

KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER October 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Autumn days are definitely here now and the mornings are getting just that little bit cooler.

Please can you make sure that your child does have a coat at school as we do always try to take them out during the school day for some fresh air even if there is light drizzle in the air. It can become very stuffy in the classrooms and the children do need to get out for 5 or 10 minutes to blow the cobwebs away.

An excellent start to the school year has been made by all the classes and the display work they are producing is brightening up the school. Please feel free to pop in at the beginning of the day and have a look at the work the children are doing.

Please can I remind parents that school starts at 8.50am and registers are taken at this time. All adults should be leaving the building by 8.50am so that the teachers can settle the children down ready to start the day. We have a lot of late comers at the minute and it is important that the children get a good start to their day. It is amazing how lates can creep up and how much time can be lost from a school day.

Whilst we can, the children are still having one of their PE lessons outside. They may now need a tracksuit/ joggers on to wear outside. PE is a compulsory subject for all children and we do expect everyone to participate. Please can you make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing for PE lessons every week in school. This includes removing earrings on the day of the lesson at home.

The PTA has organised the first school disco of the year. The disco is for children in Year 1 to 6 who attend our school. We do not expect parents to stay—in fact we positively encourage you to leave your child for the time. The disco is on Friday 19th October 6pm –7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are available at the school office for £1.

The PTA is always looking for new members and welcomes anyone to join. The next meeting is on Monday 22nd October at 6pm in school. Please feel free to come along and join in planning the next set of activities.

Monday 22nd October is non-uniform day, this is in aid of Barnsley food bank. We ask the children to bring in a tin or a packet to donate to the foodbank. This is a local charity and goes to local people in need at some very difficult times. I am always amazed at your generosity for these things so in recognition I would like to say a big thank you before hand.

The harvest celebration assemblies will take place over 2 mornings this year. They will be slightly shorter than previous years, but it gives the children an opportunity to show off their singing and some of the work they have been doing in class. Please feel free to come along. Year 1 to 3 will be presenting their assembly on Wednesday 24th October at 9am in the school hall, and years 4 to 6 will be on Friday 26th October at 9am in the school hall. Class Hedwig will be performing an autumn sing for parents at 2.50pm on Friday 26th October in the school hall.

Please can I also remind you that Monday 5th November is an Inset day, and that the children will start back on Tuesday 6th November after the half term break.

H. Otley

Diary Dates



19th October	PTA disco Year 1-6 6pm-7.30pm
22nd October	Non uniform day 'Barnsley Food Bank Challenge'
22nd October	PTA meeting 6pm in school
24th October	Harvest celebration assembly 9am for Y1 to 3
24th October	Class Centaur to Emmanuel Church for RE work
25th October	School council letter hunt at lunchtime 50p a sheet.
26th October	Harvest celebration assembly 9am for Y4 to 6
26th October	Class Hedwig Autumn sing 2.45pm in the school hall
26th October	Break up for Half Term
5th November	INSET day
6th November	School opens
6th November	Flu Vaccinations for reception to Y5 in school
8th November	Creative creations working with Y1-3 on anti-bullying
12th November	Odd sock day whole school to mark the start of anti-bullying week
13th November	Bags to school—please fill your bag and leave at the top of the school drive
13th November	Parents Evening
15th November	Parents Evening
19th November	Inter school gaming competition with a group of Y6 children
22nd November	Year 3 Fire safety talk
21st November	Crucial Crew Class Centaur
24th November	Choir singing at Methodist Church Christmas Fayre
30th November	Christmas Fayre at school 6pm—watch out for the letter advising you what your child's class is collecting.
9th December	Choir singing at Village Christmas Carol concert
18th December	Year 1 to 6 Pantomime
18th December	Christmas dinner in school
21st December	Choir out singing at WaterRoyd nursing home

Breakfast club and Afterschool club

We are aware that parents are unable to see a balance on Schoolcomms of what money they have for breakfast and afterschool club. Governors have agreed for us to look at an online booking/payment system. We will keep you informed of any decisions to change the current procedures.

Important Notice

After a review of school meals, governors have agreed to increase the price from £1.90 to £2.00 with effect from 1st April 2019. We work hard with catering services to keep the cost as low as possible and this is the first increase for 2 years.