# **Kellington Primary School**











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# Friday 11th February 2022

We have had a productive week at Kellington Primary School, although I believe many of us, children and staff, are a little tired as we have now completed six weeks of a seven week term. However, everyone is being resilient and we will continue to work hard, right up until the end of next week. Please do remember that although the staff will be in school **next Friday**, it is an inset day and therefore **school is closed to all children**.

We were thoroughly entertained this morning by Tulips' class who delivered an amazing class assembly. They shared their expert knowledge on the Victorians in a very engaging way that was thoroughly enjoyed by both parents and children. **Well done** to Tulips class and thank you to Mr Merrall for adding appropriate song lyrics to well known tunes, a great way to support the children's 'sticky learning'.



#### **School Meals**

Please can we ask you to pre order your child's school dinner on Parentpay? . We have this system in place to support your child to choose a school dinner they are going to enjoy. The choice can be done up to 3 weeks in advance and up to 8am on the day of the meal. Our younger children especially find it difficult to make a choice from the pictures during school registration in the morning and whilst the adults in the classroom are available to help, unlike you, we do not know what your child does or does not like.

If you need any help with accessing the meal selector on ParentPay please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

By choosing your child's school meal it means we can confidently encourage them to eat what they have chosen as we know it is something they like and also, as the register can take quite a while if children haven't pre chosen their meal, we have more time for learning. Many thanks

# Mother's day lunch and a crafting activity

Details will be coming home next week to invite you to come and share a school lunch and then complete a crafting activity with your child. This will be offered throughout the week 21st-25th March and there will be up to twenty- five places per day. This will be available to children in Reception to Year 6 and we will be offering an alternative activity for them during the mornings of Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March

#### **Book fair**

We are hoping to have access to a Book Fair from Usborne books during World Book Day on Thursday 3.3.22. The children will be able to use their £1 WBD book voucher towards any purchase if they so wish. More information next week.

#### **Bedtime Storytime**

On Thursday 3.3.22 we will be hosting a bedtime storytime between 4pm-5.30pm. Children will be invited to come back to school in their PJs, if they so wish, to enjoy some bedtime stories delivered by members of staff. They will also receive a hot chocolate and a biscuit during the session. We will circulate booking forms for the event on Monday 28th February.

# **Afterschool/lunchtime clubs**

We will be running some after school and lunch time clubs after half term. Details will be

circulated next week. Some of the clubs will be open to everyone and some will be targeted to areas of learning and will be by invitation only.

#### **Parent consultation evenings**

As noted in the dates for the diary for quite a few weeks now, our parent consultation evenings will take place on Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th March between 3.30pm-7pm. We will be sending home a link to a booking form next week to enable you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. We are intending for these to happen face to face and each appointment will be for 10 minutes.

#### **Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars**

We are delighted that so many children have accessed these programmes and are enjoying them as part of their learning. The programmes will support your child's mathematical learning and are very engaging. With both programmes it is better your child accesses it for short bursts of time frequently rather than playing it for an hour a week. Any support and encouragement you can offer your child to practise their mathematical skills on either programme, will have an impact on their learning. If you experience any issues logging into the programme please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office. We do monitor the children's progress on the programme and support can be offered in school if they are struggling with any aspects of the programme.

#### White Rose Maths 1-One Minute Maths App

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle. Your child can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

#### Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

- 1. Excellent practice and no distractions.
- 2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
- 3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.

- 4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
- 5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
- 6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
- 7. It's **FREE**!

# https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download

#### Covid 19

Unfortunately like everywhere, we are having some cases of Covid 19 within our school community and we continue to wish everyone a speedy recovery. It is really important that we continue to be vigilant in relation to our routines to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have a positive case in your household, please inform the school. Your child can continue to attend school however they need to undertake a daily LFT which needs to remain negative. If your child shows any signs of the covid virus (A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) or are indeed just unwell, we would suggest they undertake an LFT.



# **STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunflowers - Nancy** 

Daffodils - Jacob A-B

Roses - Arthur

**Tulips - Grace F** 

Lilies - Lola











#### Houses

The winning House this week is Marsh

# **Healthy Schools**

This year we are working towards being awarded Healthy School status and our first focus to achieve the bronze award is 'Active Lifestyles'. To achieve this award we need to evidence all that we do in school to encourage children to be active and also to encourage children and families to become more active in their lifestyles.

Our Junior Leadership team is taking a lead in collating information from the children in school in relation to what additional opportunities they would like to see in school and we will be sharing more information with you in the future about opportunities for families to become involved and to increase their activity.

The link to the Healthy School Award is below if you would like to find out more about this award.

http://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/

#### **Running Track**

If any members of our local community would like to use our running track as part of their fitness regime it is available between **7-8am** and between **5-6pm. Monday - Friday.** There will be no access to any other part of school during this time and people who use the track do so at their own risk. If you wish to bring your children to join you during these times, **however this is at your own risk and children (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult** 

If you are interested in using the facility during these times, please contact the school and this can be arranged.

#### Wrap around care

Thank you to those who have completed the form. We have collected the current data and will get back to you ASAP with news on any potential providers. The form remains active so please fill it in if you haven't done so and may need wrap around care in the foreseeable future, <a href="https://forms.gle/ozL9Zqnrs3Zno9ku7">https://forms.gle/ozL9Zqnrs3Zno9ku7</a>

#### **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)

Unfortunately not great at all. We do have a significant number of children who are off school because they are ill or have medical appointments, however we do have some unauthorized absences too. We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please.

Lilies -94.55% Tulips -86.33% Roses - 94.00% Daffodils -92.00% Overall -91.44%

#### **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**

Friday 18th February - Inset day - School closed for children

Monday 21st- Friday 25th - February half term holiday.

Monday 28th February - School reopens

Monday 28th Feb- 4th March - World Book Week

We will all be focusing on the picture book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival throughout the week. We are planning exciting learning activities across the curriculum linked to the book, including well-being activities.

**Thursday 3rd March 4pm -5.30pm Bedtime stories with hot chocolate -** booking forms home on Monday 28th February

**Tuesday 8th March and Wed 9th March** - **Parent consultations (in person)** Booking forms to be circulated next week.

Monday 14th March - Class photographs

Friday 18th March -Comic Relief Day -Red noses on sale - Further details soon

Week commencing 21st March (daily) - Daily Mother's day lunch and crafting - details next week

Monday 28th March - Roses' Class trip - Ledston Estate (Details to follow)

Friday 1st April - Daffodils' Class trip - Ledston Estate (Details to follow)

Friday 8th April - School closes for the Easter holiday until Monday 25th April

Friday 20th May - Daffodils' Class Assembly -9am Parents welcome

Friday 1st July - Roses' Class Assembly - 9am Parents welcome

I do hope you all have a great weekend and the children rest ready for our last 4 days of the half term. I know many of the children are tired after a busy half term but we can do this!....four more school 'get ups' and we are there. Maybe we need cake next week to get us through?).

Take care, kind regards

Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

