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Newsletter

1st October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy few weeks in school with lots of fantastic learning going on both in and out of school. Children have settled well into their new class routines and we are still making the most of our new found freedoms.

Thank you so much for your kind donations of cakes / biscuits and buns for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. The total raised was £229.88. We all know and have experienced the devastating effects that cancer can bring to many peoples' lives. This money will go towards helping make a difference.

World Car Free Day was a huge success for us and we have a number of opportunities to take this further and make a difference! See further down this newsletter.

We are currently in the process of recruiting another parent governor and if you would like further information or an informal conversation about the role then please do get in touch. Further information can be found below from our chair of governors, John Perry. The closing date for nominations is Monday 4th October.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Whitehead

Headteacher

Dates for your diaries...

Flapjack Friday - Every Friday morning until half term in Church
04.10.21 - Reception trip to Nell Bank
07.10.21 - School Walking Bus
07.10.21 - Phonics Information for Reception Parents
08.10.21 - World Mental Health Day
21.10.21 - Mixed Football event at South Craven - KS2
21.10.21 - Year 1 & 2 trip to Nell Bank
21.10.21 - End of first half term
01.11.21 - Teacher training Day / Parent Consultation afternoon
05.11.21 - Spelling Day - Further info below
06.11.21 - Open morning for prospective new children in September 2021
09.11.21 - Diversity Day
11.11.21 - Open afternoon for prospective new children in September 22
12.11.21 - Children in Need
15.11.21 - Anti Bullying Week
15.11.21 - Road Safety Week
19.11.21 - World Toilet Day
26.11.21 - Non uniform day - donations for Christmas Fair
03.12.21 - Christmas Fair in school
07.12.21 - Nativity performance in Church - 2pm & 6pm
09.12.21 - Carol Service in Church - 6pm
16.12.21 - Christmas dinner and party afternoon



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Parent Governor Vacancy – Message from John Perry – Chair of Governors (Please also see email sent out to all parents last Friday)

The Governing Body is looking to fill the current Parent Governor vacancy as soon as possible.

There are three Parent Governor positions on the Governing Body, each elected by parents/carers of children currently attending the school - Parent Governors are a key part of the Governing Body and have an important role to play in governing body business.

The term of office is four years from appointment, even if your child has moved on from the school.

This is a strategic role, and not about the day to day running of the school.

The Governing Body is responsible for:

- Setting the strategic direction of the school, ensuring clarity of vision and ethos;
- Overseeing the budget and ensuring that this is spent appropriately, and;
- Monitoring the performance of the school.

Governors are appointed to ensure that school objectives are met, that all children are able to achieve as learners and that the available finances are efficiently used.

Governors support and encourage the headteacher, the senior leadership team and all staff to ensure that all children at Kildwick CE Primary School have access to an enriched education and the breadth of opportunities they deserve.

There are around 10 governing body meetings per academic year; spread across the three terms. Meetings are generally in the early evening although we are looking to ensure that at least one meeting per term is held during school hours to allow children to take an active role in the governance of the school.

Meetings usually last around 1½ hours maximum.

Whilst any interested parent/carer can put themselves forward to be a governor, we would particularly be interested in nominations of parents/carers who would like to champion and oversee the engagement of parental views in the school and the business of the Governing Body, or who is knowledgeable about Health and Safety, or interested in developing this brief, as from November we will also need to fill this position.

All governors are also involved in monitoring elements of the school curriculum, which require governors to meet staff.

I would encourage you all to consider putting yourselves forward for the vacant position; being a school governor is a very rewarding position - parent governors are important for the continued success of the school.

Please feel free to discuss the vacancy further with Mr Whitehead at school.

John Perry
Chair of Governors

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Safeguarding

This week Miss Akrigg and myself led a Collective Worship about Safeguarding. We talked about keeping the children safe in school and at home. It was great to hear the children's responses and reassuring to know they know lots about keeping themselves safe. This is a big part of our PSHE curriculum and the children's safety is our priority. For information Mr. Whitehead is the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school and Miss Akrigg is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Our Chair of Governors, John Perry is the Safeguarding governor. For advice and guidance on keeping your children safe online please contact Mr. Horton.



Water and snacks

Polite reminder that children should only bring water in their water bottles. We welcome children bringing fruit into school for snack. Please do not send children with 'Fruit Winders' or other similar snacks.



Time keeping

Please ensure that children are dropped off at school before 9am. When children are late to school it can often take them longer to settle into the school day which has a negative impact on their learning and development. For those children in Key Stage Two who are doing the IDL sessions we would ideally like them at school for 8:45am. Please let us know if this is a problem and staff will do all they can to provide a solution.



Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are labelled. Staff are spending a lot of time helping children search for their belongings. We seem to have a lot of unlabelled items left at the end of the school day.



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Car Free Day – Wednesday 22nd September

Thank you to everyone who joined in with this event. It was a success and great to see lots of parents and carers walking and scooting to school. Traffic around school was considerably reduced and I have had several emails requesting that this should become a weekly event. I do understand that, for some, due to work commitments or the area travelling to school from, this is very difficult. The school walking bus leaves each Thursday from Cross Hills Coop car park at 8.30am, please sign up on Parent Pay.



Walking Bus

This takes place each Thursday and leaves from the car park at Cross Hills Coop at 8.30am. Please sign up for free on Parent Pay.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - This Week



Monday

Spanish - KS1

Choir KS2

Kanga Sports - KS2

Tuesday

Art - KS1 & 2

Running Club - KS2

Kanga - KS1

Wednesday

Dance - KS2

Cookery Club - KS1

Thursday

Bell Ringers



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THE VOTES ARE IN

Core Value Vision Leaders

The Vision Leader votes took place last week. All staff commented on the effort and enthusiasm of the children who stood for election. We all said that we would not like to pick a winner. The children in school obviously felt the same and we ended up with a hung parliament situation! Well done to all five children, we think your vision is very impressive and we look forward to seeing your impact on the school.



Linked to this, they have invited our local PCSO Emma Daines into school to talk to them about the traffic situation surrounding our school and what actions we can campaign for to make our surrounding area safer for the whole of our community. I have also had a discussion with a parent who is very keen to help move this forward. I am certain that there will be other parents who would be interested in assisting us with this campaign. If this is you, please email the school office.

Cross Country - South Craven

It was fantastic to see so many children - 37 in total from our school taking part in the local cluster Cross Country event at South Craven. This was our first sporting event since the start of the pandemic and it was great to see so many children (from all schools) having so much fun! All of them ran with determination and we had two winners and a third place with quite a lot moving forward to the next round at Giggleswick. Those children will be informed when the official results have been sent through.

Thanks to all the parents attending and supporting this event.



Living to Love

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday 24th September

Thank you very much for all the kind donations of food and money for our annual Macmillan Coffee event. It was fantastic to have our school hall open for visitors and to see children and parents mixing freely.

We raised a whopping £229.88. This money will go towards supporting the valuable work that the specialist Macmillan nurses do within our community, supporting people affected by Cancer.





Happy Birthday to you!

Isaac - Class 5

Emmie - Class 5

Daisy - Class 1

Lola - Class 4

Susanna - Class 3

Harry - Class 4



Birthdays

Children are invited to come in non-uniform on their birthday.

If this falls on a weekend or during a holiday, they can come in non-uniform on the Monday or Friday before their birthday.



Loving to Learn

School Music Group

We are looking to establish a music group / band in school and this will run as an extra-curricular club after school each Thursday until 4.10pm for KS2 pupils. If your child has started to learn an instrument or has been having lessons a while, then please do consider joining this club. Mr Schofield, who teaches music lessons to KS1 and Year 3 will be leading the club. Mr Whitehead will be joining the band too. Please see separate email sent out this week. If you would like more information or a conversation about this then please do email the school office.



Nell Bank Trip

Reception children will go on their first trip on Monday when they visit Nell Bank in Ilkley. Please make sure that the children are dressed for the weather conditions. All children need to be in school by 9am and can be collected at 3:30pm. Please do not attempt to collect from the coach as this makes it difficult for staff ensuring children are returned safely to parents and carers.

Year One children in Robins and Swallows and Year Two children in Swallows will be going to Nell Bank on Thursday 21st October. Please ensure you have paid or consented to this trip on parent pay.



Phonics event – Thursday 7th October

Miss Akrigg will be holding a Phonic information session for new Reception parents on Thursday 7th October. - 5pm. This will be an informal meet up about phonics in general and also information about our new phonic scheme, Little Wandle. This session will be held in Robins class.



Spelling Day - Friday 5th November

We will be celebrating spelling day in school on Friday 5th November. We are inviting you to send your child/ren into school dressed as something that they are able to spell. For example, a character from a book or film or an everyday object that they can spell. In the afternoon of this day, children will work in their core value houses on various spelling activities.



Loving to Learn

Parent Consultation - Monday 1st November

We will be holding our parent consultation event on Monday 1st November. This year we will be operating a mixture of online and in person appointments.

Further details to follow.



PTA

The first PTA session was held this week with a number of really great fundraising ideas. Events organised by the PTA don't just benefit the children in terms of the extra finances brought into school, they also remind us what a great school community we have. We look forward to welcoming you back into school for these events in the near future. There will be an update from the PTA and some diary dates in the next Newsletter.

Reading Scheme in school

We have had to remove a number of damaged books from our school reading scheme. Also during the lockdown periods a lot of books were not returned. We will be replacing these. If you think you may have misplaced a book or one may have got damaged in your possession, please consider contributing. We would also welcome any voluntary contributions to continue to develop our range of books in school. It is very important to us that our children have good quality books which reflect our approach to reading. This is now live on ParentPay, thank you in anticipation of any donations.



SENDCO

A reminder that Miss Akrigg is our SENDCO in school. She will be arranging meetings with parents and carers of children with additional needs in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns or queries you would like to discuss with Miss Akrigg please contact her at d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk

Class Awards – 24/09/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

ANNABELLE
EDDIE

FEARNE

FAYE
MADDIE



Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

GEORGE

EMMI-LOU

AOIFE

Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE

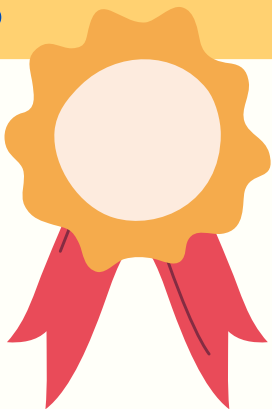
LOVE

LEARN

RALPH

ANNIE

SKYLA



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

WILLOW.H

EUAN

FINLAY

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

EMMIE

BEN

ERIN



Class Awards – 01/10/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ISLA HARI	VIOLET GRACIE-MAE	CHARLOTTE HENRY

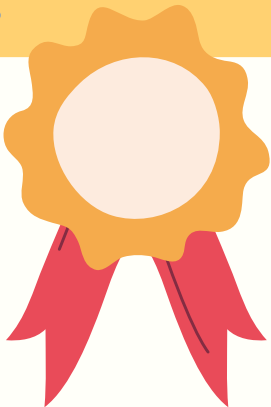


Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
IVY	TEDDY	EVELYN

Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ISLA.F	GEORGE	MOLLY



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
LOUIE	HIDAYAH	RUBY

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ISLA	MIA	ESME

