

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 1st October 2021

Despite the downpour that unfortunately soaked everyone on Monday morning and flooded the office, Tulips classroom etc. we have had a good week. The children are settled into their learning and have been practising their short performance for today.

It was lovely to meet with Nursery and Reception parents this morning, to formally welcome them to 'Team Kellington'. (Something we haven't been able to do at the end of the last two academic years). It is often a daunting experience when your child first goes to school or nursery and we are so grateful to be able to start to hold information events like this for parents, which we hope you will find useful to both support your child's learning journey with us and for you to become an integral part of 'Team Kellington'- our school community

As I write this we are looking forward to welcoming you to the meet the teacher sessions and our mini late summer festival. We are 'gutted' we have had to move the stalls etc inside as we know it will be busy and a little cramped. However we do hope that you enjoy the children's performances. Looking forward to the Christmas Fair, the plan is to hold this outside, which should ease the congestion that usually occurs at these events.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA for their support with both the coffee morning and mini late summer festival. We couldn't hold these events without you.

As you will have seen, the PTA holds some items of 'pre-loved uniform'. If you wish to purchase any item at any time 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 is the PTA's uniform collection bin and will be outside school from next week.

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 - Brody

Daffodils - Avril-Jayne

Roses - Dixie

Tulips - Sophie

Lilies - Logan O



Houses

The winning house this week is **ROALL**

Junior Leadership Team



We had a busy morning yesterday when our polling station opened for the election of our Junior Leadership Team. The children all had the opportunity to vote and took this responsibility seriously. Fortunately there was no need for any recounts however in some cases the results were very close.



Our JLT for 2021/22 is as follows:

Daffodils: Oliva and Oliver

Roses: Amber and Evie

Tulips: Savannah Logan S and Grace

Lilies: Brown, Nevis, Willow, Harry, Summer.

A big thank you to all the children who were extremely brave and put themselves forward as a candidate in the elections.

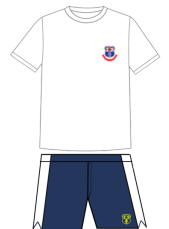


Uniform

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

We do still have too many children who do not have their PE kit in school on PE days **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 and they will complete activities linked to the PE lesson. 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.



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.

Please can we also ask that water bottles are clearly labeled as many children have the same or very similar water bottle. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.



Drop off and pick up

Please can I remind everyone that dogs should not be brought onto the school grounds at all. We do encourage children to bike or scooter to school, however please can children dismount at the school gates.

Please do remember that the only cars that should park in the bus layby other than the school bus and coaches are parents with a 'blue badge' or a school transport taxi. Please can no other parents use the layby for parking when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Unfortunately we have had an instance when a parent, who was legitimately trying to use the layby, asked another adult who had parked in the layby, without a blue badge, to please move; they were verbally abused. It saddens me that members of our school community can treat each other this way and I ask once again for understanding, tolerance and compliance with this matter and there not to be a repeat of this situation.

Many thanks for your cooperation with the above.

School meals

On Thursday, due to school census day, there has been a change to our school menu. It is PIZZA DAY. This is always a big favourite with the children and has the endorsement of being amazing from our Chair of Governors. So why not give a school dinner a try on Thursday 7th October!



Thank you to everyone who is pre-ordering your child's meals through Parentpay. 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 already booked next Thursday's meal, you may need to go back and reselect as the menu has changed.

If you have any questions or queries about the process, our school meals, your child has any dietary requirements, or you have not yet received a log-in activation letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (admin@kp.starmat.uk). There is a copy of the autumn term menu on our website.

North Yorkshire catering team is running a Pumpkin carving competition. More information can be found here. There are some nice prizes and also some great recipes to make with the pumpkin you carve away.



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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. 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 .

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 - 95.13% Tulips - 89.13% Roses - 90.19% Daffodils - 85.54% Overall% - 89.99%

Attendance had been slightly better this week as fortunately we haven't had as many children poorly with the various illnesses that are going around.

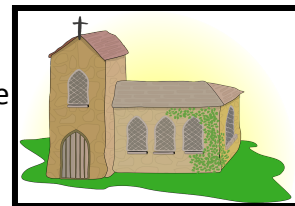
Keeping children safe: Covid 19-

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.

Craft Fair

Kellington Church (St Edmonds) is holding a craft fair this Saturday at Eggborough Village Hall between 10-3pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Year Six

Parents of children in Year 6 need to complete and return their preference forms for secondary school by **31st October 2021**. We have already circulated information about some of our local school open evenings/days, Here is a reminder

Snaith School **Cancelled on** Thursday 30th September (Visit the school website to book)
Rearranged for Thursday 7th October. Booked tickets still stand.

Brayton School Saturday 2nd October 9-1pm

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.

Flu Vaccinations

We will be sharing with you how to book your child's flu vaccination in school on the morning of **Thursday 9th December**. Unfortunately we are just given this date and we are unable to change it, therefore we have to make slight changes to the timings of our Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas production. Please see below. We do apologise for this change, however we do believe it is important to offer this vaccination programme within school.

Dates for the Diary

W/C 11th October - Harvest celebrations within school - collection of donations for the local food bank from Monday 11th October. Children will be talking in class about the origins of Harvest Festivals and we will share information with the children during assemblies and sing harvest songs.

W/C 18th October - Parent consultation evenings (VIRTUAL) (Details next week)

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 (9.30am) and Thursday 9th December (2pm)

Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses Christmas performance.

Monday 13th Christingle Service. (Afternoon) -more details to follow. Father Mike has kindly agreed to return to support us with this service.

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

Thursday 16th December - Christmas dinner

I hope, despite the dismal forecast, you have a lovely weekend.

I can't believe Monday is the start of week 5 of the term...before we know it, it will be Christmas. Unlike me, who is totally disorganised when it comes to Christmas, I expect some of you, like some of my staff, will have started your Christmas shopping or have planned that this weekend...if so enjoy!



Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

Our assembly focus this week was the 'H' from SHINE- High Expectations

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