



Kexborough Primary School

2023-2024 : Newsletter #4

Monday 25th September 2023

Attendance				Whole School (Week 3)		Whole School (To date)	
				93.1%		96.36%	
FS1	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.2%	97.2%	88.9%	95.5%	93.5%	90%	91.9%	94.6%

The requirement is if your child is going to be absent from school that daily phone calls are made to the school office on 01226 382288 providing a reason for their absence before 9am. Failure to make contact with school will result in your child's absence being unauthorised. Absence can also be reported via email on KPSAttendance@ecmtrust.co.uk

INSET Day : Reminder

Please remember that Friday 29th September is an INSET day and therefore school is closed to children.

Food Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

CEREALS

GRAVY GRANULES

TINNED FISH

TINNED MEAT

DILUTE/JUICE

RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD

BISCUITS

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED VEGETABLES

TINNED SPAGHETTI/HOOPS

TINNED/PACKET POTATOES

SOUP

DOG AND CAT FOOD

TOILETRIES

We would once again like to hold an autumn collection for Barnsley Food Bank

<https://barnsley.foodbank.org.uk/>

They are a local organisation who are doing some amazing work to support families in our local community so we would like to take this opportunity to also give something back.

We would be very grateful for any donations that you are able to make to this cause and we will then deliver all the items to the central warehouse in Wombwell.

The list to the left shows the items that Barnsley Food Bank have listed as "urgently needed"

Donations can be made from today until Friday 14th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Due to the INSET day on Friday 29th September we have made the decision to move our Macmillan Coffee morning to **Thursday 28th September**.

On that morning we will be serving drinks and cakes in the KS1 hall from 8am and would love for you and your children to join us. If you would like to have a drink after the start of school, we will be keeping the coffee morning running until 10am once all children have gone to class at 9am. We will also be running a raffle during the coffee morning.

If you would like to donate baked or bought cakes, buns or biscuits we would be extremely grateful and donations will be accepted on Wednesday 27th September.

We will also be selling cakes and buns during the morning break time for 50p so children will be able to purchase a treat then if unable to make the coffee morning. Any items that are left over will be sold after school.

Attendance Monitoring : Punctuality

As part of our continual and ongoing monitoring of school attendance we will also be including punctuality as a feature of this activity. The law requires pupils to attend school regularly and this includes arriving on time each day.

When your child arrives late to school, there are many consequences:

- Your child misses out on essential instructions given at the beginning of lessons – **arriving 5 minutes late each day adds up to missing 3 entire days of learning by the end of the year.**
- Your child may feel awkward and embarrassed going into the classroom when everyone else is already settled.
- When your child arrives late everyone loses out – the class is disrupted and the teacher must take time away from the other pupils to repeat instructions to your child to allow them to access learning.

When your child arrives late you will be asked to sign them in using the digital screen in the reception area.

As a reminder of the start times, please see below for the information that was shared last week.

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2

School start time: 08:55 **School finish time:** 15:25

Staff will be present on the playground from 8:45am to open doors at 8:50am. As the school day starts at 8:55am, **any children arriving after 9:00am will receive a late mark.**

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Please do not allow your children to access the KS2 playground until 8:45am as it is unsupervised until that time

Start 09:00 Finish 15:30 *Staff will be present on the playground from 8:50am to open doors at 8:55am. As the school day starts at 9:00am, **any children arriving after 9:05am will receive a late mark.***

Monitoring of late arrivals will begin this week and it may be that you receive communication from our PSA and EWO in relation to this. If your child has a high level of lateness you may be invited to school for a meeting to discuss issues relating to your child's punctuality and how school can support you with this.

Y3 Parents / Carers

A reminder to please complete the electronic form that was emailed on 7th September with regards to the visit to Creswell Craggs.

The online form provides your consent for your child to attend, confirmation of your payment method and whether you would like to order a grab bag packed lunch for your child. This should be completed before Friday 29th September. Payments can be made online through the school gateway app or by cash payment at the school office.

Wider Services and Information

Healthwatch Barnsley

Following on from our popular Hygiene Poverty Roadshow earlier this year and the [Hygiene Report](#) that followed, we are re-visiting the project and finding out if anything has changed for the better or worse!

Due to the generosity of some lovely businesses and Barnsley folk, we were inundated with donations so we are again able to provide a hygiene pack to residents who complete our short survey – what more of an excuse do you need to come along and say hello.

More details of the event can be found in the image below or on our [events page](#). Please share amongst your colleagues and networks.



Do you know what hygiene poverty is?

Living on a low income limits our options and leaves us having to make tough decisions on whether to pay the rent, heat, eat or keep clean.

Earlier this year just over a third of Barnsley residents that we spoke to, told us they had just enough income to cover the basic necessities and little left for anything else. Have things improved? Or have they gotten worse?

Join Healthwatch Barnsley for our **Hygiene Poverty Event** and tell us if anything has changed for you.

There will be plenty of advice and support from us and other Barnsley services plus a free hygiene pack in return for completing our short survey.

Come and chat to us
Date: Friday 6th October
Time: 9 am to 2 pm
Where: Barnsley Market Atrium,
towards the back entrance, near the escalator

healthwatch
Barnsley

School Calendar

Date and Time	Children	Event
Thursday 28 th September 8:00am	All	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29 th September All day	All	INSET Day
Friday 6 th October All day	Y3	School Trip
Wednesday 11 th October After School	All year groups	Parent / Carer Review Meetings
Thursday 12 th October After School	All year groups	Parent / Carer Review Meetings
Tuesday 17 th October All day	Y5	School Trip
Friday 20 th October All day	Y6	School Trip
Friday 27 th October 3:30pm	All children	School closes for October half term
OCTOBER HALF TERM		
Monday 6 th November 9:00am	All children	Return to school after October half term
Friday 17 th November All day	All children	Children In Need
Tuesday 21 st November AM	FS2-Y6	Flu Spray
Wednesday 29 th November All Day	Y6	School Trip
Tuesday 12 th December PM	FS2, Y1 and Y2	Pantomime Visit
Thursday 14 th December PM	FS2, Y1 and Y2	Christmas Performance
Friday 15 th December AM	FS2, Y1 and Y2	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20 th December Lunch	FS2 – Y6	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21 st December PM	Y3 – Y6	Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 22 nd December 3:30pm	All children	Break for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		