



Kirkby on Bain Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 3

Friday 14 October 2016

Dear parents and carers,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated the wonderful selection of cakes and to those of you who were able to come along during the morning. It was lovely to welcome you into the classrooms too. We raised a grand total of £265.82 for the charity!

Online safety

Thank you to all those of you who came along to the recent online safety sessions in school. A number of useful handouts were given out at the sessions and these are now available to download from the "safeguarding" section of our school website.

Harvest festival

Our harvest festival takes place next week on **Tuesday 18 October** at 9.15am in St Mary's Church. We will be collecting for The Nomad Trust in Lincoln, a charity for the homeless. Please send your child into school with non-perishable items, such as packets and tins of food, on the Tuesday morning and please do join us for the service.

Later on the same day, there will be another harvest celebration for the community, also at the church, led by Revd Sue and Revd Margaret. This service will take place at 6.30pm and all of our families are invited to attend. Revd Sue and Revd Margaret would love to see some of the children at the service. Please could you indicate on the slip at the end of this letter whether you intend to come along so that we have some indication of numbers.

Individual photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Wednesday next week** to take individual photographs of the children. If you have younger children and would like them to have their photograph taken with their big brother or sister, please bring them into the school library at 3.30pm.

Starting school in September 2017?

We would like to invite anyone whose child is due to start in reception in September 2017 to make an appointment to view the school. If this applies to you, please let us know if you would like a tour of the school. Similarly, if you have friends who may be interested, please encourage them to contact us to arrange a suitable date for a visit.

Parents' evening

Parents' evenings (for children in Chestnut, Willow and Oak) will take place between 5-8pm on **Wednesday 16 November** and between 3.45-6.45pm **Wednesday 23 November**. To book an appointment, you will need to use your ParentMail account. Bookings will open on Monday and will close on Thursday 10 November. To book an appointment, please log into your ParentMail account on a computer, or by using the ParentMail app on your phone/tablet. Once logged in, click/tap on "Parents' evening" then on the evening date that is most convenient for you then select a suitable time from the list available. If you encounter any difficulties in booking your appointment online, please contact the school. Parents' evenings for children in Maple will continue to run after school on a fortnightly basis. If you would like to make an appointment to see Mrs Scarbro, please do so by contacting the school office.

Kyra East School Council

As you may be aware, our school works closely with seven other nearby schools in a collaborative partnership as well as the Kyra Teaching School Alliance. This year we have decided to form a Kyra East School Council in which the school councillors from schools within the partnership will work together. This will involve representatives from each school council visiting each school and working with the host school's headteacher. It is new way for the children in our school to work with children from other schools and we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities this will bring.

As a way of launching this exciting project the year 6 school councillors from each school will be going to London to visit parliament. We want the children to see how their role in the school council is mirrored on a much larger scale by those who lead the country and to begin to form friendships with children in other schools who they will then be working with throughout the year.

Permission to use photographs

We are currently in the process of updating our records with regards to the permissions we have for taking photographs of children in school for use in school, in the local media (ie the newspaper), on the school website and on social media.

Photographs are used in school for assessments, for various classroom activities and are sometimes shown on the TV located in the foyer so that other children can see what different classes in the school have been learning.

We sometimes like to celebrate some of the exciting events in school, such as charity or themed days, with the local newspapers. The newspaper will not usually include the children's names unless the picture is of a very small group or an individual child.

We like to update the home page of the school website regularly with a photograph of something that has happened recently in school. We have a "gallery" section in which photographs of recent events are uploaded. We will never use children's names next to photographs on the website.

Many primary schools are using social media as an efficient way of sharing information and celebrating exciting events at school. The school already has its own Twitter account on which we post information and messages as well as pictures of the children taking part in exciting learning activities. As with the website, we will never use children's names next to photographs. After the October holiday, the school will be launching its own Facebook page too. This will be used in the same way as the Twitter account and will mean that we are able to reach more people.

I would be very grateful if you could take a moment to consider whether you give permission for your child's photograph to be used in the ways described above. If you do, please complete and return the slip below by **Friday 21 October**. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Term 1 ends on Friday 21 October. School will re-open on Tuesday 1 November for the start of term 2. A full list of term dates is available to download from the school website.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Morley
Headteacher

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION

Child/Children's name

Class/es

PHOTOGRAPHS

- I am happy for my child to be photographed whilst at school for use in school.
- I am happy for my child to be photographed by the local media and for the photograph to be used in local newspapers.
- I am happy for my child's photograph to be used on the school website.
- I am happy for my child's photograph to be used on the school's social media accounts.

Signed Date

EVENING HARVEST SERVICE – ST MARY'S CHURCH

Name of child/ren_____

My child/ren will attend the evening harvest service in St Mary's Church at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18 October. I understand that I will remain responsible for my child/ren throughout the service.

Signed_____

Date_____