

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another busy week in school! What has been lovely, and I know I shouldn't use the 'C' word, but the school corridors and hall have been filled with Christmas songs this week as all pupils have begun with their preparations for their shows and services. They sound amazing already. Reminder details of these can be found later in the newsletter.

Children in Need: In school today, we had a special visitor. Pudsey Bear arrived and went around every class in school to meet the children and collect any donations in his bucket. The children were very excited by this special visitor and topped off a great day we had raising funds for such a worthwhile charity.

JFK Superstar: This week, I received some amazing news about Amelia T in year 6. She is a fantastic footballer, and Newcastle United have noticed this as she has been signed by the club. Congratulations Amelia, I can't wait to see you score in a World Cup final!

Attendance: This week, our attendance is 92.56% and the class with the best attendance is 5DF with 97.14%.

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

Christmas Fayre Donations: If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out and have any good quality toys or books, we would be grateful of any donations you can make for our upcoming fayre. Please hand any donations to your child's teacher or to the school office.

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 20/11/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Nursery	Reception
Thursday		
Friday	Treehouse Swimming	Year 4 Year 5 (DF) 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 20/11/23		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		RAM
Tuesday		RSC/BG
Wednesday		
Thursday	2IT	Nursery
Friday	1ES	

Christmas: As we start to focus on the end of term and festive season, I feel it is important to remind everyone of all the Christmas events planned in school. For all shows and performances, parents are invited to attend.

Date	Event	Year Group
05.12.23	West Boldon Lodge visit	Treehouse
06.12.23	Music Concert – 9.30am	KS2 instrumentalists
06.12.23	Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
07.12.23	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
11.12.23	Reception Christmas Performance – 9.30am	Reception
11.12.23	Nursery Christmas Performance – 2.00pm	Nursery
12.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 1 and 2
13.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 3 and 4
14.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Church Service – 10.00am	Year 5 and 6
14.12.23	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
15.12.23	Hill Farm visit Gibside visit Gala Theatre visit Silksworth Ski Slope visit	Year 1 Year 3 Year 4 Year 6
15.12.23	Year 2 Christmas Party	Year 2
18.12.23	Gibside visit Rainton Arena visit	Year 2 Year 5
18.12.23	Year 1 Christmas Party	Year 1
18.12.23	Early Years Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
19.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
19.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
19.12.23	Treehouse Christmas Party	Treehouse
20.12.23	Carols Around the Tree: 9.15am 10.00am 10.45am 2.15pm	Year 1 and 2 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6 Nursery and Reception

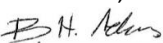
Secret Christmas Raffle: Just a reminder that we have a fantastic prize to give away in our latest raffle of an "Elf for Christmas Magical Reward Kit" (kindly donated by a local company Elf for Christmas). Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased via ParentPay. The raffle will be drawn next Friday, and the winning family contacted directly.

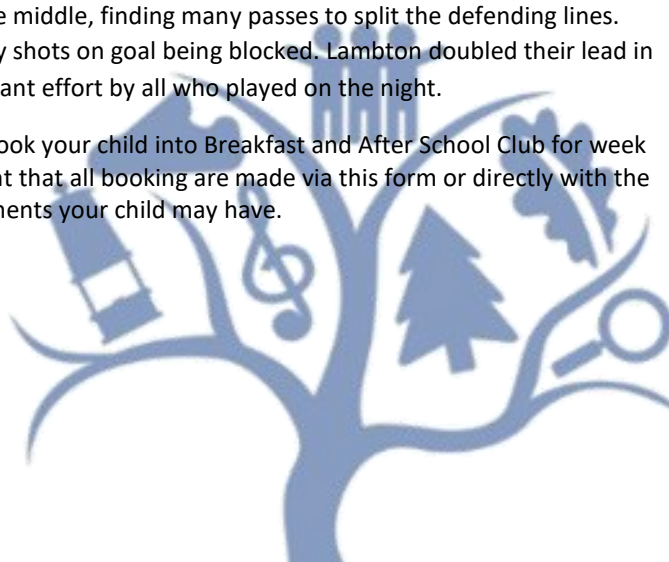
School Football Team: On Thursday evening, the school football team took part in the first week of the Futsal League. The first game was against Rickleton. The game was a very tight contest, with Henry A producing some wonderful saves to keep it level. Halfway into the game, Rickleton were able to break free and slot the ball into the bottom corner. JFK kept creating chances however were unable to equalise. In the dying moments of the game, Rickleton scored their second with the game ending 2-0. The second game of the night was against Lambton. This game was end to end with both teams having chance after chance. Lambton broke the deadlock but once again the team showed fighting spirit. Alfie A and Lucas S both had efforts denied by the Lambton goalkeeper. Sam M and Lennox B were very creative in the middle, finding many passes to split the defending lines. Liam R and Jenson T showed good effort while defending with many shots on goal being blocked. Lambton doubled their lead in the final minutes of the game with it ending 2-0 to Lambton. A brilliant effort by all who played on the night.

Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club for week commencing 20th November – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). It is important that all booking are made via this form or directly with the school office. Please ensure you advise staff of any dietary requirements your child may have.

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	Asher S Oakley G-F
Reception	RSC/BG	Logan S Isabella M
	RAM	Junior S Alex S
One	1AP	Frankie B Thomas P
	1ES	Isla L Isla O
Two	2FM	Neve W Harry B
	2IT	Thomas A Poppy L
Three	3MS	Lilly H Thea G
	3JW	Blake H-F Eva G
Four	4AF	Rosie B Hunter H
	4BK	Emelia B Katie C
Five	5RN	Ayda R Lilly-Rose M
	5DF	Grace M Joseph B
Six	6PP	James P Maggie C
	6LM	Robas I Emily T
The Treehouse	TSK	Nathan Mc
	TNP	Daniel M

