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**NEWSLETTER 12 - 8th March 2018**

The next Newsletter will be issued on Thursday 22nd March

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|  | **Certificates - General Achievement and Writer of the Week** | **KiM** |
| **Class 1** | Emma and Annabelle |  |
| **Class 2** | Jessie and Alfie |  |

Apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter but due to school closure last week we were unable to issue our fortnightly newsletter on time! I hope everyone was able to access the information to see that school was closed. The school website couldn’t cope and so we were unable on the Wednesday to get onto the website. Hopefully the snow has gone for good now, but please check STRAY FM if it happens again as they put it on immediately. We are very glad school is open for business again but I am sure the children enjoyed their snow days.

**The Cameo (Come and Meet Each Other) Club (formally Over 60’s)** – Patrick and Liz Wherity delivered a very interesting and informative talk about the work of a charity that they support called KASIN in Nepal who are raising money to rebuild a Primary School that was hit by an earthquake two years ago. The children served tea and cakes to the CAMEO Club afterwards – everyone had a lovely time.

**Whole School Tennis Coaching** – Tennis coaching is going very well with Adam Cox from Skipton Tennis Centre. This will continue until May half term.

**Fire Safety Education** – An officer from the Fire Service came last week to deliver an assembly around fire and how to keep safe. The children asked lots of sensible questions and may have told you some of the content of the assembly already.

**Parents Reading Assembly** was cancelled, details to follow regarding the next one.

**NSPCC Safeguarding ‘Speak Out and Stay Safe’ Assembly** - This took place on Monday for class one and two separately then Y5 and 6 did a workshop after break. They may have told you about it.

**Junk Modelling**  - Thank you for donations of cardboard boxes for Class 1 junk modelling. More would be appreciated (though not dishwasher or soap power please)

**ParentPay**  - Thank you for all your payments for various items to ParentPay, please keep checking your account and make payments as regularly as possible. We are endeavouring to make sure After School Club payments are settled before the end of each month so we can start afresh for the new month.

**New Door**- As most of you will have seen we now have a new secured door past the school office. This enables us to safeguard your children more effectively. If you need to bring your child into school, please could you leave them at our new door. Thank you for your cooperation.

**UPDATE FROM GOVERNING BODY ON LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

On Tuesday a meeting took place with the Local Authority, Mrs Allen and 3 members of the Governing Body. Following work undertaken by the Governing Body over the last few weeks we have identified 4 options for the school going forward and a meeting of the full Governing Body will be held prior to the end of term to decide which option we feel is best for the long term future of the school. There will be a further update before the Easter break.

In the meantime Mrs Allen has pledged to continue in the role of Interim Headteacher for as long as necessary and Mrs Devereux has made herself available for the remainder of the school year if required.

Andrew Booth

Chair of Governors

**Diary Dates**

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| Thursday March 15th | Parents Evening (1) – times to be confirmed |
| Friday March 16th | 2.45 – Celebration Assembly |
| Saturday 17th March | PTA Ball at Coniston Hotel |
| Monday 19th March | Crucial Crew for Y6 at Eshton Grange – details to follow |
| Wed 21st March | Y5/6 Duathlon at Gargrave School – details to follow |
| Thursday 22nd March | Cross Country finals in Dalby Forest.  Last Swimming Lesson  Parents Evening (2) – times to follow |
| Tuesday 27th March | 3.00pm Music Concert with Mr Waugh for Parents |
| Thursday 29th March | 2.45 pm Celebration Assembly |
|  | 3.30pm Start of Easter holiday |
| Tuesday 17th April | 9.00 am School Opens for Summer Term |

**PE** – please can you ensure that all children are fully equipped for **outdoor** PE. Joggers, warm top and trainers. Thanks.

**School Uniform** – We have been informed by our suppliers MC Sports that uniform is available to order online at <http://www.mcsports.org.uk/kirkby-malham-primary-school/>

You can also ring Mike on 01756 791688 or email him at [mcsportsonline@gmail.com](mailto:mcsportsonline@gmail.com)

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