

JFK Buzz

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John F. Kennedy
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are about to begin the last weekend of January - time certainly flies when you are having fun! I know I keep saying this, but the children have all had another amazing week in school. I have been around classes a lot, and the enthusiasm in lessons and the work being produced has been fantastic. I have seen and discussed a number of areas of the curriculum, including art work based on Hundertwasser, choosing from a newly designed fashion brand of clothing, finding out about Viking long ships, discussing my favourite superhero, and listening to some lovely singing. Year 6 have also given 100% effort as they have completed a week of practice SATs. It has been a very diverse week around school.

Football: Last night the girls' football team continued their Futsal league with two fixtures against Biddick and Lambton Primary School. The first game of the night was against Biddick and the team showed great determination, however they were beaten 1-2. Despite conceding two early goals, the girls battled back to make it a very close game thanks to a goal from Mia W. Our second game was a very tight contest with Lambton, and although the team created more chances, they fell to a 0-1 defeat. Amelia T made some fantastic saves in goal that kept us in it until the final minute when Lambton scored. Well done to everyone who played last night.

Swimming: It was lovely to see and speak to some of our Treehouse pupils today, who were very enthusiastic to be going swimming today, (Mrs Kemp however was more excited!). We are so grateful that an extra session has been made available for our pupils. The Friday afternoon session for year 5 has also been altered, which now allows for one class each week to have a longer time in the pool. Hopefully, we may have some swimming stars of the future.

Bikes: We always encourage healthy activities and we take pride in the opportunities we provide for our pupils. This week, year 5 have received information regarding Bikeability, which will be taking place over two weeks beginning 6th and 13th March. Please make sure all forms are returned to school and that bikes are ready for the week.

Another initiative we have is that pupils can travel to school on their bike or scooter, which can then be left in the allocated areas during the day. Can I remind all children who do like to come on their bike, that they should not be ridden on the school yard - they should be pushed from the school gate. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Strike: Thank you for your understanding regarding the NEU strike next Wednesday. It is always a difficult decision when deciding on the pupils that are able to attend school when there is a disruption, however, these decisions are always taken with regards to adequate supervision levels. Regarding future strike days planned, I will be making these decisions on an ongoing basis, but just to remind everybody that the planned days are 28th February, 15th March and 16th March.

After-School Clubs: Thank you to any parent who has completed a booking for any clubs that have been organised by members of staff. These are due to begin next week, and all information should have been sent through ParentPay. If you have any queries about these clubs, please speak to your child's class teacher, or contact the school office.

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 30 th Jan		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday	Reception	
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday		

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

Week Commencing 30 th Jan		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3BMc
Tuesday	4AF	
Wednesday		
Thursday	2MA	
Friday		

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.

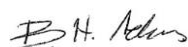
Parent Governor: We currently have a vacancy for a parent to join our governing body. If you are interested, please complete and return the form that was sent out during the week by Thursday 9th February.

INSET: Just a reminder that school is closed to all pupils on Friday 3rd February as staff will be undertaking training.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 30th January - [B & ASC Booking Form](#). If you require any short notice changes to any bookings please ensure you inform the school office. Also 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	Finley R Imogen B
RAM	Robbie H Jude B
RSC	Harry Mc Isla O
1MS	Harry B Peter B
1ES	Stanley R Flynn W
2MA	Jack R Brooke M
2FM	Jessica B Lily-Rose M
3MA	Kate M Oscar B
3BM	Alice D Bella P
4IT	Lucas S Mia R
4AF	Alfred R Heidi S
5DF	Alexa M Elynn A
5RN	Levon A Jessica C
6PP	Layla H Mia W
6LM	Nathan A Isla G
Treehouse	Dylan A Riley P

Head of School Award: Jackson MB for an amazing effort in work and behaviour.

