



Learning together for life

Newsletter 4

Tuesday 1 November 2016

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the start of term 2, I do hope that you had an enjoyable week last week. All of the staff here at Kirkby on Bain are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

Harvest festival



Many thanks for your very generous donations of food and other items which were given during our harvest festival before the holiday. Thank you to the Westcott-Wiles family who took them all to The Nomad Trust in Lincoln, a charity for the homeless, where they were very gratefully received.



NEW: Official school Facebook page

The school's official Facebook page is now "live". We will use it to share photos and videos of events and learning activities that take place in school. We will also communicate various pieces of information on the page. Our intention is that this will provide the school with an extra way of communicating with parents and carers. The Facebook page will not replace the existing forms of communication but will instead add to and enhance them. The school now utilises the following methods of communication:

- **Newsletters** – these are usually sent via ParentMail although if there is a form to return, the letter will come home as a paper copy (in addition to being sent by ParentMail).
- **Other letters** – these too are usually sent via ParentMail although paper copies are sometimes sent home.
- **Website** – Our website is absolutely packed full of useful information about the school and the homepage is regularly updated with the latest school news. Previously sent letters are available to download from the "letters" section of the school website.
- **SMS messages** (text messages) – To access these, you will need to be signed up to ParentMail. The school incurs a fee for each SMS message sent and the amount of characters we are able to use for each message is limited but this is a good way to get a short message out quickly to most parents.
- **Twitter** – to receive our tweets, "follow" us by going to www.twitter.com/KOBPrimary. These are free to the school but, like SMS messages, are limited to 140 characters.
- **Facebook** – our newest form of communication. To ensure our posts appear on your timeline, "like" our page by going to www.facebook.com/KOBPrimary. Messages are free and there is no limit on the number of characters we can use.

To use your child's photograph on our website, on Twitter and on Facebook, we do need your permission. So, if you have not yet returned the permission slip included on my last newsletter, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Friends' disco

The Friends have arranged an exciting disco for all of the children which will take place **this Friday** straight after school finishing at 5pm. The disco will take place for the first time ever in the school hall! Children will need to bring a change of clothes with them on the day (which they will change into after school) as well as some spending money, in a named purse, to buy snacks and treats. Tickets are £2 per child or £5 for three siblings and will be available to buy outside the double doors at drop off and pick up time from tomorrow or on the door on Friday. Please collect your child at 5pm from the main doors to the school hall at the end of the disco.



Children in Need takes place on **Friday 18 November** and we have decided to have a non-uniform day. Instead of school uniform, the children may wear whatever they want! They may also bring their favourite cuddly toy to school for the day. In exchange, we would suggest a £1 donation to the charity **and** a donation of one item to the tombola which will take place at the Christmas fair the following week (full details below).

Friends' Christmas fair

On **Friday 25 November**, there will be a Christmas fair. This will take place straight after school in the school hall and has been arranged by the Friends to raise money for the school. There will be a selection of stalls offering a variety of crafts and other items to purchase including Christmas decorations made by some of the children. The Friends desperately need donations to the tombola stall and so, as mentioned above, they would be most grateful if on Friday 18 November you could bring one item (such as chocolates, sweets, bottles, tins and shampoo) to donate. Please do join us for the event itself and invite family and friends to come along too.

Pupil premiums

You may be aware that all publicly funded schools receive additional funding for children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits (pupil premium) and for children whose parents are in the armed forces (service premium). Every school receives an additional £1320 per child eligible for the pupil premium and £300 per child eligible for the service premium. This funding is put to good use to support the children in school. If you think your child or children may be eligible for either of these premiums, please contact us.

Parents' evenings

If your child is in Chestnut, Willow or Oak class, please remember to sign up for a parents' evening session either on **Wednesday 16 November** or **Wednesday 23 November**. Appointments can be made by logging into your ParentMail account. If you are encountering any difficulties in booking your appointment online, please contact the school. Thank you.

Book fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school from **Tuesday 22 November until Monday 28 November**. The fair will run each day from 3.30 - 4.00pm. You are invited to come in between these times to browse through the selection of books on offer; a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas presents! The more books bought the more books the school will receive in commission.

Healthy week

We are very proud of our Healthy School status at Kirkby on Bain and with that in mind we have decided that the week beginning **Monday 21 November** will be "Healthy Week" in school. We will start each day of Healthy Week with a twenty minute fitness session in the playground for all children and staff. Each session will begin at 8.50am and will continue until 9.10am. On arrival at school, the children should come directly to the playground, leave their bags at the side and join in. The children will need to come to school each day dressed already in their PE kits. They will not need their usual school uniform as we intend to be very active throughout the week! I appreciate that your child may not have more than one blue PE polo shirt so, for the duration of Healthy Week, the children may wear either a white or blue polo shirt with their school sweatshirt, shorts or jogging bottoms (depending on the weather) and trainers or plimsolls.

Forthcoming dates

Below is a list of forthcoming events which have not been mentioned in this newsletter. Further information will be provided nearer the time:

- Thurs 8 Dec Church Schools Carol Concert at Lincoln Cathedral – Oak Class
- Fri 9 Dec Woodhall Spa Christmas Market
- Tue 13 Dec Friends Christmas dinner for the whole school at Coningsby Community Centre
- Wed 14 Dec Carol service (including the Maple Class Nativity) 2pm and 6pm in St Mary's Church
- Fri 16 Dec Christmas parties in school
- Mon 19 Dec Whole school trip to the pantomime in Skegness
- Tue 20 Dec Last day of term 2

Yours sincerely,



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