



**Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
Newsletter - Friday 6th October 2023**



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Celebration Assembly

Please note there will be no celebration assembly on Monday as the children will be having their school photos. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our parents evenings on the following dates / times:

FS1 and FS2 – Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October 2023

(appointments are now full – please see the class teacher to arrange a convenient date/time)

Year 1 to year 6 – Tuesday the 17th October and Wednesday 18th October 2023

(Appointments can be made from 7am Monday 9th October 2023).

Parents evening will take place face to face in your child's classroom. Parents/Guardians will be asked to wait in the Main Hall where you will be collected by your child's teacher. Can we please ask that you are patient, some appointments may go over slightly.

To book an appointment, you will need to do this through the Arbor app. It is quite simple to do but if you are struggling, please contact the school office. If you would prefer a phone call appointment, please book your appointment via arbor but let the school office know. Thank you.

Local Councilor Visit to School

CLlr. Victoria Cusworth, Labour Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in Swinton and Kilnhurst, will be in school on **Wednesday 18th October 2023 from 3.30pm in the Main Hall.** CLlr Cusworth will be more than happy for you to pop in and speak to her if you wish.

Inset Days W.C. 30th October 2023

The school will be closed to all pupils on the following days the first week back after half term:

Monday 30th October 2023 – INSET day – Staff Training.

Thursday 2nd November 2023 – Closed to all pupils - Polling station for local councilor elections.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 88.7%	FS2 – 90.6%	Year 1 – 98.3%	Year 2 – 94.1%
Year 3 – 91.2%	Year 4 – 96.4%	Year 5 – 88.3%	Year 6 – 96.2%

Congratulations **Class 1**, you are this week's attendance winners, well done.



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.**



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Individual School Photos – Monday 9th October 2023

Our school photographer will be in school on **Monday 9th October 2023** to do the individual photos for all children.

For anyone wishing to have sibling photos taken with siblings who are **not** in school, the photographer will be offering these from 8.30am to 8.45am in the school hall. There is no need to book, just turn up between these times. All siblings in school will automatically have photos taken together as well as individually. To order photos, your child will fetch home a slip with a QR code, just scan the code to view the photos and follow the instructions on how to order. Once orders are complete, they will be delivered to school and handed out to children to fetch home. Please note there may be a time limit to order photos to be delivered to school. If you order after the date stated, there may be a delivery charge from the photographers.



Christmas 2023

We know it's early but many parents/guardians have been asking when certain Christmas Events will be taking place this year so here is a timetable:

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December 2023 (PM)

Christmas Dinner (whole school) – Wednesday 6th December 2023 (free to all children)

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8th December 2023 (£1 donation for Save the Children)

Christmas Performances:

Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 and 2) – Wednesday 13th December 2023 – 2.00pm and 5.00pm

Key Stage 2 (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) – Thursday 14th December 2023 – 2.00pm and 5.00pm

FS1 and FS2 – Friday 15th December 2023 – 9.30am

Christmas Parties:

FS1/FS2 – Monday 18th December – times tbc

Classes 3 and 4 – Tuesday 19th December – PM

Classes 5 and 6 – Wednesday 20th December – PM

Classes 1 and 2 – Thursday 21st December – PM

Christmas Singalong with Mrs Sherwood – Friday 22nd December 2023 at 2.00pm





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Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, can we please ask that you book their place in advance via the Arbor app. We have had many children turn up this week (up to 6 a day) that are not pre-booked. It is important we know the numbers for staffing / safeguarding reasons. If you are unable to book places via the Arbor app, please contact the school office who can do this for you. Thank you.

Swinton Academy Y5 & Y6 Open Evening



**Monday 9th
October 2023
Book your time
slot here.**

Join us to discover for yourself, what makes Swinton Academy so special!
The event will include a welcome talk given by the Principal and year team, an opportunity to meet current students and staff, take part in activities and demonstrations across our faculties, see performances and a tour of the school. You will also have an opportunity to taste our canteen food.




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Good
Provider

Ofsted 'Good' 2023

'Pupils are happy to attend this inclusive school. They are considerate to each other and to staff.'



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Coats / Change of Shoes

With the colder/wetter weather approaching, could we please ask that children bring to school a coat and a change of shoes. These can be pumps or slippers but must be a full house slipper with hard soles – no slip on / novelty ones please (see below). Also, if your child plays football during lunchtime, can you please send them with some old trainers as it can be quite muddy on the field.



School Trips / Workshops

As a school, it is important for us to give the children a broad range of educational experiences which we cannot provide within school. This is why we arrange school trips/workshops each term. To be able to continue doing this, we rely heavily on the support of our parents/guardians to contribute towards the costs. The maximum contribution the school will ask for is £12 per child. (please note the school already subsidise a large majority of the costs).

Unfortunately, future trips/workshops may have to be cancelled if we do not receive enough contributions from parents/guardians.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

FS2 and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement

Every year, the National Child Measurement Programme (nursing team) come into school and do height and weight measurement checks for all pupils in FS2 and year 6. The measurements are used to calculate weight status, e.g. overweight, healthy weight or underweight. They collect this information as part of an ongoing national programme to collect trends.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The wellbeing of children and families is very important to us and measurements are conducted in a compassionate way, in private and away from other children.

Individual results are not shared with your child or their school. Once the measurements have been taken, you will receive a text notification. If you would **not** like your child to take part then you will need to contact the **Public Health Nursing Team on 01709 423333 by 14th October 2023**. NB: Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to. Parents/Guardians will be notified once the date is confirmed as to when the nursing team will be in school.



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Back Gates to School (Celandine Rise Entrance)

Can we please ask that parents/guardians do not use the back gates other than during morning drop off and afternoon pick up (8.40am to 9.00am / 2.55pm to 3.10pm).

Please use the main entrance during all other times.

Thank you.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023

Children in Need will take place this year on Friday 17th November 2023. As a school we always try and support this worthy cause, so this year we are asking children to come to school dressed in 'Spots' for a £1 donation.



Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, can we please remind parents/guardians to contact the school office before 9.00am. If you leave a voicemail, please let us know the reason why your child will be absent. Can we please ask that you don't report absences via DOJO messages.

As per our Attendance Policy, if we do not hear from parents/guardians by 10.30am, Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Neal will be forced to do a home visit. Thank you for your co-operation. School Telephone Number is 01709 570297.

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 1

October is Black History Month in School

9th October 2023 – Individual School Photos

10th October 2023 – Classes FS1/ FS2 - Parents Evening

11th October 2023 – Classes FS1 /FS2 – Parents evening

11th October 2023 – Class 5 Local Area Walk

13th October 2023 – Parents Meeting – Online Safety – 9.00am – Main Hall

17th October 2023 – Class 5 School Trip to New York Stadium

17th October 2023 – Classes 1 to 6 - Parents evening

18th October 2023 – Classes 1 to 6 - Parents Evening

20th October 2023 – Year 6 Parents Meeting – SATS – 9.00am – Main Hall

20th October 2023 – 3.00pm – School Closes for Half Term













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School Menu – Week 2 – W.C: 9th October 2023

WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Rainbow Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes 	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs, Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry & Mixed Rice 	Fish Fingers, Chips
VEGETARIAN	Jacket Wedges with Baked Beans or Cheese	Veggie Burger & Potato Wedges	Vegetable Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Potato Wedges	Margherita Macaroni 
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn, Peas 	Green Beans Cauliflower 	Carrots Savoy Cabbage 	Mixed Vegetables Salad 	Baked Beans Peas 
SANDWICHES, JACKETS,	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna & Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans				
DESSERT	Flapjack Finger	Chocolate & Banana Muffin 	Jelly & Mandarins 	Fruity Jam Bun & Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream



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St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Kilnhurst

School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November (19 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January (18 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (18 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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June (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				


August

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

 Denotes School Holidays

194 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes Inset days (x 5)

 Polling Station