



# KIRKBY LA THORPE

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## WELCOME BACK

We would like to warmly welcome all our children and families back after the Christmas holidays. It has been lovely to see the children return to school settled, happy and ready to learn. We are already well and truly back into the swing of things, with classrooms full of enthusiasm, routines re-established and learning well underway. We look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## CLASSES

**Robins:** What a fabulous two weeks we have had in the Robins Class. The children are really enjoying our new topics "Starry Night" and "Winter Wonderland". We have talked about how we know it is daytime and nighttime. The children have made their own starry night pictures using chalks and glittery paint on black paper. We have been on a "nocturnal animal hunt" around the classroom – ask us what nocturnal means. How many nocturnal animals can your child remember? The children have explored the changes that have happened during winter. We have had lots of fun in the snow and frost. In literacy, our book has been The Comet. The children have described the pictures and used their phonics skills to write simple sentences. In maths, Reception have been developing their skills using ten frames to represent numbers 8, 9 and 10. The children noticed that these numbers can be made using 5 and a bit more. Pre school have been experimenting with shapes – making different structures linked to stories. In music, we have been singing action songs and discovering that actions help us to remember the words. Finally, we have been learning about road safety and what to do if we get lost. What a busy two weeks!

**Goldfinches:** -We have been doing 'The Day the Crayons Quit' in English, leading to writing letters from Duncan, one of the characters. In maths we have been concentrating on 3D shapes, and Y2 have started doing some symmetry. In History we have looked at changes in school life since Victorian times and in Music we have been looking at sound using call and response.

**Kingfishers- Kingfishers:** On Tuesday, we experimented with paint and had such a fun lesson! We learnt that mixing colours with white is called a 'tint' whereas mixing colours with black is called a 'shade'. The children produced some amazing work and enjoyed sharing their work with each at the end of the session.

# E-SAFETY

How do digital devices impact children's wellbeing?

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# 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

Owls phone number to be used 3:15-6:00pm  
07511 855786

## PE DAYS

EYFS- Monday and Friday

Y1/2- Monday and Wednesday

Y3/4- Wednesday and Thursday

Y5/6- Thursday and Friday (outside of swimming dates)

(Swimming for year 5 and 6 is everyday from 12.1.26 to the 23.1.26. This is for 2 weeks only.

Outside of these dates Y5 and Y6 will have PE on Thursday and Friday )

## CLUBS

Mon- 5/6 football

Wednesday ¾ kurling

Friday ½ dodgeball



## OWLS AND LARKS

Just a quick reminder that the costings for Owls and Larks will increase from 1st November.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Larks: £4.25

Owls: £5.50 (early sessions)

Owls: £9.00 (full session)

# PRE-SCHOOL

## WORKING FAMILY ELIGIBILITY CODES

Providers are asked to remind parents to apply for, or renew, codes before 31st December for eligibility in January. Codes issued (or renewed) after this date will NOT be valid in the spring term.

A child cannot start to access their working family funding code in the grace period.

Digital images are attached to this bulletin. Please share these on your social media and other digital platforms to remind parents to renew their codes.



Thank you for taking the time to complete the new paperwork. We apologise, but there is also an additional update that has recently been released, which you may need to review and update in January. If you receive a Working Families eligibility code, please ensure that this has been renewed and that you update us once this has been completed.

## SENDCO

We would like to inform parents and carers that Mrs Brown, our SENDCo, will unfortunately not be in school for the remainder of this half term due to a broken leg. We are pleased to reassure you that Mrs Brown is continuing to carry out her role while working from home, so support for pupils with SEND remains very much in place. This means it is very much business as usual, although some meetings may need to take place virtually rather than in person. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.

## ATTENDANCE

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

Robins- 91.3 %  
Goldfinches- 95.11 %  
Kingfishers- 98.46 %  
Golden Eagles-98.14%

Well Done Kingfishers !!!



# MTC

We place a strong emphasis on ensuring that all children develop secure and confident foundations in mathematics. By building fluency in number facts, deepening understanding and encouraging regular practice, we support children to become efficient and accurate mathematicians. This strong grounding enables pupils to approach more complex problem-solving with confidence and ensures they are well prepared for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Our focus remains on developing lifelong mathematical skills, with the MTC viewed as a natural outcome of high-quality maths teaching rather than a standalone test.

Please keep an eye out on ParentPay for a document which breaks down the expectations for each year group and what we are working towards