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Head's Note

Dear All,

Well, what a busy couple of weeks we have had so far this term! The personal development of our children is one of our school targets and, as Covid restrictions ease, we have lots of exciting opportunities taking place to support and enrich learning taking place in class.

World Book Day, Kirklees Book Quiz at Huddersfield Town Hall, Strictly Pennine Dance Festival at the Lawrence Batley Theatre for Y4 and dance club, a day of history study in York for Years 5 and 6, a fashion show and workshops lead by Mrs Bolton from CVHS are just a few of the events we have held since half term! See a selection of photos in this newsletter and on our website for a snap shot of these super events.

There is lots more to come in the next few weeks too; we will keep you posted! Mrs Travis

Friends of Linthwaite Ardron PTA Fashion Show

Friday March 11th - doors open at 7pm

Fashion Show starts at 7:30pm

It is still not too late to come along THIS EVENING to Broad Oak Bowling Club to enjoy our fabulous fashion show and see our volunteers modelling, with all outfits being available to buy on the night. All clothes are from Chainreaxtion,and are available in a wide range of sizes and price range. Ait promises to be a fun night out shopping from the comfort of the bowling club, so come along and bring your friends.

Tickets are available on the door, at a cost of £5, with all proceeds going to PTFA funds to help support our children's personal development.

Parent / Carer Information Evening—

30th March 2022

Parents/Carers are invited to meet with their class teacher for an update on pupil progress, areas of strength and areas for future development. If your child currently has an IEP (Individual Education Plan) these will also be shared. As usual, our parents/carers evening will start at 2.30PM. A letter with more details will be sent next week in book bags.

Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Health and Safety

Gifts of food/sweets — although it is a kind gesture to send food and/or sweets into school for sharing with classmates, unfortunately our school, like most schools, does not allow this. This is to protect vulnerable children with severe allergies who may have an adverse reaction to a product which has not been vetted by staff or parents before consumption. We are sure that the parents of our school will understand why we have to sometimes follow rules that seem to have no purpose other than spoiling the enjoyment of children.

Bags2School—Save the date!

PTFA fund-raiser

Start collecting those unwanted clothes and textile items during your Easter 'Spring Clean', as they can help us to make money for school, whilst also doing you a favour and de-cluttering your home!

Bags will be distributed after the holidays, with 'Bags2School' collecting them from outside the school gates on the morning of April 27th.

Your maths, their maths, our maths

FREE TRAINING!

Would you benefit from a short 5 week Maths course so you are better prepared to help your own children with homework? The course will cover what children will be learning in school and how you can enhance a child's numeracy level at home in a fun way.

It's a great course to refresh your own maths skills and increase confidence around maths. Research has found that a parent/carer's attitude to maths can have a great impact on a child's numeracy abilities and doing this course can help break down those barriers!

The training will start on Friday 25th March in the school hall every Friday from 9-11:15am for 5 weeks.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents all welcome! A free, maths goody bag including games and other resources will be available for all who take part on week three. A free Crèche will also be available for any younger siblings who need childcare.

Please let us know if you are interested by dropping into the office to let us know or email **office.linthardron@kirkleeseducation.uk** for more information.

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Calling all Alan Sugars! Grow a £1 Challenge

As a fun maths-related PTFA fund-raiser, we will be holding a 'Grow a Pound Challenge' over the Easter holidays, giving each child in school £1 and challenging them to think of their own venture, activity or event of their own that will make a profit on that money.

School will be having a focus on creative maths lessons on the subject of money, finance and savings during the run-up to the enterprise challenge, with children taking home their special pot of money to 'grow' on the 8th of April.

School is also keen to have finance sector professionals in to talk to the children about their job and what it involves, so if any parents / carers work in finance and kindly feel they could help us out , even for half an hour, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact Ms Starrett if you could come into school and talk …. money!

Healthy Start Digital Scheme

Just a reminder for our families eligible for Healthy Start, to sign up to the new digital scheme by the end of this month in order to continue receiving the service. Even if you are currently receiving the vouchers, you will not automatically be transferred to the new scheme—you must sign up at **https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/**. Vouchers will cease to be sent out later this month, so it is important that parents join the new version to avoid losing out.

Once signed up , you will receive a debit card topped up with the value previously received in voucher form. This can be spent at any shop that sells food and has a card reader, avoiding voucher use for anyone who may have felt uncomfortable in the past. This card will also act as proof of entitlement to free vitamins, so please show this card at your local distributor.

Qualify for the Healthy Start scheme if ; you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or you have at least one child that's under 4. In addition, you must be receiving any of the following: Child Tax Credit (only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit (which includes the child addition), Universal Credit (only if your family's take-home pay is £408 or less per month from employment) Any parents struggling to sign up/are digitally excluded, contact Thriving Kirklees **01484 415465**

Music Maestro Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Edward in Year Six, who has recently been selected to play in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britian, where he performed lead violin in his first weekend with them. Wow.

Not only that, but he entered and came first in the Violin class at the prestigious Mrs Sunderland competition recently, scoring so highly that he was asked to perform again on stage at Huddersfield Town Hall in the final night gala concert.

Well done Edward and, with younger brother Archie also showing musical talent as a percussionist, we are looking forward to them performing for us in school soon.

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World Book Day

We had tremendous fun on World Book Day. The children enjoyed working out who the 'Masked Readers' were! There are more photographs on our school website on the school 'Enrichment' page. Click on the link below

https://www.linthwaite-ardron.org.uk/curriculum/reception-4-1-2-1-1-3-2

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Strictly Pennine Dance Festival

Thank you to Miss Dunford and Miss Dyson for coaching pupils in both Year Four and our after-school Dance Club, so that they could participate in this fantastic event at the Lawrence Batley Theatre. The pupils were all very excited on the evening, and despite last minutes nerves, performed brilliantly. Well done everyone!

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Y5/6 Trip to York

Year Five and Year Six went to York last week. They visited Jorvik Viking Centre, The National Railway Museum and DIG! after having studied the Industrial Revolution and Vikings in history lessons this year.

The children had tremendous fun whist they found out all about; how Vikings lived in York (including how a Viking might have gone to the toilet, as the Jorvik Viking Centre has even recreated some rather yukky ancient smells!); had the chance to look at trains that included Queen Victoria's carriages and the famous Mallard, and were given a guided tour of historic York, the Minster and the Shambles by Ms Starrett. Thank you to Mr Pollitt who organised this class trip. Well done everyone!

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Kirklees Book Quiz - Huddersfield Town Hall

What a wonderful afternoon we had celebrating Kirklees 10th World Book Day Quiz and the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. Ms Starrett took two teams of four of our greater depth Year Six readers along to Huddersfield Town Hall for the quiz, where they faced six gruelling rounds of questions based on a book list of 20 set books.

The 20-strong reading list featured fiction, poetry, non-fiction and picture books and the trophy was eventually awarded to Colne Valley High School Team A, so our Year Six pupils are now really excited about transitioning to a high school which puts reading at its core.

Local entertaining performance poet and storyteller Conrad Burdekin was compère, his books include Space Cafe, The Baked Bean Queen and the Hungrumptious Blumpfh. Sienna deserves a special mention too, for winning a book by volunteering to learn and perform one of his poems. She was awesome!

We also had the privilege of meeting authors Dom Conlon and Jake Hope at the event. Dom's books Meet Matilda Rocket Builder and Swim, Shark, Swim! were featured on this year's reading list and were available to purchase and sign. Jake, a reading development and children's book consultant, has just released his debut picture book Cheesed Off!

Cllr Carole Pattison, Cabinet member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities, presented the winning teams with their prizes of book tokens and the trophy for the winning team. The quiz also underlines the importance of reading for pleasure, that children are still reading; they enjoy and appreciate the power of a good story and deserve access to a high-quality, diverse range of books. Next year's quiz will be on Thursday 2 March 2023 at Huddersfield Town Hall - Year Five can't wait!

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Spring 2 2022—Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
11/03/22	PTFA Fashion Show 7:30pm at Broad Oak Bowling Club—tickets available on the door. Cost £5	Parents and carers
16/03/22	Phonics workshop	Year 1 parents and carers
18/03/22	Comic Relief Day	All pupils
24/03/22	Year 1, 2, 3 Trip to Eureka Museum	Y1,2,3 pupils
24/03/22—New date	Hand to Mouth visit and workshop for pupils in Y4, 5 & 6	Y4, 5 & 6 pupils
25/03/22	Y2—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y2
25/03/22—New date	'Your maths, their maths, our maths' parent/carer training	All parents and carers
30/03/22 Amended Date	2pm—7.30pm Parent's Evening.	All parents and carers
01/04/22	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y5
07/04/22	PTFA stall outside school—selling Easter goodies in aid of pupil's personal development. Bring your pocket money!	Everyone
01/04/22—New date	'Your maths, their maths, our maths' parent/carer training	All parents and carers
08/04/22—New date	'Your maths, their maths, our maths' parent/carer training	All parents and carers
08/04/22—provisional date	If COVID rules allow—8.50am—Easter Service including stars of the half term—To be held in our Church, Christ Church.	Everyone
08/04/22—new date	PTFA fund-raiser 'Grow a £1 Challenge' pots sent home	Everyone
08/04/22	School closes for Easter break	Everyone

Summer 1 2022—Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
25/04/22	School reopens after Easter break	Everyone
25/04/22	Provisional date — dependant upon Covid regulations — Church service at our church, Christ Church. Service will start as soon as the children can register and get across to church.	All pupils. Parents/ carers also welcome
27/04 22	Bags2School—bags will go out to all pupils, for unwanted items, to be dropped at the school gates on the am of the 27th	Parents and carers
29/04/22	Y6 visit day to CVHS	All Y6 pupils
29/04/22—New date	'Your maths, their maths, our maths' parent/carer training	All parents and carers
02/05/22	May Day Bank holiday—school closed	Everyone
03/05/22	Y3 Throw and Catch Festival Leeds Road Playing Fields—all day event	Y3 pupils
03/05/22	Y5/6 Football Competition @ CVHS 4.15pm—5.30pm	Selected pupils
05/05/22	School closed for teacher INSET training day	Everyone
06/05/22—New date	'Your maths, their maths, our maths' parent/carer training	All parents and carers
09/05/22	KS2 SATS week (please see information on our website about how you can support your child at home)	Y6
09/05/22	KS1 SATS will take place in the month after this date and will be informal in style.	Y2 pupils
09/05/22—new date	PTFA fund-raiser 'Grow a £1 challenge' money due back into school	Everyone
10/05/22	Y5 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y5
12/05/22	YR—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in YR
13/05/22	Y3 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y3
17/05/22	Y3/4 Cricket Competition @ Broad Oak—times TBC	Selected pupils
19/05/22	Y3/4 Football Competition 4.15pm—5.45pm @ CVHS	Selected pupils
19/05/22	Y5 trip to Oakwell Hall	Y5 pupils
19/05/22	Y3 trip to Bagshaw Museum	Y3 pupils
24/05/22	Y5/6 Cricket Competition—times TBC	Selected pupils
27/05/22	School closes for half term break	Everyone
07/06/22	School reopens after half term break	Everyone

Summer 2 2022—Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
07/06/22	School reopens after half term break	Everyone
09/06/22	Y6 school trip to Oakwell Hall	Y6 pupils
09/06/22	Y4 school trip to Bagshaw Museum	Y4 pupils
10/06/22	Y5—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y5
10/06/22	Y1 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y1
13/06/22—provisional date	If COVID Rules will allow—Church service at our church, Christ Church. Service will start as soon as the children can register and get across to church.	All pupils. Parents/ carers also welcome
w/b 13/06/22	Spirited Art Week—Exciting activities will take place all week based on our theme which is yet to be chosen.	All pupils in school
14/06/22	Y6 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y6
17/06/22	Y4/5/6 Girls Cricket Competition @ Broad Oak—times TBC	Selected pupils
21/06/22	Y1/2 Football at CVHS 4.15—5.45	Selected pupils
23/06/22	Y6—Nature Smart Education Day (Outdoor learning day). Children need to arrive at school in clothes suitable for the outdoors.	All pupils in Y6
10/06/22	Y1 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y1
30/06/22 to 01/07/22—New date	Y6 Residential trip to Scammonden	Y6 pupils
w/b 04/07/22	Whole School Healthy and Safe Week	All pupils in school
05/07/22	Y2 Mini Olympics 1-3PM CVHS	Pupils in Y2
06/07/22 (new date)	Creature Ark visiting Key Stage 2—more details to follow	Pupils in Key Stage 2
06/07/22 (new date)	Creature Ark visiting Key Stage 1 —more details to follow	Pupils in Key Stage 1
08/07/22	Sport's Day	All pupils in school
11/07/22	Reserve Sports Day (in case in inclement weather on 8th July)	All pupils in school
14/07/22	6.30pm—Y6 production and leaving celebration	All Y6 pupils. Parents/ carers invited.
15/07/22	8.50am—End of year Celebration Assembly including stars of the half term in our Church, Christ Church (if COVID rules allow)	Everyone
22/07/22	School breaks for summer	Everyone