John F. Kennedy Primary School The Buzz Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week is complete. The weather has been mixed, with sunshine and showers, although the rumour is that it is going to be getting hotter over the next few days. Once again, lots of excellent work has been completed this week. I have visited a number of maths lessons across school today and will be visiting the remaining classes next week – we have some brilliant mathematicians in school. I was very impressed!

After awarding lots of house points to individuals and groups this week, our winning house was Currie! Well done Currie, let's see which house will achieve the most points next week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you again to everyone who came along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday or bought cakes on the yard after school. We raised £258.79 for this very worthy cause, which is especially close to our hearts this year.

Harvest Festival: Many children from school will be taking part in a Harvest Festival celebration at Holy Trinity Church in Washington Village on Monday morning. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parents at this event due to the number of children who will be attending, however we are asking for any final donations of tins, packets and non-perishable foods, which families are able to make, are handed in to school on Monday morning.

Football: Last night the team continued their good start to the season with their next two matches against Blackfell and Fatfield. Continuing to improve their teamwork and organisation, they worked hard to try and find a way through against Blackfell with tricky conditions hampering their style. Unfortunately, as much as they tried, they could not find that deserved goal, with the first game ending 0-0 with Richard B making his school debut. Their final fixture saw them play against Fatfield. A fierce drive from Lennox B forced their keeper into a save but he could only parry it as far as Reuben who scored a true strikers goal from a few yards. With the team looking ready to push on, an unfortunate goal was scored off a deflection, bringing the game level at 1-1. Refusing to give up, Liam R pushed hard at the end and scored a wonderful goal to seal a well-earned 2-1 victory.

Our Girls' team began their season on Tuesday with three games against Holley Park, St. Bedes and George Washington. Their first game ended with a 8-0 victory seeing Holly score twice in the first half and then again in the second half giving her a hat-trick, Lily scored 4 goals and Amelia finished with the final goal making it 8! The second game against St. Bedes ended with the girls winning 1-0 after Amelia hit the back of the net. The final game against George Washington was a tough one with action at both ends of the pitch, this ended in a 0-0 draw. The girls were fantastic showing great determination and enthusiasm.

Attendance: We recognise the importance of all pupils attending school each day, and we would like to reflect this by including the attendance for the week alongside the best attended class(es). This week, our attendance is 92.5%. The class with the best attendance this week is 1ES with 97.04%.

School Photographer: Just a reminder that Tempest photographers will be in school on Tuesday 17th October to take individual and sibling photographs for pupils in school.

PE Lessons: Please note on Monday all children will need to wear their school uniform as we are attending church for a Harvest Festival celebration. Those scheduled to have PE should bring this in a separate bag to change into.

All other 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 on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 9 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming	Year 2
		Year 6
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5 (5DF)
Friday	Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5RN)
		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.

Week Commencing 9 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		4AF and 4BK
Thursday	2FM	
Friday	1ES	

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 9th October – <u>B & ASC Booking Form</u>. It is important that the booking form is completed as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Best wishes,

Mr B Adams Head of School







