

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to be back after the week off. I hope everybody had the chance to relax.

**Welcome:** We have had 4 new staff join the JFK family on Monday. Mrs Hope-Hindmarsh and Mrs Curry have started in the Treehouse, Mrs Bell is supporting pupils across the school, and Miss Hartshorne is working with pupils in our reception. We hope they have enjoyed their first week.

**World Book Day:** Just a reminder that the school will be celebrating the love of books by participating in World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are encouraged to wear clothing to express an emotion – examples were sent before half-term.

**Racism Awareness Workshops:** On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March, Sunderland Foundation of Light will be coming into school to work with children from Year 2 to Year 6 around the topic of racism. Children will take part in workshops across the day and learn about the dangers of assumptions and stereotypes. Along with this, they will learn the definition of racism and derogatory language so they can take this with them to spot and address racism or the use of inappropriate language in the future. They will learn about 'world view' and the importance of critical thinking in their everyday lives.

The Sunderland coaching staff will also be holding sessions for parents on the above dates, after school. An email has been sent to the parents of the above year groups to offer these sessions by completing a form. Whilst parents are taking part in the workshops, children can take part in a football training session with the Sunderland coaches.

The dates for the parent workshops are as follows:

Year Group of Your Child:	Date and Time:
Year 2, 3 and 4	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 4:30pm
Year 5 and 6	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 4:30pm

If you are interested in this, please register your details using this [link](#).

**Attendance:** This week, our overall attendance is 93.30% and the class with the best attendance is 6LM with a fantastic 99.23%!

**House Points:** The winning house for the first week of this half term, with the most points, was Swan. Congratulations!

**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		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1 (including Treehouse)	
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2 (Including Treehouse)
Wednesday	RAM	RSC/MO
Thursday	Year 3	
Friday	Nursery	Year 4

**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.

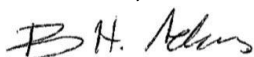
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Monday	3JW	RSC/MO
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Wednesday	Treehouse	2FM
Thursday		RAM
Friday		Nursery

**School Football Team:** On Thursday evening, the school football team resumed their league campaign with games against Holley Park and Biddick. The team enjoyed being back on the grass for the first time since the autumn and their first opponent was Holley Park. The team started off brilliantly, constantly being the first to the ball and keeping their opponents in their own half. Lucas S was able to open the scoring, taking one touch of the ball before spinning and placing it into the far corner. The lead quickly doubled through an own goal, with JFK going into the second half 2-0 up. The team showed their brilliant defensive abilities being able to see out the remainder of the game securing the victory. The second game of the evening was against Biddick. This was an end-to-end game with both teams having good chances to open the scoring. Late into the second half, Biddick were able to break the deadlock with a long-range effort finding the top corner. Despite opportunities in the final moments of the game, the football team were unable to find an equaliser with the win going to Biddick. Well done to everyone involved.

**Wraparound Childcare Survey:** We have been asked by 'Together for Children' to ask our parents to complete a survey regarding wraparound childcare. We would be grateful if as many parents as possible could complete this by noon on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/4rRGacxbHA>

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	Lily Mc Abigail S
Reception	RSC/BG	Lucas B Isabella M
	RAM	Yahya H Elliot A
One	1AP	Ashton A Mason R
	1ES	Freya D Talia K
Two	2FM	Lewis P Neve W
	2IT	Rihannon F Oliver R
Three	3MS	Rosie M Ada G
	3JW	Jacob B-M Joe E
Four	4AF	Jude C Olivia S
	4BK	Jacob L Tymon B
Five	5RN	Victor H Mohammed D
	5DF	Samuel B Ella-Mae R
Six	6PP	Ellie C Alexa M
	6LM	Sam G Grace L
The Treehouse	TSK TNP	The Whole Class Riley P

