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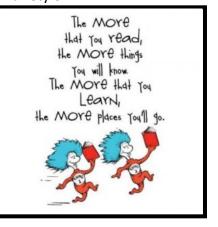
# Friday 11th March 2022

The second week of the half term has gone extremely well. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our parent consultation evenings and we hope you found them useful. If we have not yet managed to arrange to meet with you please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. Please do remember that we operate an open door policy here at Kellington Primary School, therefore if you ever need to discuss your child's class teacher or myself at any time.

As you are aware, we place a great emphasis on reading at Kellington Primary School, as it is the gateway to all learning. We do encourage children to read to an adult (or to themselves for the older children) every night if possible. This activity will support their learning and also set good habits for the future. It is also important for children to have stories read and told to them as often as possible and as they become more proficient readers to read a variety of

different text types. When your child is an independent reader it is useful for an adult to ask them questions about and discuss the books and text that they have read. All children at Kellington Primary School have a reading record and I would like to remind you to please complete this when you have read with your child or to confirm that your child has completed their daily reading.

Next week we are finally able to launch the use of our book vending machine. For **every three adult's signatures which are recorded in your child's reading record**, your child's name will go in the 'hat'. Each week we will draw at least four names from the hat and those children can choose a book from the vending machine.



### Red nose day - Friday 18th March

We will be selling Red Noses next week from Wednesday and they cost  $\pm 1.50$ 

We are inviting everyone, for a minimum donation of £1, to wear **RED** or **Comic Relief merchandise** on Friday. Please can we ask that children's outfits are suitable for a day of school activities safely. Each class will be having a Red Nose and spoon race around the running track at a point throughout the day.



# Lilies Class - Christina Gabbitas- No More Knives or County Lines.

Lilies Class had a visit from Christina Gabbitas and NY police today for a very informative session. The children enjoyed listening to the story Christina has created to highlight the dangers of knives and county lines within our community and the risks these pose to our young people. Whilst Christina was with them the class created a class poem, **see below**, which may end up published should it win the competition she will enter into. She left each child a signed copy of a graphic novel version of her story.

## Lilies' poem

A group of friends are hanging out in the park A suspicious hooded man appeared from the dark

He asked them if they had any weed One of them said no, cos they had no need

He asked them to deliver packages to Manchester and Leeds To help perform his criminal deeds

Using their own dedicated phone line They're now involved in a serious crime!

*In the flat Jamie picks up a knife We at Kellington Primary think it was the worst decision of his life* 

Stay away from a life of crime Or you may end up doing major time!!

### **Phunky food**

Tulips have had a session this afternoon to launch the Phunky Foods project they are going to be involved in. There will be lots of exciting activities coming up in the months ahead that they will undertake in relation to cooking and eating healthily. I believe the next step for them will be to complete a simple food diary.

## **Sparkly Stars Bookshop**

It was so great to see so many of you at the Sparkly Star bookshop on Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the event and to Suzanne for bringing a lovely selection of books. Your purchases, as well as giving you some lovely new books for home, have allowed us to acquire some new books for school!

Suzanne is hoping to work with school in the near future and is hopefully going to organise an author visit to school. She will also be bringing her Sparkly Star bookshop back to Kellington

School in the future, however if you want to order from her before then, please do not hesitate to contact her via the link below

Facebook - to find the Virtual Sparkly Star Bookfair follow this link

# @sparklystarsvirtualbookfair

As soon as the books you have ordered arrive, Suzanne will bring them into school and she will also bring a box for book token exchange - if anyone didn't spend their token and wants a little treasure for £1 when she drops off the order please hang onto your token until then.

## Mother's day lunch and a crafting activity

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to have lunch and undertake a craft activity with your child. We will be sending out details of how to pay for your lunch next week however please could you plan to arrive at school between **11.45-12noon** to eat with your child.





Apologies for the delay in sending this information There will be activities for mums of the children in **Sunflowers** to attend during the mornings of **Thursday 24th and Friday 25th** March. Information has been shared with you today.

# We still need .....

**Pots and pans and metal spoons** - If you have any old metal pots and pans, spoons etc or indeed anything natural the children could make music with (ie noise) we would love them to find a new home with us.

**Jigsaws** - If you have any complete jigsaw puzzles suitable for our younger children- up to 50 pieces and large pieces, we would love to receive your donations

### 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.

## Covid 19

Fortunately the number of children with Covid has dramatically reduced this week to zero and we keep our fingers crossed it remains this way. 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 your cooperation with the new guidelines that were shared last weekend

Please, 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) we would suggest they undertake an LFT to determine whether it is Covid 19. It is important if your child is unwell they do not attend school as will any other illness.

# Uniform etc

Please do remember to label all parts of your child's school uniform including PE kit and coats. It is our school policy that long hair should be tied up for school and definately during PE. School shoes should be plain black shoes or boots, not trainers please, unless there are mitigating circumstances that have been discussed with school

Earrings need to be removed for PE (including swimming). Please speak to the school office if your child has just had their ears pierced so a suitable length of time can be agreed for when the need to remain in situ and the protocol explained. No jewelry should be worn for school, except a watch or small plain stud earrings please. Can we also ask that nail varnish is also removed for school.

Many thanks for your co- operation



Sunflowers - Logan M Daffodils - Lexi

Roses - Troy

- Tulips Robert
- Lilies Bronwen



# STARS OF THE WEEK



### Houses

The winning House this week is Marsh

### **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

We have had a meeting with an external provider today and we will keep you updated on the outcome as soon as possible

### **Appointments during school hours.**

We do appreciate it is sometimes impossible to arrange appointments for your child outside of school hours. If at all possible however, please can you continue to arrange them during the holidays or at the beginning or end of the school day so it minimises the lost learning time for your child.

If your child has an appointment that means you are taking them out during school time, please may we have sight of the appointment card or letter/email inviting them to that appointment? This can either be shared with your child's class teacher or with the school office.

Occasionally we also have children leaving school early as they need to accompany their parent/s to appointments. Again if we could ask for sight of the invitation to this appointment we would be grateful as this allows us to keep all our absence records in order.

### 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 94.78% Tulips 95.33% Roses 95.33% Daffodils 95.26 % Overall 95.20 -%

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please. Attendance is much improved this week!

### **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 14th March - Class photographs

**Friday 18th March -Comic Relief Day** -Red noses on sale - For a donation of a minimum of £1 the children can wear **RED and/or comic relief merchandise** 

Week commencing 21st March (daily) - Daily Mother's day lunch and crafting activity (11.45-12.45)

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th - Parents to join snack time and crafting activity - Sunflowers' Class

Monday 28th March - Roses' Class trip - Ledston Estate

Friday 1st April - Daffodils' Class trip - Ledston Estate

Friday 8th April - - Tulips class trip Murton Park - Investigating Life in Roman times. (due back 3.45pm) Rearranged date

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

Monday 2nd May - School closed - Bank holiday

Monday 9th- Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATs week

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

Thursday 26th May - School closes for May half term holiday

Friday 27th May - Inset day -School closed to children

Monday 6th June - School reopens for the final term of the academic year.

Friday 17th June 2pm- Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

Wednesday 22nd June 2pm - Reserve Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

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

Week commencing 11th July Specific activities for Year 6 children - details to follow

Tuesday 19th July - 2pm and 6pm Lilies end of year production

Friday 25th July

9am End of year assembly

3.15pm School closes for summer holidays

Tuesday 6th September - School reopens

I do hope you are all have a good weekend, Take care Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

