

Kirkby on Bain Church of England Primary School

'Learning together for life'



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Newsletter 1

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Well done everyone on completing week one in such great style. It was lovely to welcome you all back to school on Tuesday and I have been thrilled with the way all ages have settled into their classes so well. I have seen some fantastic work being produced in all classes with enthusiasm and lots of smiles. Our Maple children look very settled already – you've been fantastic! It was an absolute pleasure watching them touring the school on Wednesday, finding their way around school and meeting other staff and pupils with impressive confidence. One child even said they wanted to stay in Oak – two days of Maple and straight into Oak – the fast track primary route!

Thank you to all of you for your support in ensuring the return to school was smooth and for your patience with inevitably tired children.

Uniform

Another big thank you for your support with this. There are still a couple of things that we are giving a gentle reminder about but on the whole, this is much, much better. We appreciate your help with this.

Good Work

As I mentioned in my welcome letter earlier this week, we loved having you in school to share our class assemblies last academic year. In addition to continuing these, we would like to offer an invitation to you to join our weekly good work celebrations. We have moved these to 2.50pm on Fridays to allow you to attend prior to collecting your child/children. We are not entirely sure of the number of parents who will be able to attend each week and space is limited in the hall but we would like to at least start with an open invitation. Please bear with us – we will reassess if necessary and we will do our best to accommodate you as comfortably as possible. These will be held every Friday this half term starting next week on Friday 14 September.

Parking

As with many schools around the county and beyond, car parking is a challenge at Kirkby on Bain CE Primary.

We appreciate that this can be stressful for everyone and therefore write to seek your support in reducing this stress as much as possible. The number of families travelling to and from school on a daily basis creates quite a bottleneck around Church Lane and Wharf Lane.

Unfortunately, the issue of parking has already been raised, mainly due to parked cars obscuring driveways and parking on the turning area at the end of Wharf Lane. This causes inconvenience to local residents but also poses a health and safety threat to our children, many of whom use the footpath which leads to this area when arriving at and leaving from school. We would appreciate your support in making the start and end of the day easier for both the school and local residents. This is really important and we would like to make you aware of some options for parking that can help to make this happen. Please find further details overleaf.

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Could you walk to school?

If you live in the village then walking to school would be a great thing to do. It eases the pressure on the smaller roads around school, reducing stress for parents and villagers and a short walk to school in the fresh air is a great start to the day for your children too.

Park & Stride

If you live too far away to walk from home, you could still walk the last part of your journey to school. We have an excellent relationship with The Ebrington Arms and they are happy for parents to park in the car park and walk to the school from there. This is a short walk and enables you to leave your car, turn left out of the car park at the Public House and then cross the road and walk down the footpath which brings you out at school itself. This option is available at both ends of the day and is only about a 5 minute walk.

Nursery Car Park

Parents are also able to park behind the nursery, in the village hall car park, and then walk to school from there. This is not very far from school at all and means less cars are parked on the narrow roads.

Tattershall Road Layby

This is a larger area to park on that is not far from school and parking here reduces the number of cars on the narrow roads around school.

Drop and Drive

You are welcome to pause at the Church Lane end of the footpath to enable you to drop your children off with a member of school staff who will be on duty from 8:50am. When using this facility, please make sure that your child is ready to exit the car with all of their bags etc. when you come to a halt. This will ensure traffic is kept moving smoothly along Church Lane.

School Bus

This may be an option for some of you travelling in vehicles to school. Please see www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-and-college-transport for details. If we don't make use of the school bus, we will lose that facility.

Our main goal is to protect the safety of our pupils, their families and our local community. If you can think of any other ways to ease the pressure, please do let us know.

If you do need to park near school at any point, please park in accordance with the Highway Code, making sure that all driveways to the houses and the Church are left free and that the roads remain easily passable for all vehicles. At some point during the year it is likely that the PCSO will visit the school at either end of the day to monitor the parking and it's always nice to show we are respectful to our school and local community. We would also appreciate your support in encouraging other vehicles to adhere to the speed limit. It is not obvious to visitors to the village that there is a school nearby but ensuring that our parents are driving with due care will hopefully impact positively on their driving too. If you do have any questions please do speak with either the school office or with me and we will be more than happy to help.

Many thanks,

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Miss Day - Headteacher

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