

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

17th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

The final day of half-term has arrived, but what a busy week we have had!

Charity: I have also loved seeing everyone more relaxed today in non-uniform: we all got the chance to show our individuality and personality through our choice of clothes. Thank you for the donations that we received as part of non-uniform day, we have taken in £418; the money will go a long way to support families in Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquakes from last week.

Year 2: On Tuesday, our year 2 pupils travelled to Rickleton Primary School to take part in Infantasias – a singing event organised by the Sunderland Music Hub. They joined other schools from around the area to come together and enjoy singing. With it being Valentine's Day, our children used the theme of love and shared 3 songs, one of these even included Makaton signing. They were absolutely amazing and a credit to the school – I am so proud of them all. Hopefully you have had a chance to see them sing on the school Facebook page.

Singing: As well as Infantasias this week, our year 5 children had their final music lesson from Mrs Tufnell from Biddick Academy. Over the last half-term, they have been improving their singing skills through warm-ups and performances. Today, they even shared one of the songs from the sessions in assembly. A recording of their fantastic talent has been shared on our school Facebook page – please have a look.

Superhero Day: There was a buzz in the air as I went into the year 1 area on Tuesday; it was great to see year 1 dressed as their favourite superhero to finish their topic for this half-term. They completed a number of activities throughout the day and solved problems, just like their superhero. Thank you to the year 1 staff for organising this fun day to enhance our curriculum provision.

Year 4: The school hall was full on Thursday afternoon, as year 4 had a parent craft afternoon as part of their history work on Vikings. The long ships that were created were amazing – I'm not sure who had more fun, the pupils or the parents! Thank you if you were able to come along to support your child, and thanks to the year 4 staff for organising this event. Please have a look at the school Facebook page for photos of the finished models.

Parents Evening: Thank you to everyone who managed to attend the two evenings in school this week. I hope you found it useful and informative to look at your child's books and speak to the teacher about their progress. As a school, we will continue our open-door policy, and if you ever need to speak to a teacher, this may be possible either at the start or end of the school day. However, if this is not convenient, then a meeting can be arranged by contacting the school office.

World Book Day: On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating this annual event, by asking all the children to come to school dressed either as their favourite book character or in pyjamas so they are ready for a story before bedtime. The theme this year is reading for pleasure. Each child is receiving their £1.00 book voucher today, so that they can either exchange for one of the free World Book Day titles, or to help towards the costs of another book.

Strike: Please see ParentPay for a letter sent out yesterday regarding the second day of teacher industrial action scheduled for Tuesday 28th February. Thank you for being so understanding with the situation.

Staff: It is always sad when a member of JFK staff leaves. Today, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Monaghan, one of our teaching assistants in year 6. She has been amazing with the pupils, helping and supporting them with both work and wellbeing. She will be a huge miss, but we wish her well for the future.

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 taking place in the school hall, however, some lessons are now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 27 th February		
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 (5DF)

Forest School: The following classes are having their session when we return: (4IT's session will be dependent on whether the strike action will go ahead)

Week Commencing 27 th February		
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 the day, including spare shoes.

Balance Bike Training: Starting on the first Monday back after the holidays, reception pupils will be taking part in a 5-week programme on balance bikes. These are due to take place outdoors, so please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the weather. In exceptional circumstances, the training may be able to take place in the main school hall.

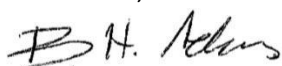
Diary Dates: Please find below upcoming dates for your diary:

- Thursday 2nd March – Reception Bedtime Stories – 4pm
- Thursday 9th March – Year 1 Phonics – 4.30pm
- Thursday 16th March – Year 2 SATs – 4.30pm

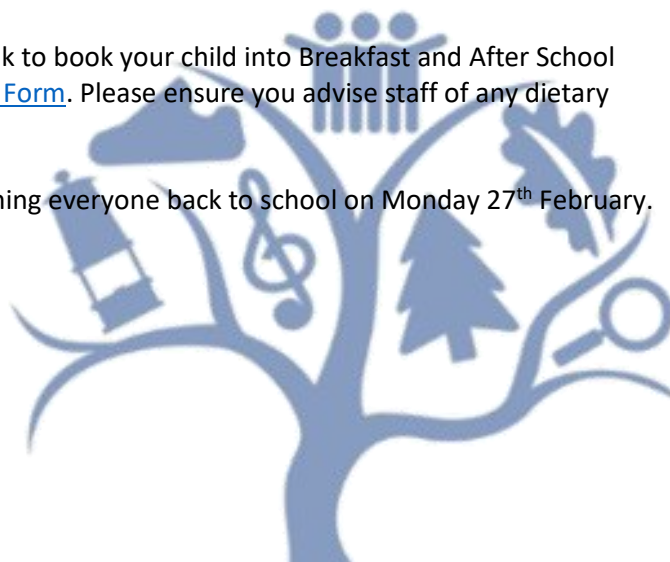
Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 13th February – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely half-term holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 27th February.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School





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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NLM	Francesca H Logan S
	RSC	Max F Freya D
Reception	RAM	Poppy R Arthur S
	1ES	Edith R Daniel W
One	1MS	Lewis P Jessica G
	2MA	Jacob BM Greig T
Two	2FM	Ava S Jason F
	3BM	Emilia B Tymon B
Three	3MA	Norah R Elliott D
	4AF	Mason C Lucy W
Four	4IT	Lauren C Noah H
	5RN	Amelia T Lily W
Five	5DF	Theo B Hannah L
	6PP	Jack C Joshua W
Six	6LM	Freddie H Luke B
	TSK TNP	Dominic I Rosie D
The Treehouse		

Head of School Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Head of School Award goes to:
Jacob BM for a great attitude all week – I'm already doing my 'We're so proud of you' dance!
Lilly M for a great attitude towards another member of her class. I was impressed with her maturity.

