

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 10th December 2021

It had been lovely being back in school this week, I really missed 'Team Kellington'.

What a week! Our wonderful Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses have 'wowed' three separate audiences with their magnificent Christmas production of 'The Lucky Owl'. They were truly amazing with their beautiful singing and dancing and their competent acting skills. A massive **well done** to all the children, to the staff who worked hard to bring it all together and to you, our parents, for your support.



After a busy 6 weeks I think both children and adults are quite tired as we move into the final week of term. It is another busy one as we finish off the children's learning of the term and undertake a variety of Christmas activities.

Monday - Christingle - Children will be making their Christingle in the morning and we will have a Christingle service in school in the afternoon with Father Mike. Apologies, as we are now in school not church, we cannot accommodate parents at this event. Donations to the Children's Society will be greatly received on Monday and there will be buckets in each classroom. **Thank you to the PTA for sourcing the ingredients for all our Christingles.**

Tuesday - Pantomime visit -CAST THEATRE Doncaster -Aladdin. School doors open at **8.30am**. All children should be in school by **8.40am** please. We are hoping to be back at school between 12.45-1pm for Sunflowers to be collected. All other children will have a late lunch. Children can bring a named drink bottle, containing water, to have a drink at the interval with a snack that we will provide. **Full school uniform please.**

Thank you to the PTA for funding the tickets.

Thursday - Christmas Lunch - We will all eat Christmas dinner together in the hall. Sunflowers to be collected from school at 12.30 please. Christmas jumpers/tops/ dresses may be worn or school uniform.

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Covid 19

Thank you to everyone for adopting the restrictions when on the school site and when attending the Christmas performances this week. We are really fortunate that cases remain extremely low in our school community and we want to continue to do everything we possibly can to try and keep them that way.

At the moment our low Covid case prevalence is allowing us to continue to go ahead with our Christmas activities, with strict risk assessments in place. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of our new regulations in regard to every day and events taking place at school.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Brody

Daffodils - Frantisek

Roses - Sofia

Tulips - Ellsie and Kobi

Lilies - Katie



Houses

The winning house this week is **Marsh** and **Manor**

A Star at Christmas

Two years ago we attended this event at Tadcaster Grammar school with other schools in the STARMAT. It was cancelled last year due to Covid and this year, our Young Voices' choir have submitted a recording of a song, which will form part of a compilation video starring all the STARMAT schools. We will share this with you once the video is completed.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is available in school until Friday December 17th if children wish to post cards to other members of our school community. Please ensure cards are clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class.

Farewells and welcome back

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Miss Rowley, Lilies' class teacher, as she has secured a permanent teaching position at Roundhay School in Leeds. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all she has contributed to Team Kellington.

Mrs Cannon, teaching assistant, is also leaving us next Friday for pastures new outside of the education sector. She had worked at KPS since 2017 and again we say a big thank you for all she has contributed to the team.

This week we welcomed back Mrs Osborne from maternity leave. It was lovely to have her back in school and part of Team Kellington

Visit from Mrs Beadnell - Bevan

It was lovely to see Mrs Beadnell- Bevan yesterday and for staff and children to meet her beautiful baby boy Hugo George.



Christmas Dinner - Thursday 16th December

Christmas dinner is on Thursday 16th December. We will all eat together in the hall and all children are invited to order dinner via Parentpay (£2.30 for children who have to pay for their school meals).

Please can you order your child's dinner ASAP via parentpay. If you have any issues please contact the school office

We would love for Sunflowers to join us and be collected at 12.30pm on that day. **If they are staying for dinner please order their dinner via Parentpay.**

If your child is not eating a school Christmas Dinner they will still be joining everyone in the hall and enjoying the festivities of the day. **Christmas jumpers/tops/ dresses can be worn on this day.**

Uniform

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in their uniform. We are still finding jumpers, shorts, shoes etc around school without names and often there doesn't appear to be anyone missing them. Also having your child's uniform named helps prevent the wrong person going home in it!

PE Kit

PE kits need to come into school on a Monday and go home on Friday for washing. We are continuing to do PE as much as possible outside and we will be continuing to complete the Golden Kilometer throughout the winter as often as possible. **Up to the end of term please.**

Morrisons' Good to Grow scheme

We have signed up to this scheme and therefore if you shop at Morrison's we would value your support. You can help, without really doing anything other than your normal shop. We have already got vouchers to spend. Thank you.

Attendance

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can.

We are working extremely hard to enable all the children to not be disadvantaged by their lost learning due to the issues over the last 18 months and therefore they need to be here, in school, for us to be able to support them to be the best they can be .

Please can I remind everyone to inform us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do

need a message via telephone or email as early as possible, by 9.30 am at the latest, however sooner is preferable. If we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to make contact to establish where your child is. We will keep ringing you until we get a reply. If we don't get a reply we could have to report your child as a missing child.

We know this is sometimes difficult but whenever possible please try and make any appointments outside of school hours, or at the beginning or end of the school day.

Attendance this week (Friday-Thursday)

Lilies - 96.97% Tulips - 98.32% Roses - 96.37% Daffodils - 91.67% Overall - 94.19%

Keeping children safe: Covid 19-

Please can I remind you that if your child or anyone in the family shows any of the following symptoms you should seek a PCR covid test ASAP

A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. Please then follow the guidance in relation to isolating given by Track and Trace. Do inform school if your child tests positive or if they are advised to isolate.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please do contact the school for further information on how to check your eligibility and apply. Even if your child is in KS1 and is currently receiving a universal free school meal, if you are eligible for FSM it is really important that you apply, as there are still additional benefits for your child,

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th Christingle Service 2pm - At school. Apologies, now no parents to attend

Tuesday 14th December Whole school trip to the pantomime in Doncaster. **Full School uniform to be worn.**

Thursday 16th December - Christmas dinner - **Christmas jumpers/tops/ dresses can be worn today**

Friday 17th December - School closes at 3.15pm today until the Wednesday 5th January at 8.45am **Christmas jumpers/tops/ dresses can be worn today**

Wednesday 5th January 2022 School reopens. Young Voices concert

Have a lovely weekend whatever you are doing. I hope everyone gets time to rest so they are ready for the busy week ahead. Myself and the staff are looking forward to all the festive activities during our last week of term.

Take care and kind regards,

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher

