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Dear Parents and Carers

Sports Day

Sports Day was a fantastic success on Monday. The standard of competition was high in the traditional athletic events and lots of fun was had in the less traditional events such as the three-legged races and tug of war. Well done to all of the competitors who took part and to all the spectators who supported so enthusiastically.

Staffing Changes

It is that time of year when we say farewell to some colleagues who are moving on to other things.

Mrs Hall, our Reprographic Technician is retiring after 13 years, remaining patient with last minute requests for photocopying. Mrs Herbert has been teaching and more recently leading the Geography department and has been with us for 18 years. She is relocating to the north east. Miss Houlihan is leaving us after a year teaching Science and relocating to Scotland due to family reasons. Ms Kuliszewski is relocating to Scotland after over a decade teaching Psychology with us. Mrs Lowther has supported our students in Learning Support for over 14 years and is also retiring. Ms King is moving on to teach Computing at another local school after six years in post. Mr Noblett is moving on from teaching after seven years' teaching our students Maths. In all, these staff have given over 70 years' service to our school and our students and we thank them all and wish them well in their new lives.

Other staffing changes which will take effect next year are detailed below.

Mr Causey is stepping down as Head of Maths but will continue to teach our students. Mrs Wrigley is stepping down as Head of Year 7 to become Second in Charge of Science. Mrs Stanton is stepping down as Head of Year but will continue to teach Biology in school. Thank you to these colleagues for their contributions in these roles over the years.

Mr Shepherd will become Head of Year 7 alongside his Assistant Headteacher role. Mrs Soderberg has been appointed as Head of Year 8 alongside her current teaching role. We welcome Mr Starr to the school to take up the role as Head of Maths.

Results Days

We look forward to celebrating GCSE and A level results with students. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions students may have and support them with next steps.

A level results are available in school between 9.00 am – 10.00 am on 15th August.

GCSE results are available in school between 9.30 am – 10.15 am on 22nd August.

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Uniform and equipment

A reminder that students can choose to wear Kirkbie Kendal School skirts or black trousers. **The skirts must be KKS branded.** Shoes must be all black leather and must not have fabric or tags on them. Nose piercings and acrylic nails are not allowed. The link to the uniform expectations on the school website is below.

<https://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/key-info/uniform/>

The school holiday is always a good time for an equipment check. The list of expected equipment is shown here: <https://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/students/equipment-for-learning/>

Attendance

The end of another school year is a good time to reflect on your son or daughter's school attendance. We would like to thank all those students who achieved our target of 97%. This is fantastic and this will benefit their attainment and accessing opportunities in school.

We would like to remind parents that attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and where we understand some absence is unavoidable 90% means students have missed 19 days of school, which is 95 lessons. There are 190 school days and 179 days where students do not attend school.

In September students will be doing some work in form time reviewing last year's attendance and discussing the importance of attending school every day.

Astro Turf Pitch

There has been some anti-social behaviour on the astro turf pitch out of hours recently with some people climbing over the fence, which has led to some equipment being damaged. We have now engaged a security company who will be making regular checks on the site and will be involving the police should anyone found to be trespassing on school property. This enables us to keep the site fit for our students and for the clubs that use the facility.

Early Finish on Thursday

School will finish at around 12.00 pm on Thursday, with final assemblies celebrating the vast array of activities and successes students with which have been involved this year.

Arrangements for the Start of Term

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students at 8.45 am on Wednesday 4th September, with the remaining year groups starting at 8.45 am on Thursday 5th September.

Thank you for the support that you have given to the school this year. I hope you have a good summer and the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing students back in school in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher