

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a shortened week in school, but this hasn't stopped every class from working just as hard to complete work to a high standard. Miss Charlton – Oak Learning Trust's new Director of Learning and Performance visited the school on Tuesday, and she was very impressed with the atmosphere and work across the school.

**Macmillan Cake Sale:** Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or cookies for our cake sale, and to anyone who bought a sweet treat to take home. It is appreciated and all money raised will be transferred to Macmillan so they can continue to support people living with cancer.

**TA Appreciation:** Tomorrow, 27<sup>th</sup> September, is National Teaching Assistant's Day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing TAs across the school – they are all invaluable members of our school staff. We couldn't be the JFK family we are without them! Thanks to them all!!

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is at 93.38%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 94.56%. 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% this week.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	88.33	91.25	94.38	88.46	96.35	93.27	87.98	94.44
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.58	94.71	100	93.58	90.38	96.15	99.55	94.27

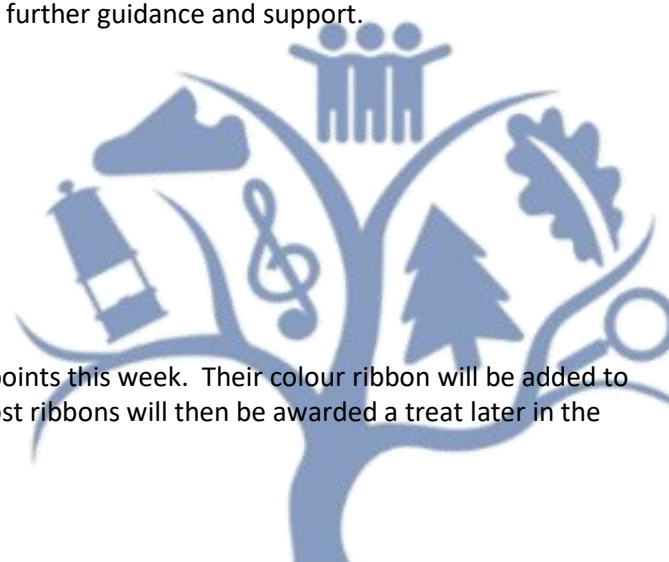
**Do I need to keep my child off school?**

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

- Chicken Pox:** At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over.
- Conjunctivitis:** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
- Diarhoea & /or Vomiting:** 48 hours from last episode.
- Respiratory illness:** (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough.
- Glandular Fever:** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
- Hand, foot & mouth:** No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed.
- Impetigo:** Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.
- Head Lice:** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
- Measles:** 4 days from onset of rash.
- Mumps:** 5 days from onset of swelling.
- German Measles (Rubella):** 5 days from onset of rash.
- Scarlet Fever:** 24 hours after commencing antibiotics.
- Scabies:** Until after first treatment.
- Slapped Cheek:** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
- Threadworms:** No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.
- Tonsillitis:** Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed.
- Whooping Cough:** 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.

We have received a few queries recently from parents/carers to discuss whether their child needs to be absent from school, and if so for how long, when they are unwell with certain illnesses. We always follow the guides provided to us by Public Health, and hope this brief summary will help answer such queries.

Please contact the school office if you are ever unsure, and would like some further guidance and support.



**House Points:** Well done to Franklin 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.

**Asda Rewards Cashpot:** I am very grateful to all the parents/carers who have selected our school when shopping on the Asda Reward app. Our school cashpot is currently sitting at £357.93! The scheme is running until the end of November – so there is still plenty of time for you and your family/friends to sign up if you shop at Asda.



**JFK Superstars:** Nancy H (3GB) took part in a gymnastics competition at Northern Hope at the weekend, achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Fantastic Nancy, well done.



Imogen H (2MA) also took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend with her club Washington Gymnastics. Achieving a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal in her contest. Well done Imogen – a fantastic result!

Nathan B (1MT) was so excited to show off his certificate this week after receiving Star of the Session in his Taekwondo lesson! Well done Nathan - keep up the good work!



**Mexican Fiesta Promotional Day:** On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October our school kitchen team are holding a Mexican Fiesta special menu. Please fill in the following form if your child does not normally have school meals, but would like one on this date: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/2hy2KhxNCb>

**Year 6 Trip:** Year 6 will be visiting Safety Works on Tuesday next week. Please ensure you have provided permission via Payment Item section in ParentPay for them to attend.

**INSET Day:** Just to remind everyone that school is closed to pupils tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September due to staff training.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



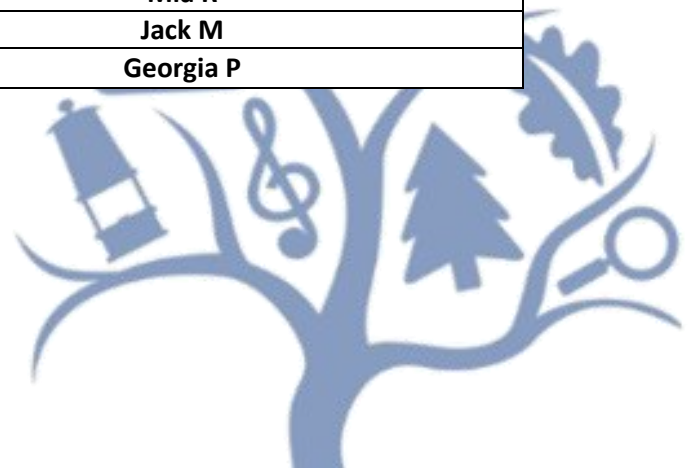


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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Valencia J Jude P
	RAM	Lola R Max A
Reception	RES	Oakley C Asher S
	1AP	Clara T Alex S
One	1MT	Bella P Junior S
	2MA	Frankie B Reuben D
Two	2JW	Teddy M Sylvia H-F
	3DF	Oliver C Archie H
Three	3GB	Henry P Jessica G
	4AF	Jacob B-M Miles M
Four	4BK	Thea G Pheobe A
	5RN	Elliott D Niamh C
Five	5MA	Hayden S Freddie B
	6PP	Joseph B Heidi S
Six	6LM	Lilly-Rose M Mia R
	TLC	Jack M
Treehouse	TNP	Georgia P



# 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: 30 <sup>th</sup> September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		5MA - Swimming 5RN - PE

**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		
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday		
Friday	Nursery	1AP

