break - fruit etc. not chocolate or crisps.
- Pupils can wear a watch to school, however, no other jewellery should be worn. If any children have their ears pierced, they should only wear stud earrings until the time period where the hole could close up has passed.
- A number of pupils probably received make-up as part of their Christmas presents. While this is a lovely gift, make-up should not be applied for school.

If you need to discuss any of these points, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you for your understanding.

**Car Parking Reminder:** If you are unable to walk to school, can I remind all adults who use a car to be sensible and considerate towards the residents from all streets surrounding the school when parking during the morning and afternoon. Please also don't park in front of the school gates or on the path/grassed area - both of which have been noticed this week by staff - as this could lead to an accident amongst our JFK family. Please use the laybys along the main road or use the carparks behind the school or at the Westwood Club. Thank you for your support in making our school a safer place.

**Drop Off and Collection:** Just a reminder that the school doors open at 8.40am so that all children can enter the building before registration at 8.50am. The gates will be closed after this time, so any children arriving after 8.50am should enter school through the main entrance and will be marked as late

**Pupil Absence:** Just a reminder that if your child is unable to attend school, then you do need to contact the school office to let us know. Even if you get the answer phone, please leave a message, as Mrs Mackintosh and Mrs Watson do listen to these throughout the morning. As a school, we have a duty of care, and this includes being accountable for all children every day.

**PE Lessons:** The table below shows the day your child can wear their PE kit to school. 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 taking place in the school hall.

Week Commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)

**Forest School:** The following classes are having their session next week:

Week Commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3MA
Tuesday	4IT	
Wednesday		RAM
Thursday	2FM	Nursery
Friday		1MS

Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for these sessions - long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed, they must be covered up during these lessons. 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 on your child's Forest School day, including spare shoes.

**Spring Term After School Clubs:** Unfortunately, there has been a delay in sending out the list of clubs for your children for this term. Clubs will now begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of this term, (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January). Once again, I must say a huge thank you to all the staff for organising clubs after school. Please use the following link to sign your child up to a club - [Spring Term Clubs Sign-up Form](#).

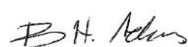
**Vacancies in school:** We have vacancies in school for lunchtime supervisors. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our school team, please contact the office for further details.

**Time to Talk Day:** Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives. This year Time to Talk Day will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and is supported by our local Washington Mind. To learn more about this, please click [here](#).

**Breakfast and After School Club:** Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January - [B & ASC Booking Form](#). Just a reminder we now have a register for these clubs which we need parents to sign when dropping children off/collecting their children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



**Mr B Adams**  
Head of School

# Stars of the Week

Nursery	Beau H Rebecca S
RAM	Alana R Frankie B
RSC	Freya T Albie B
1MS	Neve W Patrycja S
1ES	Lilly MC Jorgie T
2MA	Emilia-Grace H Sophia S
2FM	Rosie M Jacob K
3MA	Rosie B Calvin S
3BM	Demi-Leigh B Ben G
4IT	Lennon B James J
4AF	Henry A Ella-Mae R
5DF	Charlie S Annabella R
5RN	Robas I Sam G
6PP	Matthew Mc Lewis T
6LM	Lilly M Finley M
Treehouse	Nigel S James C

