



NETHERTHONG NEWS

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29TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

7th—Smile theme lunch—free to all pupils

11th— Parents' evening (virtual)

12th—Parents' evening (face to face)

15th—Flu vaccinations

22nd—last day of half term

NOVEMBER

1st—First day of half term

Covid-19 Update

Please continue to be vigilant in your social distancing and sanitising practises. We are experiencing a number of cases in school and are working hard to keep this to a minimum.

Work will be provided by teachers to pupils who have had a positive PCR test result and have to self isolate for 10 days. This work will be sent out via Teams, but in consideration of staff workload and well-being, this will not include live lessons. The member of staff may check in with your child for a face to face meeting at some point each day.

Please note that work is not set for pupils who are absent from school due to any other illness.

Trees and the playground

Thank you for leaving the school premises promptly at the end of each day; this is enabling clubs and our wrap around club to use the grounds.

We are noticing that later in the evening, children are climbing trees and misusing the playground. As I am sure you will agree we are very fortunate to have such wonderful grounds and we teach the children to respect the equipment, plants and trees.

Please could we ask all parents/carers to help us keep our playground as beautiful as it is by stopping children climbing trees, pulling on branches and climbing on walls. Thank you.

NUTS

A reminder that products containing nuts should NOT be brought to school due to allergies.

Mindfulness

Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying an hour of mindfulness every Monday since the start of term. The sessions are being delivered by Pennine Sports' Partnership using the Paws B curriculum and they are designed to teach our children how to 'notice' and how to control their mind and focus when they find their thoughts wandering. The children are learning about the different parts of the brain, for example the pre-frontal cortex and the hippocampus, and how these different parts can help us with 'making choices' and 'noticing the wobble'. The children have been working on breathing techniques during the sessions and thinking about the secondary meaning to 'Paws B': pause and 'be'.

We hope to roll this out in the future for other classes.

Links

[School Website](#)

[Reception Blog](#)

[Class 1 Blog](#)

[Class 2 Blog](#)

[Class 3 Blog](#)

[Class 4 Blog](#)

[Class 5 Blog](#)

[Class 6 Blog](#)

[School Calendar](#)

Free school meals application

If you are on a low income, and in receipt of certain benefits, your child is not only entitled to a free school meal, but also things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. We would urge all eligible parents to apply, as this application ensures that school receives the additional funds to be able to provide this.

To see if you are eligible for this, please contact free school meals either on freeschoolmeals@kirklees.gov.uk or on 01484 221000

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Progress

Succeed

Holmfirth Place Standards Exercise

During September and October Kirklees Council is asking residents, businesses, local organisations and visitors how you feel about Holmfirth town centre now, and what things you'd like to see in the future.

We want it to be welcoming for children and families.

The Council is investing £1.5m in the Holmfirth centre as part of the small centres investment funding.

We would like to hear what is important to children and families and ideas and suggestions for improvements to Holmfirth town centre, to help decide how the funds will be used.

'Your voice, your Holmfirth' is running from 6th September to 15th October.

Link to the on-line information and the on-line form people can complete, plus details of the drop-ins if people would prefer to tell us :

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/your-voice-your-holmfirth/>



Birthdays

Please can we remind parents/carers that as a healthy school we ask that sweets and chocolate are not be brought in to be handed out to celebrate pupils' birthdays. Many children have enjoyed bringing a book to share with the class as an alternative.

Many thanks for your support.

<p><u>Absences/Lateness</u></p> <p>*Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day</p> <p>* Planned absence – please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance</p> <p>*Please adhere to the allocated arrival and departure times for your child's class. If you are late contact the school office</p>	<p><u>Medicines and illness</u></p> <p>*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again</p> <p>*A medication consent form must be completed before any medication can be administered. Forms are available from the website or in the office. Medicines must be named/labelled</p>	<p><u>School Meals</u></p> <p>*Changing meal plan? Make sure you complete a form and hand in at the office before a holiday for the change to take place after a holiday</p> <p>*Payable <u>in advance</u> via ParentPay. Ongoing debts must be referred to Kirklees for collection</p>
<p><u>Road Safety</u></p> <p>*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school</p> <p>*Don't forget to use our one-way system (8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm) and drop & go zone (8.30-9.00am). For details please see Parent Information Leaflet – available on website or from office)</p>	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts/newsletter by email fortnightly? Please inform us if not.</p> <p>*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters – some letters may have deadlines/require a response</p>	<p><u>Covid-19</u></p> <p>*Do not send your child to school if your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms.</p> <p>*Please reinforce hygiene, washing hands and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' with your child</p>