

# 7th February 2024 Newsletter

Kirkby Stephen Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We work hard with the children to ensure they understand the importance of staying safe on-line as well as the appropriate use of social media and we would appreciate your support with this.

## Staff, pupils', and parents' Social Media presence:

Social media is a fact of modern life and, as a school, we accept that many parents, staff and pupils will use it. However, as stated in the Acceptable Use Agreements and our Behaviour Policy and procedures we expect everybody to behave in a positive manner, engaging respectfully with the school and each other on social media, in the same way as they would face to face.

This positive behaviour can be summarised as not making any posts which are, or could be construed as, bullying, aggressive, rude, insulting, illegal or otherwise derogatory or inappropriate or which might bring the school, student body or teaching profession into disrepute.

This applies to both public pages and to private posts

e.g. parent chats, pages, or groups. If parents have a concern about the school, we urge them to contact us directly and in private to resolve the matter. If an issue cannot be resolved in this way, the school complaints procedure (available via the school website) should be followed. Sharing complaints on social media is unlikely to help resolve the matter but can cause upset to staff, pupils, and parents, also undermining staff morale and the reputation of the school.

Many social media platforms have a minimum age of 13 but the school regularly deals with issues arising on social media with pupils under the age of 13. We ask parents to respect age ratings on social media platforms wherever possible and not encourage or condone underage use. However, the school accepts that there is a balance between not encouraging underage use whilst at the same time needing to acknowledge reality in order to best help our pupils to avoid or cope with issues if they arise. During our Online safety lessons we look at social media and other online behaviour, how to be a good friend online and how to report bullying, misuse, intimidation, or abuse. However, children will often learn most from the models of behaviour they see and experience. Parents can best support this by talking to their children about the apps, sites, and games they use, with whom, for how long, and when.

*Please see the On-line Safety Policy and Procedures document available on our website for further details and information.*

Thank you

Mrs Alison Capstick



Please can we remind you that the school car park is for staff and visitors only.

For safety reasons we politely ask that you do not park here when collecting and dropping off your children.

Thank you



## Sporting News

Children from years 3-6 attended Appleby Swimming Gala.

Year 4 have had a fantastic morning at KSGS playing Indoor Cricket. For some, this was the first time they have ever tried the sport.

Year 5 and 6 entered three teams in the Indoor Cricket Festival @ KSGS.



Well done to our Cross Country runners, who represented Eden at Hunter Hall.

Huge congratulations to Ada, who has qualified for National Schools Cross Country Championships in March!

An amazing achievement.



## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th February, 3.30-6.30, Open Evening-**POSTPONED**

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February, Half-term

Thursday 22nd February, Year 1 Class Assembly@ 3pm

Friday 23rd February 7pm, Fundraisers Event @The Engine Shed

Thursday 29th February Reception, Class Assembly @ 3pm

Tuesday 5th March, Parents Evening@3.40-7.00pm

Thursday 7th March, Parents Evening@3.40-5.30pm

Thursday 7th March, WORLD BOOK DAY

(The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book)

Thursday 7th March, Year 2 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Thursday 14th March, Year 4 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Friday 15th March, RED NOSE DAY

(The children are welcome to wear red for a contribution of a £1.00)

Tuesday 19th March, Year 3 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Thursday 28th March, Easter Service @KSPC 2.00pm

Thursday 28th March, Last day of term 3.30 Finish

Please note the children return to school on Tuesday 16th April

We hope you will be able to join us at the events we have planned.

A collage of school notices and posters. At the top is a notice for 'Kirkby Stephen Primary School Open Evening' which is 'Postponed due to weather warning!'. Below it is a notice for 'Wraparound Care Starting 16th April 2024' with details about breakfast and after-school clubs. At the bottom is a large poster for 'THE DEEP END Friday 23rd February 2024 at The Engine Shed' with a ticket price of £12.50 and details about food and raffle tickets.