



Kirkby Malzeard CE School Newsletter

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Another half term over...

We have had a lovely half term coming back together as a school community. The children all seem so happy to be back in school and have loved to see their friends again. We have gradually settled back into the routines and are working hard to get back to the 'new normal'. We are incredibly proud of how the children have settled back into school life.

I hope you enjoy our new look newsletter. Please check out the website too as we have some fantastic new photos on there.

Have a lovely half term; we look forward to seeing you all in November!

Mrs Taylor

Our Vision

We continue to focus on all four of the Christian values of kindness, love, patience and peace this term whilst we explore what these Christian values look like in action. Our curriculum golden thread for next half term is all about being 'creative'.

Staffing changes



Palm Class

Mrs Griffiths will continue to teach Palm class with increased hours this term with Mr Donaldson still in class for some of this time to ensure smooth transition.

Cedar Class

We are delighted to announce that Mr Anson has been appointed to work in school one day a week from January. He will be teaching in Cedar class each Wednesday to cover Mrs Wolfe's leadership time.

Skip2Bfit



The children had a fantastic skipping workshop with Dave from skip2Bfit. Since returning to school we have been trying to improve our fitness levels and this is a fantastic way to do this, especially as we have our own skipping ropes in school now.

Wellbeing and remote learning surveys

Thank you to those parents who supported their children to complete the wellbeing survey. The survey showed us that our children are:

- Happy to come back to school
- Sometimes felt a little bit bored or tired.
- Are worried that they can't hug friends or see family.
- Looking forward to playing with their friends and seeing the staff.
- Looking forward to English, Maths, Science, Geography and PE.
- Have enjoyed doing things with their families and pets whilst at home!

We have been really impressed with the new and exciting things they have learnt.

Thank you also for your views on remote learning. We have taken these on board whilst we review our remote learning policy. This is in place should a bubble or school need to revert to learning at home again and information regarding this will be sent to parents after half term. The principles behind this will also be transferred to our new homework policy which we hope to roll out later in this term too.

Food bank tour



Both Oak and Acorn class enjoyed a remote visit to a food bank. They were given a remote tour of the foodbank and were talked through its operations by one of the volunteers.

This linked to our learning about Harvest festival and why we collect and donate food at this time of year.

COVID guidance

Thank you for following the guidance on our risk assessment for COVID. Just a reminder, please can children not bring ruck sacks to school as these are not easy to clean. An easy to wipe bag is allowed.

Outdoor in all weathers

We aim to be outdoors for playtime in all weathers and use all our outdoor space, including the field. Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat and wellies in school with them every day.