

Thursday 20th July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe it's the end of another school year. It has been as eventful as ever, with many opportunities for the pupils across the year. I was really disappointed that we couldn't all come together for our traditional family picnic yesterday, but we will continue to make sure that there are more opportunities next year when you can be with your children in school. Throughout it all, we've all enjoyed working with your children - they have so much to be proud of themselves for.

Year 4: On Wednesday, our year 4 pupils had a great morning rock pooling at the coast. They found lots of interesting creatures lurking in the pools, such as crabs, sea snails and limpets. This visit was arranged by Durham Wildlife Trust after they were so impressed with the school during Nature Week – this is testament to our amazing pupils, and their excellent behaviour, for making such a good impression. Thanks must also go to Miss Newsome, for collaborating with DWT and to the year 4 staff for organising the logistics.

Year 6: This week has been mixed with emotions in the two year 6 classrooms, as they have been having their final week at JFK before starting out on the next academic adventure. Today, we have had the tradition of signing t-shirts and books – I hope they treasure the messages written by their friends and members of staff. Personally, I couldn't have asked for a better year 6. They have worked so hard across the year, and achieved some excellent SAT results that they should be proud of. Their commitment to creating an amazing end of year production – I could have burst with pride! Make sure that you grasp every opportunity next year and fulfil the potential you have shown all year. I can't wait to hear of all your successes in the future.

Wild Isles Nature Week: It was not long ago that we held our brilliant Nature Week in response to the Save Our Wild Isles Schools campaign. We are proud to announce that in recognition of our efforts, we have been awarded our certificate signed by David Attenborough!

As part of the week, we held a photo competition to celebrate the nature around us.

We are pleased to announce the winners as:

1st Prize – Lucy Watts 4AF

2nd Prize - Emelia Beall 3BM

3rd Prize - Isla Wilson 5RN



Reminder: School will close today for 6 weeks, and will open again to children on Monday 4th September. Our school gates/doors will open at 8.40am, for registration to begin at 8.50am. Lessons will start after registration has finished. The end of the day remains the same at 3.20pm.

PE Lessons/Forest School: These are not planned for the first week back, however staff may contact you via ParentPay if a PE lesson will take place during this week. PE and Forest School sessions will start officially the following week. Please look out for any messages.

Breakfast and After School Club: The link for week commencing 4th September will be sent in August.

Retirement: We say goodbye to 3 amazing members of the JFK staff today, who between them have given over 100 years of dedication to the school and the pupils. Mrs Auty has been an excellent teaching assistant, who has supported pupils across the school. Mrs Allen and Mrs Whitfield have cleaned the school, making sure the building is always the best it can be for the pupils the following day. All 3 will be a big miss to the school, and they will leave a huge gap for us to fill. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish them all the best for their retirement, and to thank them for everything they have done for 1000s of pupils at the school.

Mrs McArdle, the DCEO of Oak Learning Trust is also retiring today. Although many of you may not have had contact with her, she has been very supportive in leading staff development within school and even teaching the occasional lesson when needed. I would like to wish her all the best for her exciting next stage.

Staff: It is always sad when a member of staff leaves the school, and this year we have three teachers who are making the step today. Mr Anderson is moving to another school in September to take up a new role, Miss McGonnell is moving further afield for her new teaching role in Singapore, and Miss Keenan is also leaving the school this year. We would like to wish them all the best of luck – they will be missed.

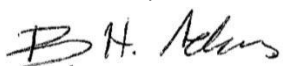
Miss Campbell is also leaving this summer; however, she will be returning as Mrs Bolton in September. We would like to wish her good luck and congratulations for her wedding during the holidays.

I have listed below the teaching staff for next year.

HAF Programme: Over the summer holidays the Holiday Activity and Food programme will be running holiday clubs, multi sports, cooking, crafts and activities across the 6 weeks holiday. To view clubs and book your child onto any clubs of interest please visit www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF

I hope everyone has a relaxing summer and enjoys the 6 weeks holiday. I'll see everyone again in September, when we can make more memories together.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School



2023-24 Staffing: We are also welcoming new staff to join the JFK family next year – they have already been in school to meet and work with the pupils. For a full list of all staff, please see the table below.

Head of School	Mr Adams	
Deputy Headteacher	Miss Quinn	
Assistant Head	Miss Conner	
Year Group	Teachers	Teaching Assistant (TAs <u>not</u> assigned to specific classes when two TA per year group)
Nursery	Miss Owens	Mrs McDermott Mrs McDonald
Reception	Miss Conner Miss Anderson Mrs Mowatt	Miss Elder Mrs Johnson
Year 1	Mrs Pearce Mrs Stewart	Mrs Appleby Miss Stockdale
Year 2	Miss Middlemiss Miss Heath	Mrs Sarma
Year 3	Mr Smith Miss Walker	Mrs Prasad
Year 4	Miss Fairless Miss Keogh	Mrs Cooper
Year 5	Mrs Fort Miss Newsome	Miss Lilley
Year 6	Mr Pearson Mrs Mewes	Mrs Bolton
Tree House	Miss Kemp Mrs Parker	Miss Rose (HLTA) Mrs Palmer Mrs Reay
PPA	Mrs Owen Mr Thompson Miss Atkinson	
Intervention	Mr Titmus	
SEND		Mrs Ross

