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Another productive week at Kellington Primary School. We are so impressed with the attitude to working the children are displaying and the work the children are producing.

Exciting things have been happening across the curriculum which has included: children in Sunflowers being thoroughly immersed in their dinosaur learning focus; Daffodils class enjoying their under the sea adventures in PE; Roses raising their heart rates when engaged in some energetic PE and the Year 2s tackling mathematical problems involving money; Tulips class engrossed in their science investigations in relation to solids, liquids and gasses and Lilies class developing their skills using charcoal, sketching in the style of Eric Treacy.

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 4th February

This year we will be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their annual Number Day. This charity does invaluable work in helping to keep children safe and therefore we are inviting children to come in non- school uniform for a minimum donation of £1. The day will have a number focus and we are asking all staff and children to add a number link to the clothes they are wearing (see below for ideas).

Children will undertake class activities and challenges throughout the day, all linked to number work and we intend to have lots of fun whilst learning too.









Covid 19

Whilst cases remain relatively low in our school community, we have had a small number of children and staff absent this week and therefore 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.



Sunflowers - Frankie



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Houses

The winning Houses this week are Roall

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 the 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.

Head Lice

Although we have not had any more reported cases of head lice this week, please can I ask you to check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. Unfortunately head lice is often a common issue in primary schools, however if parents check their child's hair regularly and treat accordingly we can keep it at bay. Here is a link to the latest advice below. www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

If you do find head lice, your child does not need to stay off school, however all family members do need to be checked and treated as directed. Any questions or if you need any further help With this matter , as always, please just contact school.

Adventure photography

We have been informed by Adventure photography, who take our school photographs, that their current online shop will be closing shortly and if parents wish to order any archived images using their online shop they have until 31st January to do so. They will still have the original images which parents can purchase copies of by contacting them using the following email address (it's different to our normal email) info@adventurephotographystudio.co.uk and only if they have the correct unique code.

NSPCC Pants campaign

Kellington has previously delivered this important programme within school. Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Whilst we are continually sharing this message with children through our PSHE programme and any appropriate opportunities within the curriculum, we do feel it is beneficial to deliver this programme annually, to ensure this message is clearly communicated and understood. The materials provided are excellent and appropriate to each age group. I will share more information about the specifics of the programme with you next week and also information you can share and discuss with your child at home.



Wrap around care

We would still like to be able to offer some before and after school childcare provision at Kellington Primary School as we appreciate how important this is for some families. As I have said before, unfortunately for us to provide this, it would need to 'break even' and the response we got from previous questionnaires did not identify a need that would allow us to do this. We have not given up, as I am passionate about being able to provide this facility for parents. We are now exploring again whether there are any outside providers who could provide this service. We will be sending out a questionnaire next week and I ask please could you all complete it, so we have a true and accurate picture of the need to share with potential providers. Many thanks

STARMAT Parent Survey

On Monday I shared a link to our STARMAT parent survey with an accompanying letter explaining the background and purpose of the questionnaire

Please do take the time to complete this questionnaire, you have until the 17th February.

The link is

https://bit.ly/STARSURVEY22

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

Please can PE kits come into school on a Monday and go home on Friday for washing. We are still undertaking some sessions of PE outside when we can and children will be doing the Golden Kilometer throughout the week and so do need their trainers or PE shoes each day.

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 -95.45% Tulips - 92.00% Roses - 94.30% Daffodils - 90.67% Overall - 93.29%

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 4th February - NSPCC Number Day. Non- uniform day - donations to NSPCC - Maths activities throughout the day. Children link their clothes to a number.

Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day - Focus for the whole school

Friday 11th February - Tulips' Class Assembly 9am Parents welcome

Friday 11th February - Clip and Climb Garforth- Activity for Lilies class linked to their 'Mountains' learning focus.

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

Tuesday 8th March and Wed 9th March - Parent consultations (in person) details to follow Monday 14th March - Class photographs 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 lovely weekend whatever your plans. It looks like it could be a cold but sunny weekend which is nice. I will be taking the opportunity to wrap up warm and have a nice long walk with my dogs and enjoy the winter sun.

Take care, kind regards Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

