

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



20th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fun-filled run up to the Christmas break this year.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for the hard work this term and for the opportunities they have helped provide for the children. Also, on behalf of the staff, can I just thank all the children and families for your effort and support during the term - it really is appreciated to know that everybody is prepared to support each other as we strive to do the best for all the children.

Singing Around the Tree: If you managed to join us today for any of the singing in the hall, I hope you still have the festive glow. The pupils were amazing in their performances, and it was lovely that lots of you joined in with the songs as well – you definitely brought your singing voices! This final day event is becoming a tradition in school, and it is one of my Christmas highlights each year.

Christmas Trips: It was the last of this year's Christmas trips this week, with year 2 visiting Gibside to complete a Christmas trail, whilst year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Pantomime at Rainton Meadows (oh yes they did!) to see Robin Hood. One of our pupils, Lily-Rose, even had a starring role on stage – singing and dancing to 'My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean'.

Christmas Parties: Over the last week around school, all the children have enjoyed a party day; some of the imaginative games being played around school have kept the children entertained.

JFK Superstar: This week, I was so excited to hear about one of our pupils in year 3. Thea G has been awarded level 2 for her achievement in freestyle dancing. What a great achievement. I wonder how long before she is one of the professionals on Strictly Come Dancing, lifting the glitterball trophy? Well done Thea!



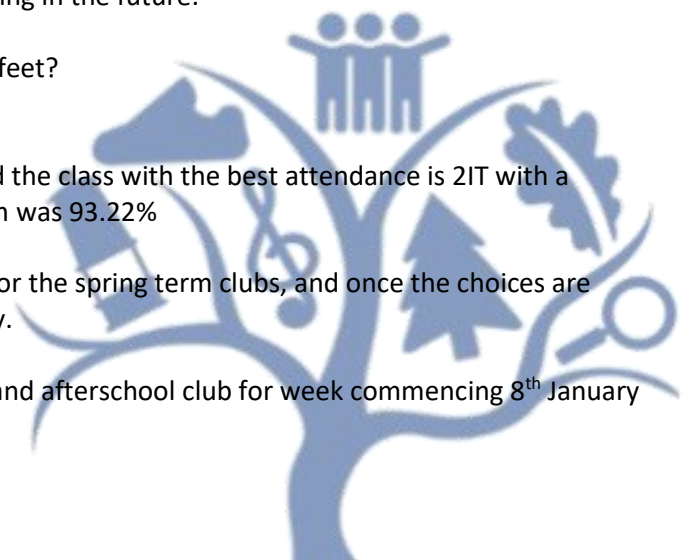
We also have another dazzling dancer in year 3, Isla D, who was awarded some winning trophies following her examination for freestyle dancing also. Well done Isla, I look forward to hearing more great things about your dancing in the future.

Can you both help Mr Smith with his two left feet?

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 89.76% and the class with the best attendance is 2IT with a fantastic 97.93%! Our overall attendance for the autumn term was 93.22%

Spring-term Clubs: We are currently reviewing the options for the spring term clubs, and once the choices are finalised we will send out the form upon our return in January.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club: The link to book breakfast and afterschool club for week commencing 8th January will be sent out to your email during the holidays.



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. At this time of year, PE is generally in the hall however depending on the weather we may still have opportunities to go on the yard or field so please ensure your child has a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 8 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 4AF and 4BK (swimming)	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday		
Thursday	Year 3	Nursery 5DF
Friday		Year 4 Swimming 5RN

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 8 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Nursery	
Thursday	2FM	
Friday	1AP	

WCFP: During the festive break, the WCFP will be offering free packed lunches to all local school children. No referral is necessary; all they ask is that children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in taking up this offer during the holidays, then lunches can be collected from Unit O (opposite Virgin Money), in The Galleries on Tues to Fri between 12-3pm, excluding Boxing Day.

HAF Programme: The Holiday Activity and Food Programme is back this winter! They have various sessions available to children aged 4-16yrs old – you can head over to the following link to check eligibility and view/book sessions:
<https://orlo.uk/CDG8p>

Can I give a huge thanks to everyone who has wished me a happy birthday for Christmas Day. I've tried to keep the big 50 a secret, but the staff at school have felt otherwise!

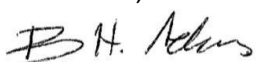
Also, on behalf of all the staff, can I all wish you a very merry Christmas and hope you get some time to enjoy being with friends and family.

Thank you for your on-going support.

We look forward to seeing everyone, ready for another full term, when school reopens on Monday 8th January.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School

Merry Christmas





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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Mila H Noah C
	RSC/BG	The Whole Class
Reception	RAM	The Whole Class
	1AP	Mason R Belle T
One	1ES	Katie H Luna S
	2FM	The Whole Class
Two	2IT	The Whole Class
	3MS	The Whole Class
Three	3JW	The Whole Class
	4AF	The Whole Class
Four	4BK	The Whole Class
	5RN	The Whole Class
Five	5DF	The Whole Class
	6PP	The Whole Class
Six	6LM	The Whole Class
	TSK TNP	The Whole Class
The Treehouse		

