

# Kellington Primary School



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## Friday 17th September 2021

We have had another good week here in school. The children have continued to amaze us with how well they have settled back into their learning after a turbulent 18 months and have continued to impress us with their positive attitude to their learning. It has been good to be able to embed our school routines and it is lovely and a privilege, after so long, to be able to be together for assemblies and lunchtimes etc.

We have been truly blown away by the generosity of our wonderful school community. Never did we believe we would have such a fantastic response to the request last Sunday evening for donations of clothing etc for the Afghan Refugees. Your kindness and generosity goes beyond words and the donations we have received will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

On Wednesday evening we delivered three car loads of donations and this evening we have at least another two car loads to deliver. A massive thank you to each and everyone of you for your kindness.

'Team Kellington' you are amazing. We however **need to stop** receiving donations for the present time, as unfortunately we have nowhere to store them, however I can share more details with you later next week on how we can possibly continue to offer help and support.



## Mrs Reynolds - CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Reynolds are now the proud parents of Ellis James who arrived on Thursday 9th September. Mum and baby are doing well and 'Team Kellington' are looking forward to meeting Master Ellis, hopefully soon



## PTA



The PTA is asking for donations for the **tombola** stall at our mini festival on the 1.10.21. Please can you bring any donations you may have of suitable tombola prizes into school on **Thursday and Friday (23rd and 24th September)** and give them to your child's class teacher.

There will also be a **raffle** at this event and therefore if anyone knows of a local business who may like to donate a raffle prize, please do let us know.

The PTA holds some items of 'pre-loved uniform'. If you wish to purchase any item please do not hesitate to contact one of the PTA committee. Should you wish to donate any items of good quality uniform that you no longer need, the blue bin that we have been using this week to collect your kind donations for the refugees, is the PTA's uniform collection bin and will be outside school. There will be an opportunity to buy pre-loved uniform at the event on the 1st October.

**On Monday 1st November the PTA** will be running the Halloween disco. There will be a session for children in nursery, reception Year 1 and Year 2 from 3.30-4.15pm and then a second session for children in Years 3-6 from 4.30-5.15pm. More details to follow soon.



**Our Christmas Fair is from 3.30pm on Friday 26th November.** If you are interested in hosting a stall at this event or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the PTA via their facebook page or leave a message for them at the school office.



At all these events the small PTA committee would be very grateful for any help and support from any parents or friends of the school. If you are able to offer help please do contact one of the committee. **Any support from any parents or friends of KPS is always welcomed.**

The PTA has a Facebook Page that parents can join to keep up to date with all their news. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/678444229358277/permalink/1000713083798055/>

Please do not forget we also have a collection box for old ink cartridges in the entrance foyer. If you have any empty ink cartridges could you donate them to school as part of our fundraising.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Sunflowers - Frankie**

**Daffodils - Oliver M**

**Roses - Sofia**

**Tulips - Lily-Ann**

**Lilies - Charlotte**



### **Houses**

The winning house this week is **MARSH**

### **Junior Leadership Team**

We will hold elections for the Junior Leadership Team during the week commencing 27th September. Children will be receiving details next week about how they can prepare should they wish to be considered for this role. We will be electing children from each year group to

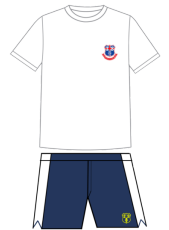
be part of the team.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on line. If your child has changed class you will need to accept the notification to join their class page. Any problems please contact your child's class teacher or contact the school office [admin@kp.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@kp.starmat.uk).

### PE Kit

All children need to have their PE kit in school everyday. We are happy for them to bring it in on a Monday and take it home for washing on a Friday. We will be doing indoor and outdoor PE this term and all children will be completing the golden kilometre during the week. If children do not have their PE kit unfortunately, they can not do PE. Please can I remind you that all children need to remove earrings for PE, not have them taped, and therefore if your child can not remove them, please can you remove them on PE days.



### Uniform

Please can I also remind everyone that the only pieces of jewelry children should be wearing are a watch if they so wish and small plain studs as earrings. No 'dangly' earrings please or hoops. Could nail varnish also please be removed for school.

### Water bottles

We encourage all children to bring a named water bottle containing **only water** to have access to throughout the day. If they wish, they may bring a bottle or carton of juice or squash to have with their lunch but not throughout the day.



Unfortunately we still have children bringing juice to drink throughout the day. Please can children only have plain water in their bottle during the day unless this is an exceptional circumstance that has been discussed with school staff.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

### Drop off and pick up

Thank you to everyone for continuing to use our one way system when on the school premises.. It really does help easy congestion at the main entrance and for people leaving after delivering or collecting children from Daffodils.

Please can we ask, with restrictions now lifted, that parents wait for their child on the playground whenever possible, rather than congregating outside the school gate. It does become very congested on the pavement and it is difficult for people with pushchairs to get past or for the children returning from swimming.

Please do remember that the only cars that should park in the layby are parents with a 'blue badge', the school bus, and any other school transport (e.g. coach on a Wednesday) also need access to the layby to safely deliver or collect children from school. Please therefore can no other parents use the layby for parking when dropping off or collecting their children from school.

Many thanks for your cooperation with the above.

### KPS Local Governing Body -

We currently have a vacancy for a **parent governor** and you will have received an email about this earlier in the week . **Please do think seriously about whether** this is something you could consider to undertake to support the development and enhancement of what we provide here at Kellington Primary School. **WE NEED YOU!**



If you wish to discuss this role further with either myself, our Chair of Governors, or our Clerk to Governors, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### School meals

Thank you to everyone who is pre ordering your child's meals. This is a real help as we then know what you have chosen is something they like and we can, if needed, encourage them to eat. .

If you have any questions or queries about the process, our school meals, or your child has any dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office ([admin@kp.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@kp.starmat.uk)).

There is a copy of the autumn term menu on our website. If your child does not normally have a school meal, please do take a look at the menu, as our school dinners are truly scrumptious and your child might fancy trying one of them. Pizza day is always a favourite and our Chair of Governors, who had dinner with the children yesterday, can definitely vouch for that.



### 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. We will be sharing with you more details on how you can help, without really doing anything other than your normal shop. As we have such an amazing outside space here at Kellington we are really keen to ensure we utilise it to enhance the children's learning experience.

### 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 .

**Any holidays taken in term time**, unless there are extenuating circumstances, is recorded as **unauthorised absence** and **you could be fined**. If you do take your child out of school, please be honest with us about the reason. If it is for a holiday you do need to complete a specific form and potentially speak to Mrs Humphrys.

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.

**Being late** does also have an impact on your child's learning, as this starts the minute they walk through the door and if your child is late (5 minutes after the start time) they will miss vital teacher input and new learning for that day. We also have interventions, which support gaps in your child's learning, starting as soon as they arrive, so again if they are late they are not able to access these effectively.

Attendance this week (Friday-Thursday) **Lilies** 96.82, **Tulips** 99.66, **Roses** 95.99 **Daffodils** 97.16  
Overall 97.41%

### **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.

### **Letters and forms**

Please can all forms that have been sent home in relation to personal details be returned to school even if there are no changes. If you have received a 'Remote learning User Agreements'

to be completed please return this to school ASAP as it is important we have these in place should remote learning become necessary for your child for any reason. Many thanks

### 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 Calendar

**Friday 1st October -**

**9am Coffee morning** for parents with children in Reception and Nursery.

**All parents of children in Nursery and Reception are invited.**

An opportunity to chat informally about how your child has settled in and to ask questions and learn a little more about our school routines both in nursery and reception, school meals, and the PTA.

**2.45pm** 'Meet your child's class teacher' All parents are invited to visit your child's classroom to ask any questions and join in an activity with your child

**3.30pm** A small 'Late Summer Festival'

Children from all classes will be performing for you. We will start at 3.45 pm with Sunflowers followed by Daffodils, then Roses, then Tulips, then Lilies. We hope you will be able to join us and watch your child's short performance.

There will be refreshments on sale, hotdogs, cakes. tea, coffee and juice and there will be a tombola, a raffle, a pre-loved uniform stall and maybe a couple of other stalls.

**After so long of not being able to all meet and be together, it will be nice for us to have some time to socialise and provide a live audience for the children's performances.**

**W/C 11th October** - Harvest celebrations within school - collection of donations for the local food bank (more details to follow)

**W/C 18th October** - Parent consultation evenings (VIRTUAL) (more details to follow)



**Friday 22nd October** School closes for half term

**Monday 1st November** School reopens **3.30- 4.15pm** Nursery and KS1 Halloween disco  
**4.30-5.15pm** KS2 Halloween disco

**Tuesday 2nd November** - Lilies school trip to Murton Park

**Thursday 11th November** - Years 1 and 2 school trip to Bradford Industrial Museum.

**w/c 15th November** Anti- bullying week

**Friday 19th November** - Children in Need (more details to follow)

**Friday 26th November**

**3.30pm** - Christmas Fair

**Friday 3rd December** -

**9am** Lilies' class assembly

**Wednesday 8th December (afternoon) and Thursday 9th December (morning)**

Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses Christmas performance.

**Monday 13th or Wednesday 15th Christingle Service.** (We will confirm as soon as possible if if this can be held in church so that parents can attend and the date and time)

**Tuesday 14th December** Whole school trip to the pantomime in Doncaster.

**Thursday 16th December** - Christmas dinner

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend and that we have some more late summer sunshine in which to enjoy maybe some time relaxing outdoors. Enjoy your family time. Take care

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

**Thank you again for your donations this week - Your kindness and generosity is amazing.**

