Kellington Primary School











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Another successful week at Kellington Primary School. They really are flying by.

Today we celebrated Comic Relief Day by wearing red and having fun with our 'nose and spoon race'. We have reminded the children throughout the day how their donations will support and help others that are less fortunate than themselves, especially today thinking about the children in Ukraine whose World has recently been turned upside down. Today we have sold £171 worth of Red Noses and £93. 75 in donations. Thank you for your kindness contributions







Sparkly Stars Bookshop Suzanne will be delivering your books to school on Monday. She will also be bringing us our books we have earnt on commission. Thank you once again for supporting the event, we hope you enjoy your books

If anyone didn't spend their token and wants a little treasure for £1 when she drops off the order please bring in your token on Monday. She will have a small selection of books to share

Mother's day lunch and a crafting activity

Those that have booked, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school to have lunch and undertake a craft activity with your child during next week. You should have received a notification via Parentpay to pay for your lunch

Please could arrive at school between **11.45-12 noon** to eat with your child on your chosen day

If you are attending the lunch or the sessions offered in Sunflowers, please enter school through the main entrance.

Guitar lessons

We have been approached by a company offering private 1:1 and guitar lessons to children (Years 2-6) within school, from after Easter. These lessons are very reasonably priced and we will be sending more information home in the near future. The company will be delivering an assembly to children and to any parents who wish to attend on **Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 9am**. Please feel free to attend to find out more.

We will also be offering, via this company, 10 weeks of Ukulele lessons to one of our classes.

After school Sports opportunity

After Easter we are able to offer a Futsal after school club for KS2 children. Futsal is the FIFA-recognised form of small-sided indoor football (the word is a contraction of the Spanish 'fútbol sala'). It is played between two teams who each have five players on the pitch at any one time, with rolling substitutes and a smaller ball than soccer that is harder and less bouncy.

More details will follow next week, however the club will run for one hour on a Wednesday after school and we initially have 20 spaces. There will be a small charge per session (approx

£2) If the session is over subscribed we may be able to offer a second session on another day.

We are currently trying to source a KS1 after school club.

Wrap around care

Following our meeting last Friday with an established local provider the likelihood of us providing a service is looking more promising however it is still dependent on the potential usage and a few other issues. We will be writing again, in the very near future, to those parents who have shown an interest in the provision to establish if the proposed costs by the provider are acceptable to you.

We will also share more information with everyone to see if anybody else would potentially be interested in this service if this becomes a reality.

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 remained extremely low 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 - Brody

Daffodils - Steven

Roses - Harry T

Tulips - Gracie T

Lilies - Poppy



STARS OF THE WEEK





Houses

The winning House this week is Roall

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.

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 95.65% Tulips 94.44% Roses 95% Daffodils 97.81 % Overall -95.57%

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please.

Attendance is much improved this week! Well done

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

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

Tuesday 5th April 9am Music assembly (Introducing guitar lessons) - Parents welcome

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

Friday 8th April - 3.15pm 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 22nd July

9am End of year assembly

3.15pm School closes for summer holidays

Tuesday 6th September - School reopens

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, enjoy the spring sunshine and have fun

Take care

Helen Humphrys

Headleacher.



'A day without laughter is a day wasted.'

Charlie Chaplin