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## NEWSLETTER 9

30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Certificate and KiM Award Winners

Congratulations to the children who were presented with certificates and KiM Awards at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. They were:-

	Certificates					KiM
<b>Class 1</b>	Aimee	Betsy	Lucy	Alice M	Frank	Flynn
<b>Class 2</b>	John	Fraiser	Joshua			Emily

### Special Events

Since our last Newsletter, there have been some special events that the children have been taking part in:-

- a) Last Monday, we held a fabulous workshop day as part of the YDNP's "Dark Skies" project. Kat Kilner, one of the YDNP's rangers in our area, and 2 of her colleagues, came into school to lead a day's activities about space and what we can see in the sky. The product of the children's work will be on display in the National Park Centre during half-term week – do visit if you have the chance to do so. The children have also taken home a leaflet outlining the many other activities that the YDNP are organising during the coming weeks.

- b) On Thursday last week, it was great for all the Class 2 children to benefit from Mr. Paul Forrow's (one of our parents) experience and knowledge in computer programming. Paul will be coming into school each Thursday to teach the children how to programme computers, beginning with "Scratch".



- c) Many of the children in Class 2 took part in the cluster indoor athletics event on Friday at Giggleswick School. They all competed with great enthusiasm in a range of athletics events, and were a credit to the school. Overall in the team competitions, the Yrs 3&4 girls and the Yrs 5&6 boys each came 4<sup>th</sup>, the Yrs 3&4 boys came 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Yrs 5&6 girls came 6<sup>th</sup>. In order to have a Yrs 5&6 girls team, our Yr 4 girls moved up an age group, and did very well competing against girls who in many cases were 2 years older. Our pictures show Finlay and Jack taking part in the Speed Bounce event, and Jessie handing on to Carys in the relay.



- d) On Thursday this week, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we welcome local artist Stephen Waterhouse to school. Stephen, a children's illustrator, will lead a day's workshop designing a mural for the school playground, which we hope will be unveiled at a special event just before the Easter holiday.
- e) The PTA's Supper Night, including an Auction of Promises, is taking place at the Farm Shop in Airtton on the evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact one of the PTA committee if you would like to book a place, and/or offer a promise to be auctioned.
- f) On Friday of next week, 10<sup>th</sup> March, we are holding a "Wear Red for SELFA" day. SELFA (or Skipton Extended Learning For All) is an organisation whose vision is to provide a range of activities and events "where vulnerable, disadvantaged and disabled children and young people experience happiness and belonging". Our link with SELFA is that Sam, who comes into school every Wednesday afternoon to teach PE, is a member of the SELFA staff. We would like to do something to support



the work that SELFA undertakes, and so on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> we are asking the children to come to school dressed in non-schoolwear in red and denim, and to pay £1. Further information about SELFA's work can be seen on their website.

- g) The residential visit to Bewerley Park for the outdoor adventurous activities week takes place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please can I remind parents that all payments (£275 in total) have to be made in full by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

#### **Thank-you:- ...**

**Loose Change** – Thank-you to everyone who has donated loose change which we have started to use very productively to support the children's learning, especially in maths. Class 1 children have really enjoyed using real (as opposed to plastic) money.

**From previously** – Thank-you to all parents who have put names in their children's clothing, equipped them with reading bags and ensured they have suitable warm outdoor PE clothing. It all helps the school run more smoothly.

#### **Communications**

The school's Facebook page is a very effective way of us being able to get in touch with parents quickly, and for spreading all the positive aspects of school life. We do, of course, recognise that there are some occasions (although we hope, not too many) when things do not go quite as well as we would have liked. At times like these, we will do our very best to address parents' concerns and ask that they contact us individually (e.g. by phone or email) so that we can discuss the matter in the most appropriate way.

#### **Accelerated Reader**

Many parents already receive email updates of their children's progress in the Accelerated Reader scheme. These emails are generated automatically children complete one of the schemes quizzes about a book they have just read. Accelerated Reader is administered by Renaissance Learning, and Renaissance Home Connect allows parents to:-

- View student targets, results of the last quiz taken, overall progress on Reading Practice Quizzes and a list of words learned on Vocabulary Practice Quizzes.
- Find books that have Accelerated Reader quizzes by clicking the AR BookFinder link.
- View the Bookshelf (which shows books read and quiz results).

If you are not yet part of this opportunity, and would like to be so, please do contact us so that we can give you personalised details applicable to your child(ren) of how to quite simply set this up.

#### **Term and Holiday Dates for 2017/18**

The term and holiday dates for the next academic year, 2017/18, are listed on the attached page.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Thu. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	All day - All children taking part in art project, led by local children's illustrator Stephen Waterhouse.
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Morning - Some Class 2 children taking part in the North Craven Swimming Gala at Settle Pool. 2:45pm – Celebration Assembly
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Safer Internet Day
Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Wear Red for SLFA Day Next Newsletter
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	PTA Supper Night and Auction of Promises at the Farm Shop in Ayrton
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Last day for payments to be completed for Bewerley Park.
Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm – Celebration Assembly 3:30pm – School closes for the half term holiday.

**Chris Norris, Acting Headteacher**



# TERM and HOLIDAY DATES 2017/18

KIRKBY IN MALHAMDALE UNITED AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES  
REMAINDER OF SCHOOL YEAR 2016/17 AND SCHOOL YEAR 2017/18

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR PUPILS AT 3.30 P.M. ON	SCHOOL WILL OPEN FOR PUPILS AT 9.00 A.M. ON
SPRING HALF TERM	FRI 17 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 2017	MON 27 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 2017
EASTER	FRI 7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017	TUES 25 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017
MAY DAY	FRI 28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017	TUES 2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017
SUMMER HALF TERM	FRI 26 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017	MON 5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017
SUMMER	FRI 21 <sup>ST</sup> JULY 2017	WED 6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2017
AUTUMN HALF TERM	FRI 20 <sup>TH</sup> OCT 2017	MON 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCT 2017
CHRISTMAS	THURS 21 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2017	TUES 9 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 2018
SPRING HALF TERM	FRI 9 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 2018	MON 19 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 2018
EASTER	THURS 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018	TUES 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018
MAY DAY	FRI 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018	TUES 8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018
SUMMER HALF TERM	FRI 25 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018	MON 4 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018
SUMMER	FRI 20 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018	

**Parents are asked not to take children out of school for holidays during term time.**

Training Days are as follows:

## **2016/2017**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017,

## **2017/2018**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAINING DAYS ARE ONLY PROVISIONAL AT THIS STAGE AND MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

