

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at John F Kennedy. Even though it has only been two days, it has been lovely to see everyone back at school this week. The weather hasn't dampened anyone's spirits and the atmosphere around school has been excellent, with all the pupils engaged in their learning – this bodes well for the rest of the school year.

**Staffing News:** As a school, we are always looking to give teachers their first opportunity to set foot on the ladder, and this year is no exception. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Bolton (year 3), and Miss Thornton (PPA) as they begin their teaching careers.

Miss Cameron has begun as our new Treehouse lead, and I can't wait to see how she will continue to work with the Treehouse team to develop the provision.

Mr Titmus has returned to teach intervention, Forest School and PPA across the school with groups and classes of pupils. We are all delighted that his treatment has been a success, and he is raring to be back in school again.

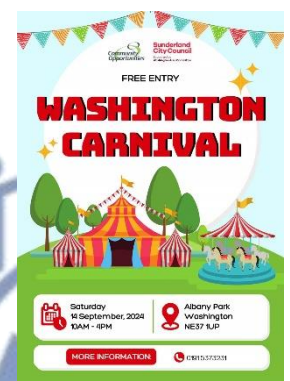
Miss Middlemiss and Mrs Owen both gave birth to beautiful, healthy babies over the summer, and they are all doing well.

I must also give huge congratulations to Miss Rose who has returned to school as Mrs Punshon, after her wedding during the summer.

**School Yard:** I hope you have all noticed that the main school yard has had new activities painted for the pupils to enjoy during breaktimes. This is just part of a wider plan to enhance the school environment for the children, using money raised from the amazing colour run during the summer term. We will keep you updated as more is added to the outdoor provision.

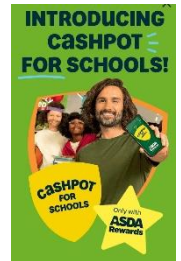
**Washington Carnival:** On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the school will be taking part in the annual parade as part of the festival. The parade sets off from Usworth Gardeners Club at 9.40am, and will go through Concord, before arriving at Albany Park around 10.00am. It would be lovely if pupils and parents could represent the school during the parade and help carry our school designed miner's banner. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

**School Uniform:** Please can we remind parents that children should come into school in full school uniform. This consists of a blue jumper or cardigan, a white polo shirt, black or charcoal/grey trousers, skirt or dress and black school shoes. In warmer weather, children can wear black or charcoal/grey school shorts or a checked summer dress. Jewellery only consists of a watch and if earrings must be worn, these must be studs, and they should be removed for PE and Forest School sessions. Now that summer is over, make-up false nails should not be worn to school. Thank you for your support with this matter.



**PE Lessons:** This year, we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather.

**ASDA:** You may have become aware of the scheme ASDA are currently running to help raise funds for primary schools. If you or your family and friends shop at ASDA and use the reward App, if you nominate JFK when purchasing items, we receive 0.5% cash from the total. Since the launch this week, can I say a huge thanks to anyone who has been shopping and linked our school, as our total already stands at over £80.



**Key Dates:** We will be sending out a full year of key dates early next week. Until this time, below is a list of dates in the immediate future:

Date	Event	Year Group
14.09.24	Washington Carnival Parade – 9.40am (meet 9.30am)	Whole School
17.09.24	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 1
19.09.24	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 6
24.09.24	Reception Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Reception
26.09.24	MacMillan Cake Sale – 3pm (School Yard)	Whole School
27.09.24	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
30.09.24	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



# Timetables

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Week Commencing: 9 <sup>th</sup> September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Nursery	Year 6
Friday		5MA – Swimming 5RN - PE

**Forest School:** This will start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.

