



KIRKBY LA THORPE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CLASSES

Robins: This week, the Robins have been busy working on their gross motor and fine motor skills in preparation for writing. We are learning to “pinch and flip” when picking up a pencil and beginning to understand the correct sitting position ready to write. We have learned the next group of sounds (these are in your packs to practice at home). In maths, we have been using conkers on 5 frames to find different ways of representing numbers 1-5. Amazing work Robins!

Goldfinches: This week in Goldfinches we had an unexpected, naughty visitor – Cave Baby, who left behind some ‘artwork’ on the class windows... We spoke about a time we were naughty, and a few children struggled to think of a time they were naughty! (Isn’t that funny?) We continued practising our handwriting of Long Ladder letters and learned a-e, o-e, i-e in Phonics. In maths, Year 1 did one less and one more within numbers to 10 and counting on from any given number. In Year 2 we learned how to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten and used a place value grid. In Topic we focused on what life was like on Christopher Columbus’ ship and chose jobs to do on the ship. In French we have so far learned 10 colours. In PSHE we spoke about the emotion worry and listed people we may talk to when we feel this way. In RE we looked at features of an Islamic Prayer mat and the importance of being able to focus when praying. Finally, in PE we continued practising our dodging skills in fundamentals and in gymnastics, we balanced on apparatus.

Kingfishers- Roll up, roll up! We started this week of with a BANG! Our classroom transformed into a crazy, intriguing circus. This inspired our writing for the book we have now started reading in English; Leon and the Place Between. The children ‘WOWED’ us by creating some amazing sentences using some brilliant adjectives to describe the nouns we could see within our circus. In PHSE, we have been talking a lot about memories, and the feeling of grief. Next week we plan to create some lovely memory boxes to coincide with this, to cherish these memories of past and present. Please can children bring a small cardboard/plastic box (no bigger than a backpack) into school for next Tuesday (1st Oct) – we have some spare if you cannot find any. The rest of the week, we have been working hard in all areas showing lots of determination and curiosity, asking those ‘Why’ questions, like St Thomas who inspires our values, not taking things for face value!

Woodpecker: This week we have started our new book called FAR THER by Grahame Baker-Smith. We began by making predictions about the characters and the setting of the text. We then started asking questions and describing the setting, using noun phrases and multi-clause sentences. We have also been completing some assessments in our core subjects. In Science we started an experiment looking at how different materials affected how far a toy car would travel. In music we learnt about dynamics. We also had a virtual author event where we listened to ‘Jenny McLachlan’ talk about her books and how she became an author. It was very interesting, and we learnt a lot. On our class page on www.kltprimary.co.uk, there is a link to the 500-word writing challenge. If your child felt inspired, maybe they could have a go.

Golden Eagles: Golden Eagles have had a busy week! On Tuesday we had a trip to the Lincolnshire Showground for a Construction Day. We learnt how to drive a mini digger, wear PPE correctly and safely, how to identify hazards on a construction site and how wind turbines are made! The children engaged in the activities and asked lots of questions throughout the day. We have read more of our book ‘The Last Wild’ in English this week. The children have written some lovely sentences which include relative clauses and noun phrases. We are planning to use these in our character descriptions. In Maths we have begun a new unit which is addition and subtraction using written methods. Year 6 have enjoyed our virtual author session this week with Jenny McLachlan who write the book ‘Land of Roar’. They came up with all kinds of characters they would use in their own stories. During art this week, we sketched a landscape outside our classroom window and will apply paint next week!

E-SAFETY

Wake Up Wednesday

With around 1.6 million teenage users, Instagram has become a favourite hangout for many youngsters online. Despite having so many young members on the platform, it poses its fair share of risks.

Download here >> <https://ow.ly/gfNu50Tv2wu>

KEY TIMINGS

- Breakfast Club: 7:50am
- School gate opens: 8:30am
- Registration opens 8:45am
- End of school day: 3:15pm
- After school Club: 4:45pm or 6:00pm

Please be aware that if you are late collecting for 4:45pm session, then you will be charged for a 6pm session

PRE-SCHOOL

- 8:30-11:30- Morning session
- 11:30-2:30- Afternoon session
- 2:30-3:15- Optional additional session

KEY DATES



W/c Monday 30th September- Kindness week

Wednesday 2nd October- Open day for 25-26
Reception intake 9:30am and 6pm

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October- Parents Eve.

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th- Y4 and Y5 Parents Eve

Friday 11th October- Harvest Supper- Friends of School- 6:00. More information below

Wednesday 16th October - Harvest Assembly more information to come

Half Term Friday 18th-Tuesday 29th October
Wednesday 6th November- Open day for 25-26 reception intake 9:30am and 6pm



Feedback

Please could you complete this form if you have been to one of our Meet the Teacher sessions. This will take about 2 minutes and we would really appreciate your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5fcWufy7nK?origin=IprLink>



CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97+%

Robins- 95.8%
Goldfinches-97.9 %
Kingfishers- 97.4%
Woodpeckers-94.4 %
Golden Eagles- 98.5%



Well Done Golden Eagles!!!

ATTENDANCE POLICY UPDATE



At the end of the summer term, our newsletter made you aware that there was going to be an update from the Department of Education regarding Attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>.

Based on this guidance we have had to review our attendance policy. Please find this new attendance policy on our website <https://www.kltprimary.co.uk/policies/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to maintaining high levels of school attendance, we would like to inform you about some important changes regarding holiday absences and unauthorised leave. These changes align with the Department for Education (DFE) updated guidance on improving school attendance, effective from 19th August 2024 in collaboration with the Local Authority.

The Academy consistently emphasises the significance of good attendance. We recognise that absences impact not only a student's academic performance but also their social well-being within the school community. The Academy closely monitors the attendance of all our learners and communicates with families when concerns arise. Our aim is to continue to work collaboratively with the families to address any issues and we will provide support and explore solutions together to support all learners to be in school regularly and on time.

Penalty notices and prosecution.

It is important to be aware that poor attendance may result in the issuing of penalty notices to parents. These notices can apply to term-time holidays, any unauthorised absences, or a combination of both. The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice in England is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period. This typically equates to 5 school days. (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

A Penalty Notice can be issued under the following legislation:

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
- In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a Penalty

Please note: A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.

- Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes it a duty for parents in relation to pupils subject to a fixed period or permanent exclusion to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during school hours, without reasonable justification, during the first five days of any such exclusion. If a child is present in a public place during the first five days of an exclusion during school hours the parent may be guilty of an offence for which they can be prosecuted by the LA before a magistrates' court or issued with a Penalty Notice.

See below for further information:

Penalty Notice	Details
First Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at £80 if paid within 21 days £160 if paid within 28 days.
Second Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
Third Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Alternative action should be taken, for example prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. Fines per parent are capped at two within any three-year period. If a parent is prosecuted for their child's non-attendance, they could face a fine of up to £2,500.

It is important to note that fines are a last resort, and parents are offered support from the academy on many occasions to improve their child's attendance first. Below is a reminder of the key attendance procedures to note:

Reporting absence

If your child is absent from school, please promptly notify the academy providing the reason on each and every day of the absence. Accurate and detailed attendance records are essential, and your swift action contributes to this.

Medical Appointments

While we encourage scheduling medical appointments outside of school hours, we understand that it's not always feasible. If you must have an appointment during the school day, please take only the essential time away from school to minimise disruptions to your child's education. Additionally, we kindly request that you provide the academy with a copy or screen shot of the appointment letter so that we can document it in the child's file.

Term time holidays

The DFE emphasises that term-time holiday should be avoided. Absence during this time can significantly impact your child's education. We kindly request that you plan holidays during breaks to minimise disruption in learning. Any such absences will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require a term-time holiday, please submit a written request to the academy as soon as possible and an appropriate meeting or discussion will take place. We will assess each case individually and provide guidance accordingly. However, if we determine that the circumstances do not qualify as exceptional, we will notify you in writing, indicating that you may be subject to a penalty notice issued by the local authority, which could result in legal action.

Unauthorised absence

These could be situations where a learner is absent without valid reason or permission. This could include being absent without notifying the school of the reason, taking term time holidays, arriving late to school, leaving early without a valid reason or truanting. Occasionally, we may request evidence to validate an absence. For instance, providing a medical appointment letter can change an absence from unauthorised to authorised.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority. If you have any questions, or you would like any support with the attendance of your child, feel free to contact the Attendance Officer, Mrs Adams at enquiries@kltprimary.co.uk.

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued. This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

CHARITY VOTE

Thankyou for taking the time to vote for our chosen charities this year. The children and staff have also voted too and we are pleased to announce that this year our chosen charities are.....

Local

H.A.R.T animal Rescue



National

St Mungo's- Ending Homelessness



International



Lincolnshire Stay Safe partnership

We know that many parents of year 5 and year 6 children ask us in our Online Safety sessions when is the right time to purchase a smartphone for my child. There are lots of benefits that technology provides but there are also risks that we should consider. Nip it in the bud has released an impactful film alongside some parent information that we feel would be beneficial for parents considering the question around smartphones.

Purchasing A Smart phone for a child?

Is it the right time to get my child a Smart phone? This is something we are asked a lot especially by Primary School Parents. A new film by the charity Nip in the Bud discusses the hidden dangers of social media and smartphone use among children. If you are considering getting your child a phone we would urge you to watch the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zhfd0jW7iY&t=605s> the film provides insights from children, headteachers and doctors, shedding light on the everyday harm caused by digital platforms.

Key facts:

- 90% of 11-year-olds own a smartphone, and most under 13 have a social media profile.
- 90% of girls and 50% of boys have received explicit pictures or videos they didn't want to see.
- 80% of teenage girls are pressured to provide sexual images of themselves.
- 1 in 5 children have been bullied online. Among them, 24% self-harm and 22% change their appearance due to bullying. Only 13% delete the app where they are bullied.
- Boys as young as 13 have been targeted for sextortion scams.
- MRI scans show screen time reduces brain areas responsible for visual processing, empathy, attention, memory and early reading skills.
- Psychologists, headteachers and GPs are advocating for stricter guidelines: no smartphones until age 14, no social media until age 16

You can read more information here which provides more options to consider around technology prior to purchasing smartphones for children. [Smartphones and social media fact sheet | Nip in the Bud | Free Downloadable Fact Sheet](#)



Harvest Supper & Auction

Come and join us for our annual celebration on

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 at 6pm

Sausage and Mash Supper provided by The Queens Head with cake stall & bar, Harvest Auction & more

Adult £9

Child £5.50

Tickets can be purchased using the QR Code Below until 5pm on 4th October



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Dear Parents/Carers,

16th September 2024

Friends of School Harvest Supper and Auction

Friends of School would like to invite you to our Harvest Supper and Auction to be held in the school hall at 6pm on Friday 11th October. Due to the size of the hall, we will be limiting the number of attendees to 100.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Lisa Robinson and the Queen's Head, for kindly putting together the following menu for the evening:

- Sausage, Mash & Veg - Adults £9, Children £5.50
- Vegetarian Sausage, Mash & Veg - Adults £9, Children £5.50
- Vegan option and dietary requirements by request

Please use the following link to place your family's order: [Harvest Booking Link](#)

Orders will close at the end of the school day on Friday 4th October so that we can place the order with the Queen's Head. Once you have completed the Google form, please pay by bank transfer as soon as possible as we will not be able to order your food without prepayment.

Account Name: Friends of Kirkby La Thorpe School Account No: 20357995 Sort Code: 20-34-60

On Thursday 10th October, the school will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for donations of fresh produce and hampers for the auction. This is the main fundraising element of the evening and it is always a lot of fun when the bidding wars break out! We also welcome any donations of tinned or dried goods, some will be used to make up hampers and any surplus will be given to the New Life Community Larder.

There will be a licensed bar, soft drinks, snacks and a range of cakes available to purchase on the evening. We will also be running a Chance Auction and a Lucky Dip stall for the children. As usual, we will be accepting cash and card payments on the night.

We hope that you will be able to join us at our first fundraising event of the academic year. Harvest Supper is always a fun family event and a great opportunity to socialise with other KLT families.

With many thanks,

Friends of School

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A life-changing NSPCC service

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge this October.

By supporting the Kindness Challenge you're helping to power Childline. Childline is there for all young people online, on the phone, anytime. On average, a child contacts Childline every 45 seconds.

Our Kindness Challenge

We'll be spending a week creating more kindness opportunities in our school community by working together to implement acts of kindness. We are asking that children make a donation of any amount that is suitable and achievable for you as a family, as we understand this is a difficult time for everyone, however, we are wanting to support the amazing work done by Childline.

Fundraising

- Please send in a donation to support Childline's work in a sealed envelope.

It all adds up

All the money we raise at Kirkby La Thorpe C of E Primary Academy will help keep children supported and safe.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Leader
Kirkby La Thorpe Academy



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:

- Childline, visit nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline
- Keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Kindness Week

Just a reminder that next week is our Kindness week. Children will be demonstrating kindness at home and at school and if the children are able to get sponsored for it, all the money will go to ChildLine (NSPCC).



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Dear Parents/Carers,

13th September 2024

Asda Cashpots for Schools

We've got some exciting news to share with you!

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app and shop in store or online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. We already have £58.37 in our Cashpot so thank you to those who have already registered!

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose Kirkby la Thorpe Primary Academy – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

With many thanks,

Friends of School |

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thankyou to everyone that came to our coffee morning- it was a great success Thankyou for all of your kind donations and we successfully raised £120.70.

I was also want to take this opportunity to say thankyou to Ms Feary for organising.

