

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally into December! It's hard to believe we're approaching the end of the autumn term and Christmas is almost upon us. The decorations and trees around school are looking wonderful (thank you to the elves who visited on Thursday night) and we're getting excited to begin celebrating Christmas over the next few weeks.

Snow Tubing: On Wednesday, our year 2 pupils had a very enjoyable morning at Silksworth Ski Slope, where they got to have a go at snow tubing. This was partially funded by the local authority to year 2 pupils across Sunderland – which we were grateful to receive. All the children loved the experience and commented on a great morning.



Local Visit: Squirrel Class pupils from The Treehouse enjoyed a fantastic visit to Aldi at The Galleries this week. This term, they have been learning about different types of food, a healthy diet and finding out where food comes from and carried out a scavenger hunt to find various types of food. Their behaviour was great, and they represented the school wonderfully while in the local area.



Elf on the Shelf Raffle: Congratulations to Harry B (year 2) who won the Christmas raffle. I hope the elf isn't causing too much destruction around the house! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for this raffle.

Non-Uniform Day: Thank you for all the bottles and chocolate contributions received today for our non-uniform day. All these kind donations will go towards two of our most popular stalls at the Christmas fayre next Wednesday.

Attendance: This week, our overall attendance is 92.01% and the class with the best attendance is 5DF again with a fantastic 97.86%!

House Points: The winning house this week, with the most points, was Darwin. Congratulations!

Goodbye: It's always a sad day when a member of staff leaves the school. Today is Mrs Reay's final day in our Treehouse provision before she starts her new job on Monday. She has been a valuable member of the JFK team, and she will be missed. On behalf of everyone, I would like to wish her good luck and all the best for her next adventure.

Feeling Festive: The school has become a Christmas delight this week. Huge thanks to all the staff (and pupils) for making the areas look festive. Special thanks must go to our Assistant Headteacher (Mr Pearson), who coordinated and lead a small team to decorate the main hall tree. It is by far the best tree we have had in school!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: On Thursday 7th December we would love everyone to come into school in their Christmas jumper. If you would like to donate to Save the Children, please use the link below:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230028085>



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 now on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 04/12/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	4BK and 4AF (Swimming)	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Treehouse (Swimming)	

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.

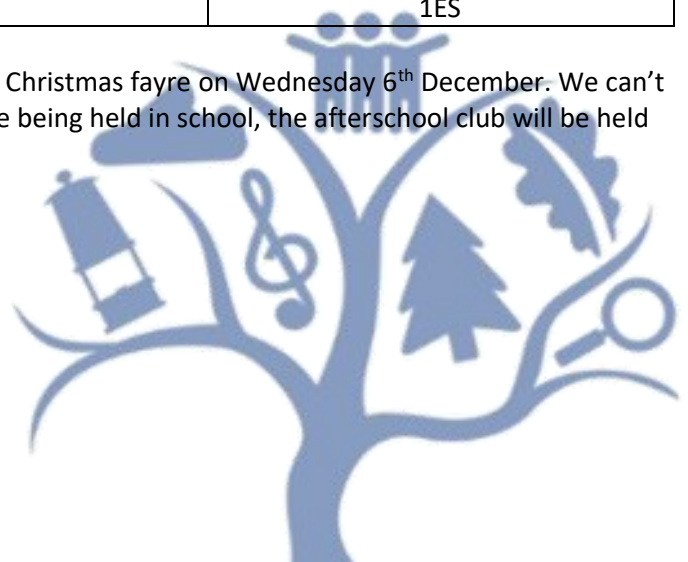
Week Commencing 04/12/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	RAM
Tuesday		RSC/BG
Wednesday		
Thursday	2FM	
Friday		1ES

Christmas Fayre: Just a reminder, we are holding our annual Christmas fayre on Wednesday 6th December. We can't wait to have some festive fun with everyone. Due to the fayre being held in school, the afterschool club will be held in the nursery building for this night.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr B Adams
Head of School





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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Charlotte R Lockie B
Reception	RSC/BG	Travis B Isaac D
	RAM	Elizabeth B Sam P
One	1AP	Jude B Arthur S
	1ES	Sylvia HF Harry M
Two	2FM	Harrison G Harper P
	2IT	Jack B Harry R
Three	3MS	Olivia O Lacey-Mae B
	3JW	Tilly R Joseph W
Four	4AF	Olivia S Alice L
	4BK	Rosie C Tymon B
Five	5RN	Mia R Noah H
	5DF	Mason C Lucy H
Six	6PP	Charlie S Jordy P
	6LM	Amelia T Leon C
The Treehouse	TSK	Kieran
	TNP	Daniel LP

