

JFK Buzz

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John F. Kennedy
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2023. It's hard to believe this is the first Buzz of the year!

The children have settled very well in to their learning - there has been a real buzz around lessons and work. They are also being incredibly polite and well-mannered around school, which has been lovely to see.

Parent Survey: Thank you to all parents who completed the short survey before Christmas, your responses are really important. The focus of the questions was to look at ways to improve communication between school and home. We will continue to provide as much information through letters, ParentPay, The Buzz and Facebook, however, there will be occasions when extra letters will now be sent home electronically. We will be starting with school trips, as this was raised by a number of parents. When a trip is now organised, a detailed letter for the visit will be sent alongside the payment option on ParentPay. Over the coming weeks, if you do feel that communication has been missed, please speak to the class teacher, so we are aware.

School Website: As part of the school rebranding, the new website has gone live over the holidays, the link for this is:

<https://www.jfkprimary.co.uk>

The company we have used have made a great job of promoting our school. Over the next few weeks we will be adding to the site and also correcting any small glitches or errors which have appeared. The website will be an additional communication tool, which will include information around whole school and year group events.

Family Learning: This week, we received details of Spring Family Learning courses, organised by Apextra. This term, there is an additional programme involving maths being run at The Forage, which sounds really interesting. These have always been very well received by families who have participated in the past. As a school, we believe that these are great opportunities for parents as well as children, to work together and complete exciting activities. All courses are free to attend, so if you are interested for this term, please contact Denise using the following details:

Denise Hepplewhite 07747832225 or dhepplewhite@apextra.co.uk for more information.

Football: Last night, the girls' football played their first two fixtures in their Futsal league. The first game of the night was against George Washington and the team showed brilliant determination throughout, winning 2-0 with goals from Lily W and Holly R. Our second game was a tight contest with St Bede's, and although the team put up a strong fight, they fell to a 2-0 defeat. Despite conceding early, the girls showed excellent team spirit and battled until the final whistle. Well done to everyone who played last night.

Music: Mrs Fort's class had a visitor in class today and Leo C has written the following:

This morning, Mrs Tuffnell, who is Biddick Academy's music teacher, came to teach us a song from 'Shrek the Musical'. She also told us how to respect people for the different talents saying we are all unique. I personally enjoyed the lesson because it was very fun watching people dance and sing along to the different parts of the song. We warmed up our voices before we started singing the real song. Also, me, James and Charlie were the best at different accents.

Thank you, Leo, for reporting on your lesson this morning - it sounded like everyone enjoyed it. I could also hear the amazing singing from my office.

Parking Reminder: As we come to the end of the first week back, can I please remind adults who use their car to be considerate and park safely around school on a morning and afternoon. Please use the layby or the carpark on Station Road, or if possible, use the carpark at the Westwood Club and walk the short distance to school. No-one should be driving onto pavements or grass areas - it could make it unsafe for children or members of the community. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Week Commencing 16 th Jan		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3BM
Tuesday	4AF	
Wednesday	Nursery	RSC
Thursday	2MA	
Friday		1ES

Year 5 will be starting their sessions after half-term as they are having music lessons taught by a member of staff from Biddick Academy this half-term alongside a longer fortnightly swimming session.

Year 6 will be having sessions during the term, but this won't be weekly as they prepare for their SATs.

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 can 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.

JFK Star: This week we are proud to share with you Oscar's achievement. In December Oscar took part in a 5k elf run for bone cancer patients he raised £245 and was so happy he could raise money to help sick people. He will receive a medal for completing the run and raising over £150



Pupil Absence: Just a reminder that if your child is unable to attend school, then you do need to contact the school office to let us know. Even if you get the answer phone, please leave a message, as Mrs Mackintosh and Mrs Watson do listen to these throughout the morning. As a school, we have a duty of care, and this includes being accountable for all children every day.

Spring Term After School Clubs: Beginning on the 3rd week of this term, (Monday 23rd January), we will be running a new set of clubs that your child can access. Once again, I must say a huge thank you to all the staff for organising clubs after school. Please look out for the link next week to book your child a place.

Friends of Washington Mind: Washington Mind are holding a meeting on 18th January at 11am - all are welcome! They will be joined by Julia from Green Doctor who can provide free, impartial advice and support to help you save energy, reduce your bills and live in a warmer, more comfortable home.

Vacancies in school: We have vacancies in school for lunchtime supervisors. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our school team, please contact the office for further details.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 16th January - [B & ASC Booking Form](#). 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	Emilia FL Isabella P
RAM	Rory S Josh G
RSC	Esmae M Leon T
1MS	Grace L Harry F
1ES	Rihannon F Thomas A
2MA	Lara AM Keira Mc
2FM	Carson S Phoebe A
3MA	Flynn M Imogen W
3BM	Henry L Oliver H
4IT	Aaron B Elsa A
4AF	Husna I Matthew T
5DF	Maggie C Sam M
5RN	Liam R Louis M
6PP	Harry HH Evelyn M
6LM	Archie C Elliott H
Treehouse	Emma W James L

Head of School Award:

Cecil R for amazing work in phonics and with his writing.

Seth A for being a great friend around others in school.

Alfie Mc for an excellent retell in English and for improving his handwriting.

