

# KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# **NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023**

#### FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

|              | WHOLE SCHOOL | CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 | CLASS 3 | CLASS 4 |
|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| RIPLEY       | 97%          | 98%     | 97%     | 97%     | N/A     |
| BECKWITHSHAW | 97%          | 95%     | 97%     | 98%     | 98%     |
| KETTLESING   | 97%          | 97%     | 98%     | 96%     | N/A     |

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

#### **HEADTEACHER UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Carers.

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the first half term of the academic year and am delighted with the on-going progress made across our wonderful Federation. We have had hugely successful Open Days, Harvest Festivals, Parent/Carer Celebration Assemblies, and PTA events. At Kettlesing and Beckwithshaw much investment has been made to the outdoor areas and Early Years, along with curriculum resourcing across schools. Ripley had another inspection- this time SIAMS as a Church of England School and we are overjoyed that the school received the top judgement - please read via the link: https://www.ripleyendowedprimary.org.uk/information/siams-report-october-2023

This half term community has been at the centre of what has been happening both in school and in our Federation communities. Within the school communities we have our children, staff and families who through continued, mutual support play a part in enabling our schools to live out our vision of growing together, guided by love. We have wholly committed staff, and the most wonderful children who are thriving, flourishing, and taking part in outstanding learning. We have our PTAs who give up their valuable time from their families and busy lives to support the school in raising much needed funds to enrich school life in many different ways. Outside of school we have the support of Ripley All Saints Church, Parish Councils and village residents who support us hugely. I may have been seen in Wellington boots, up ladders, hanging bunting, 'skipping' items amongst other things - I hope this demonstrates to you all that I am committed and willing to get stuck in and lead your schools and our Federation with passion and by example.

It has been another hugely successful half term and I wish you all a restful half term break.

Warmest Regards,

Miss Kirkman

## Reminders, Updates, and Information

#### **ParentMail Accounts**

A polite reminder that all dinners and wraparound care provision, should be paid for in advance of meals/sessions being taken.

Charges are applied for the week every Friday, and there should be enough money on the account to clear the amount applied, as set out in the T&C's and in accordance with North Yorkshire school dinner policy. Where accounts fall into debt, letters will be issued by school.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about financial matters, please contact Mrs Randall or Mrs O'Connell in the school office.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

| DATE            | EVENT                                                   |  |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 6th November    | Autumn Term 2 commences School re-opens to all students |  |  |
| 10th November   | Remembrance Day                                         |  |  |
| 13th - 17th Nov | Anti bullying week                                      |  |  |
| 17th November   | Children in Need                                        |  |  |
| 22nd November   | Flu Vaccinations (all classes)                          |  |  |
| 29th November   | Dick Whittington panto trip                             |  |  |

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#### **SWIMMING**

A reminder that children will need with them in school every Thursday:

- Girls: One piece costume (no bikinis or tankinis) towel and bag.
- Boys: Trunks or swimming shorts (thigh length, not fashion shorts), towel and bag.
- All children with long hair must wear a swimming hat or have hair tied back.
- Jewellery is not permitted to be worn during swimming lessons.
- Goggles maybe worn and remain the responsibility of individual children. Children may be asked to remove their goggles for some elements of the lesson programme.
- Children may on occasions be asked to bring clean clothing or pyjamas to wear for water safety lessons. This should be light weight clothing which can be removed easily and worn over the top

Payment for the full term is available to pay on ParentMail +Pay



We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Hemming who left at the start of term. Mrs Hemming returns to Kettlesing having heard about all the positive changes and exciting developments and cannot wait to be part of this positive Kettlesing Team. We welcome her back as TA in Class 3 and Breakfast and After School Club.

School Council will be meeting this week to decide our fundraising target for the year. We hope to be able to make some positive changes for our school.

We would always welcome, and would be very grateful for any donations of books to school. We have a lovely rainbow reading library and would like to continue to add some current and exciting releases to continue to capture the children's interests.

#### **CLUBS FOR AUTUMN 2 TERM**

#### **SPORTING INFLUENCE**

Tuesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Multi Sports Club with Sporting Influence

Multi Sports will replace Street Dance, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activity they participate in each week. Booking and payment for this club is available on ParentMail +Pay. This will be on a first come first serve basis. By changing the club every term, we hope to offer a wider variety of activities with something for everyone across the year. This particular club has been very popular, so ensure you book your place when slots go live.

The Club will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 06.11.23 - WC 11.12.23.

The full payment of £27.00 will be required to secure your child's place.

Booking and Payment for all clubs is now available on Parentmail.



**House Point Tally** 







# **Dates for the Diary**

### **Remembrance Day Service**



#### FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 2023

On Friday 10th October, we will be paying our respects and remembering all the brave soldiers, who have fought and fallen in conflicts. The school will be gathering at the War Memorial at 10.45am, to conduct a brief service, where wreaths will be laid and poems recited, before observing a minutes silence.

Billy and Charlie Carr will be laying wreaths on behalf of the children and staff of



#### WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH

## **Fire Safety Visit**

On Thursday 12th October, The North Yorkshire Fire Service came to Kettlesing Felliscliffe Primary School to inform our children about fire safety and show the children how the fire service operates, using equipment like the aerial ladder platform!

The children enjoyed an informative discussion with the fire officers and then a Q&A session, before being shown just one of the many vehicles the fire service uses.

The children enjoyed the visit immensely.



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#### Class 1



Class One have had a very busy but fun month. They have been working hard with their colour mixing and have been using this skill to create various paintings as well as creating amazing models in the Creative area. The Year 1 children have been learning to add two numbers together using a part-whole model, whilst the Reception children

have been comparing objects by size – learning new language such as 'taller' 'shorter' 'longer' 'smaller'. In our English lessons the

children have been looking at nursery rhymes. They have been looking at how they can change and adapt a nursery rhyme as well as finding rhyming words. In History we have been continuing to look at ourselves and how we make history. We have been comparing the past with the present, looking at how birthday parties have changed or stayed the same. We have also been learning about how everyone is different and unique. Everyone has worked so hard this half term and



I am sure they will all agree that they are ready for a little rest over half-term.

#### Class 2

In Class 2, we have been completing some fantastic work on the Stone Age this half term! We have also been looking at colour mixing and creating collages in art and focussing on what a healthy diet looks like in Science. In Maths, we are now adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers and concentrating on rhyme in Poetry! We also had an amazing debate around a Stone Age topic in Guided reading.



#### Class 3

What a busy few weeks in Class 3! We have continued to work hard across our curriculum and have shown so much positivity and resilience in tackling challenges. We are super excited to produce our final art prints over the next week and we have been writing some fantastic persuasive letters in English. In PSHCE, we have explored life as a citizen of our country, the importance of our school community and how children's rights can differ around the world.

We are super excited for our WW2 day next week to finish our history topic!

## **World Mental Health Day**

All the children enjoyed taking some time for their own wellbeing on World Mental Health Day. The children opted to play some games and share time talking with one another. A lovely and wholesome session of kindness and positivity.

# Safeguarding - Online Safety

## **Halloween and Bonfire Night**

#### **Halloween**

Clothing – while it's great for children to dress up, most Halloween costumes are highly flammable so focus on using LED light candles.

When trick or treating, children should be supervised at all times and parents aware of the dangers of naked flames in Halloween decor (pumpkins/lanterns) and bonfires.



- **Pumpkin Lanterns** don't use real candles in them, get the led t-lights they are brighter than a real candle.
- Door knocking go with parents to people you know. Only knock-on doors where there is a clear sign
  they want you to, e.g. a lantern on the doorstep. Many people are vulnerable and don't really want lots of
  people knocking.
- **Treats** always ask a grown up before eating any of the sweet treats you collect. Never accept or eat any homemade treats form people you don't know. Only eat treats that are securely sealed in individual shop brought wrappers.
- **Parents** think, where are your children? Try to encourage children to have a sensible approach to the evening so it is





- Attend- organised displays where possible.
- **Sparklers** wear gloves and put each sparkler into a carrot. This makes it much easier for little hands to hold safely. Have a bucket of water to put sparkler sticks in as they are very hot even when out. When at a display, stick them in the ground to cool them and make sure children are in a good space when using sparklers so they don't accidentally burn someone else.

If an accident does happen and clothes catch on fire the advice is to STOP, DROP & ROLL

#### **ALWAYS**

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable seller, every firework should have a CE mark on them to state they have passed the required safety standards.
- Always keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Always light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Always keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Always direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators or flammable objects such as bushes and trees.

#### **NEVER**

- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket and never throw them.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never let children play with fireworks.



# Safeguarding

## **Halloween and Bonfire Night Cont...**

#### **Bonfire Questions Answered**

- **Q) What is proposed to be burned on the bonfire?** All material should be clean and safe, no treated wood, tyres, plastics, rubber and oil should be burned. Only burn small amounts of paper, leaves, wood and cardboard and ensure the waste is kept secure before burning. If the waste can harm health or pollute the environment it should not be burned.
- **Q)** Where has that material come from? Don't be a victim of waste crime, do not accept waste from a business, commercial or industrial setting, it should be waste that has originated from your domestic property only. If you suspect illegal waste activity report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or if waste is being burned contact North Yorkshire Council (Harrogate area) on: 0300 131 2 131 or report it online via this link Environmental protection enquiries and issues About this form Section 1 SRT My Harrogate or send an email to environmentalprotect.har@northyorks.gov.uk.
- **Q)** Is it appropriate, safe and legal to burn? Follow the above advice and that stated in the documents below and ensure you position the bonfire in a safe area where there is no risk of other buildings, land or trees catching fire, or people being hurt. Manage the fire to ensure flames and smoke are controlled, and ensure the fire is never left unattended.

If you decide to have bonfire at home make sure you are fully aware of the information above and that stated in the following useful documents.

Remember Bonfire Night but make it legal and safe: Remember remember bonfire night but make it legal and safe - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Burning waste on campfires and bonfire: GOV.UK

Garden Bonfires: The rules: Garden bonfires: the rules - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

A community guide to celebrating with bonfires and fireworks: Celebrating with bonfires and fireworks - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

## **Extra Curriculum**



# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

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Scotton Scorchers JFC have spaces in our girls teams from Year 1 to year 6.

Please get in touch with Mike at mikeandjanec@googlemail.com if you would like to come along for a free session.

Mike Collier

Scotton Scorchers Girls Football Lead







