



# KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER – 20TH MAY 2022

#### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we approach the half way point of the summer term, we would like to thank all children for their continued hard work and commitment to learning. For children in year 6 and year 2, we have appreciated their determined and calm manner in which they have tackled the national assessments in recent weeks, supported by teachers and staff in school. Our year 5 and 6 children have had an exhilarating end to the half term, spending the week at Buckden House. It was great to see all children embracing the full range of activities, demonstrating resilience and building their self-confidence – including staff! This week, children across school have been busy preparing for the Jubilee celebrations taking place on Friday – it has been inspiring to see all manner of creative learning take place to allow children to understand and participate in the countryside party – let's hope the sun is shining! Miss Kirkham and I continue to work closely with staff and the IEB, in communication with parents, to support the rapid development of the federation. We have continued to build on the work of the previous interim leadership whilst making significant and important changes for the benefit of children.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Kirkham where we will be more than happy to help.

Have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th June.

Chris Whitehead (Interim Executive Headteacher)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
27.05.2022	School Closed
30.05-03.06.2022	Half-Term
26.05.2022	Jubilee Picnic on the Community Field
17.06.2022	Father's Day Shop
22/23.06.2022	School Photographs
25/26.06.2022	Fewston Teas
05.07.2022	Federation Visit to Grinton Moor
TBC	Friends Summer Fayre



#### UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Please may we remind parents that all children should come dressed in their PE kits every Monday morning and that this should be a plain White T.Shirt, plain Blue/Black Shorts/Tracksuit Bottoms/Leggings, plain Navy/Black Sweatshirt or the purple School Hoodie and Trainers only, no other colours should be worn in school. Thank you for your co-operation

# Buckden House Residential

It was lovely to see Red Kites back in school this morning and to hear about their many adventures at Buckden House. The children's behaviour, as always, was exemplary and staff were extremely proud of each and every one of them.

They rose to every challenge showing resilience and determination every step of the way and tried their hand at each activity including caving, climbing and problem solving and it was wonderful to see the children all working together and cheering each other on.

They have all had an incredible time and we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Foy, Miss Miller and Mrs Parkin, and all staff across the federation who chaperoned this week. I think this will be a week that the children, and staff, will never forget!



## House Point Tally

**Fire - 110 points**

**Earth— 88 points**

**Water— 105 points**

**Air—89 points**



## KEY ACTIVITIES NEXT FOR JUNE

**Reception & Yr6 Height and Weight**—The Healthy Child Team will be in school for the Reception and Yr6 Height and Weight checks on Wednesday the 15th June.

**Group Class Photographs**—Nikki Mitchell will be in school on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd June taking our Class Photographs for the year.

**High School Transition Meetings**— We shall be welcoming the heads of Year 7 from your chosen high schools beginning this month.

## CLUBS IN JUNE

**Monday: Sports Crew**—Sports Cool will continue with their sports club every Monday after school for KS1

**Tuesday: Piano Lessons** —For those children currently signed up with County Music Services

**Thursday: Choir Club**—The Kettlesingers meet every Thursday lunchtime in the school hall. Please may we remind parents to log onto your Parent Mail account to pay for these sessions if you have not already done so.

## Friends of Kettlesing Felliscliffe School

Our Incredible Friends Committee are doing an amazing job and working hard as usual to raise funds which benefit every single child in our school community. If you would like to become a part of this fantastic team, please speak to Mrs Crabtree/Mrs Topham/Mrs Blackburn for more details. Help is always greatly appreciated and if you don't have much time to spare, there are still lots of ways that you can get involved.

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday 17th June 2022**—Friends will soon be setting up stall for the annual Father's Day Shop. Gifts are £3 and all come pre-wrapped, so if you would like to spoil someone special, please send your money in a named envelope stating how many gifts you would like to buy and we will do the rest!

**Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th June 2022**—If you are taking a walk or just fancy some delicious lunch why not stop by Fewston Teas to support the team. If anyone would be willing to volunteer on both or either day, please speak to a member of the committee. There will also be a list for donations with Mrs Crabtree very soon. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year so anything that you are able to do to support this event would be much appreciated.

**Date TBC Friends Summer Fayre**— Plans are already under way for our Summer Fayre in July and we look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating another fabulous year. More details coming very soon.

# Safeguarding

As we approach half term and warmer weather, our Safeguarding focus is on water safety to ensure the safety of our children. Whether you are heading to the beach or

having days out by the river, it is vital we work to keep your children safe.

We suggest you speak with your children regarding water safety so they, too know what to do in an emergency.

**The SAFE code**  
Keep SAFE around water, learn the code:

**SPOT**  
Spot the dangers  
Check for hazards such as tides or currents  
Consider what could be hidden under the water  
Be careful of unsafe banks, stay well back from the edge

**ADVICE**  
Take advice  
Always read the signs  
Only swim where there is a lifeguard  
Wear buoyancy aids and life jackets

**FRIENDS**  
Go with a friend  
Swim with your friends and family  
Friends can get help  
Never swim alone

**EMERGENCY**  
Learn what to do in an emergency  
Find the nearest phone and call 999 or 112  
Shout loudly to attract attention  
Never enter the water to save someone

The Royal Life Saving Society UK is the drowning prevention charity.

Find out how you could help save lives by taking part in our **Drowning Prevention Week** campaign at [www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk](http://www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk). For more information about our life-saving classes for children and adults, visit [www.rls.org.uk](http://www.rls.org.uk)

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**DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK** **ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK**

**the Y WATER SAFETY TIPS**  
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**TEACH THEM EARLY**  
Teach children to get comfortable in the water and swim at an early age and educate them early about water safety.

**ACTIVE SUPERVISION, BARRIERS, AND SIGHTLINES**  
Always actively supervise children when they're both in and around the water; ensure that pools are secured with appropriate barriers; and require children to swim within designated areas that are within sight of guardians and certified lifeguards.

**WHO'S YOUR BUDDY?**  
Never let children swim alone; always designate swimming buddies before visiting the beach or pool.

**DON'T BE PUSHY**  
Instruct children to never run, push or jump on others in and around the pool.

**WEAR SUNSCREEN**  
Protect your skin from sun burn and sunstroke by wearing hats and sunglasses and applying sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher and limiting direct exposure to sunlight for prolonged periods of time.

**SUIT UP!**  
Make sure children always wear life jackets and use proper water safety and flotation devices.

**I'M ON A BOAT!**  
Children should always wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while on a boat. If it doesn't fit, get one that does.

**GET CERTIFIED**  
Become certified in infant and child First Aid and CPR.

**STAY HYDRATED**  
Ensure that kids drink plenty of fluids to stay properly hydrated, especially on hot days.

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Chris Whitehead - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Rebecca Foy - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

# IEB UPDATE



## Update from Governors – w/e 20th May

We will aim to update you regularly on the work that has been done by our IEB. Since our last update we have:

### **Begun the Academisation Consultation Process by:**

- preparing and issuing Academisation consultation documents for parents and staff at Kettlesing
- preparing and issuing Academisation communication documents for parents and staff at Beckwithshaw and Ripley
- holding a Consultation and Communication evening for parents and staff
- consulting additional community stakeholders

### **We have also**

- met twice with our Interim Leaders (Headteachers)
- continued our search for a permanent Headteacher
- continued discussion with NYCC and Elevate Academy as a possible long-term way forward: details of this were included in our earlier communication
- begun an agreed programme of visits to monitor action plans
- reviewed essential policies

