

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**EYFS Opening Morning:** Tomorrow morning we will be hosting an EYFS open session from 10:00am – 12:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers, who have children starting nursery or reception in September 2025, or have children turning 3 this academic year, to visit our EYFS provision and see all the wonderful learning that happens at JFK. Our next nursery intakes will be January 2025 and April 2025, and we still have 15-hour and 30-hour places available. If you have family or friends with children starting reception next September or have children looking for a nursery place, then please let them know we'd love to see them.

**Year 6 Trip:** Year 6 had a great time on their Safety Works trip on Tuesday afternoon. They learned about keeping safe and how the emergency services are there to help us. All pupils took part in a range of activities which they enjoyed and got to sample different scenarios such as what to do in an incident involving water. They also learned about road safety as well as how the police, fire brigade and RNLI support us. They were a credit to our school and very well-behaved. Well done, year 6.



**Parents' Evening:** If you haven't already done so, don't forget to book your appointment for Parents' Evening, by 9am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, using the following link - <https://forms.office.com/e/mYAvVQb9p8>

**Harvest Festival:** Many children from school will be taking part in a Harvest Festival celebration at Holy Trinity Church in Washington Village on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parents at this event due to the number of children who will be attending. We are asking for any donations of tins, packets, and non-perishable foods, which families can make, to be handed in to school by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October which we will then take to the Washington Food Bank for families in need of support.

**Car Parking:** Can I remind all parents/carers who drop off or pick up their child in a car to park wisely around the school grounds. We should always be respectful to local residents, as well as parking in a safe manner. I do ask that people refrain from parking on the paths immediately outside of school – this is very dangerous to both pedestrians and other drivers. We will continue to seek support from the road safety team with this matter, but hope our parents and carers will actively support us in the meantime.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is at 93.32%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.31%. The expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. Below are the attendances for each class. Well done to 4BK for achieving a fantastic 100% again this week along with RES who also achieved 100%.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	88.33	83.75	100	91.83	94.44	95.67	91.35	97.22
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	85.83	95.19	100	89.58	93.90	98.61	99.11	92.19

**House Points:** Well done to Curie for achieving the most points this week. Their colour ribbon will be added to the House Point Trophy for this week. The house with the most ribbons will then be awarded a treat later in the term.

**School Photos:** Just a reminder that our school photographer will be coming in on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**JFK Superstar:** Daniel M (Treehouse) recently completed The Big Sunderland Walk at Herrington Park. Daniel and his family thoroughly enjoyed their day and managed to raise an amazing £240! Daniel told me he also met Spiderman and Princess Anna along the way which made his day even more special.



**World Mental Health Day:** It is World Mental Health day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This year we would like children to bring something yellow in to school (please can items be clearly labelled). Mrs Parker, PSHE Lead, is going to work with children to produce a piece of art that is linked to the theme of mental health, using the yellow items brought in by children.

**Site Manager Vacancy:** As some of you may be aware, Mr Downing will be retiring at the end of this year. He is going to be a huge miss not only to the school, but to our JFK family. This means we will be recruiting for a new Site Manager to take over the role. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please ask them to visit our school website for full details of the job description and application forms: <https://www.jfkprimary.co.uk/our-school/our-vacancies/>

**Lost/Missing Uniform:** We have received quite a few queries this week about misplaced items of uniform and clothing. If you have not already done so, please label all items with your child's name as this will help us identify who they belong to. If your child has mistakenly taken home any items such as coats, jumpers, etc which are not theirs we kindly ask you to return these to school as soon as possible so we can return them to their rightful owner.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Adams - Head of School



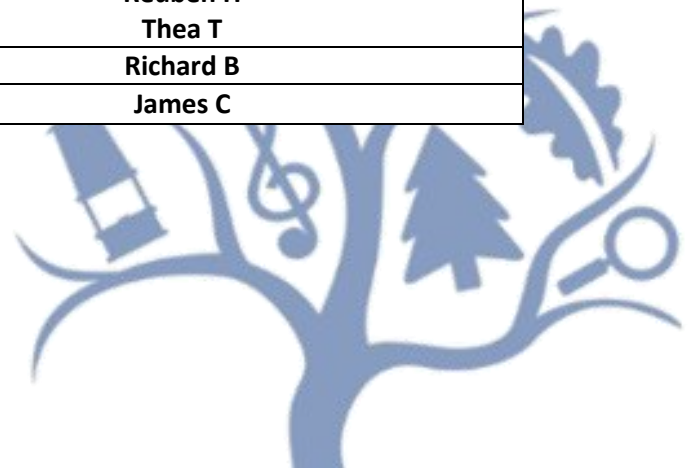


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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Jace S Lucie H
	RAM	Dylan R Harlow M
Reception	RES	Mason A Charlotte R
	1AP	Klayton R Kayden B
One	1MT	Keith R Imogen B
	2MA	Lilly N Derrick A
Two	2JW	Orla G Cecil R
	3DF	Milly S Louie H
Three	3GB	Cole L Olivia T
	4AF	Seth A Imogen H
Four	4BK	Lacey-Mae B Charlie B
	5RN	Emily May M Mia W
Five	5MA	Katie C Shyla C
	6PP	Elliot S Amelia T
Six	6LM	Reuben H Thea T
	TLC	Richard B
Treehouse	TNP	James C



# Timetables

**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

Week Commencing: 7 <sup>th</sup> October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (Swimming) Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday		Year 6
Friday		5MA (P.E) 5RN (Swimming)

**Forest School:** Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – **long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible**. No additional accessories should be worn. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

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Monday	5MA	
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday		Nursery (PM/ 30hour children)
Thursday		
Friday	Nursery (AM/30hour children)	1MT

