

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 24th September 2021

Week three has gone well at Kellington Primary School and the lovely late summer sunshine has allowed us outside PE and enjoyable lunchtimes.

Classes are really settled into their routines and our wonderful children are impressing us with the effort they are putting into all they do.

In assembly this week we started to look at the first word, '*success*' in the acronym **SHINE** which summarises our school vision.

Success

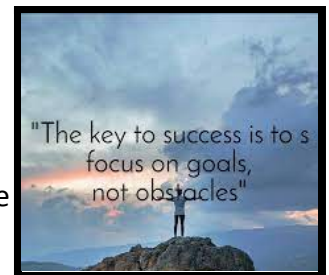
High expectations

Inclusion.

New opportunities

Empower

We explored the secrets of success; treating people how we expect to be treated, hard work, commitment, pride and goals. The children have been encouraged to use these five elements to achieve success in all that they do.



Our Vision

High expectations and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do at Kellington Primary School. We work hard to provide a varied and engaging curriculum which provides new opportunities that build the children's resilience; supporting them at school and in their wider life. Our school rules of honesty, politeness, working hard, respectfulness and taking responsibility, underpin all that we do.

As a village school; staff, governors, parents and the wider community have the responsibility to empower the children, the next generation of the local community, to develop their sense of place in the World. In celebrating their success, each child has the opportunity to 'shine'. This is our school and our future.

Friday 1st October

9am Coffee morning 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 in both nursery and reception, school meals, and the PTA. **Please come and join us in the hall once you have dropped off your child in their classroom.**

2.45pm 'Meet your child's class teacher' For all classes, including Sunflowers

Please come to your child's classroom door at 2.45pm Parents of children in Sunflowers please feel free to bring your child back to their classroom at 2.45pm for you to enjoy some time with them in their classroom environment.

During your visit to the classroom please feel free to ask any questions and enjoy joining in an activity with your child. Each class has something planned for you to undertake with your child and it is an opportunity to see where they learn. If you have a child in another class, please feel free to split your time between the two classrooms. Unfortunately we do only have capacity for a **maximum of two adults per child** in the classroom.

At approx 3.10pm we will ask all parents to leave the classrooms so we can allow the children to collect all their belongings together and to be dismissed from their classrooms as normal, at the end of the school day.

3.30pm 'Late Summer Festival'

Children from all classes will be performing a short event for you on the stage. **We will start the entertainment at 3.45 pm** with Sunflowers performing first, followed by Daffodils, then Roses, then Tulips, then Lilies. Each class will perform in turn on the stage in the hall. We do hope you will be able to join us and watch your child's short performance.

Outside 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 for you to enjoy.

After many months of not being able to hold whole school events we hope you will enjoy this opportunity to socialise and to provide a live audience for the children's performances.

PTA



Thank you for your kind donations for the **tombola** stall at our mini festival on the 1.10.21. There will also be a **raffle** at this event and 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 is the PTA's uniform collection bin and will be outside school from next week. 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 - Grayson

Daffodils - Olivia

Roses - Amber

Tulips - Lilly

Lilies - Monte



Houses

The winning house this week is **Marsh**

Junior Leadership Team

We will hold elections for the Junior Leadership Team on Thursday 30th September when children will vote for representatives to the team, from their class. Class teachers will have shared with the children today details how they can prepare should they wish to be considered for election to this role. This information is in your child's Google Classroom should you wish to refer to it. Children who stand for election will be invited to share why they feel they should be elected on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. The JLT will have representatives from Lilies, Tulips, Roses and Daffodils

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on line. If you are having issues accessing the homework, you need to log on to Google using your child's log in, go to Google Classroom and accept the Invitation to join the class. Any problems please contact your child's class teacher or contact the school office admin@kp.starmat.uk.

Communication

Parents of children in Sunflowers and the Reception children in Daffodils, can see what their children have been up to by accessing their child's Tapestry account. For parents with children in all our other classes, please do follow us on Twitter for pictures of your child's week at school @kellingtonSch. After half term we are potentially looking to launch a new parent communication system called Marvellous Me.

Uniform

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in their uniform. On a warm day, jumpers and cardigans are taken off and it makes it very difficult to find their rightful owner. For our younger children it is important that you name everything. It is not unheard of for children to go home in someone else's shoes after changing for P.E. as many children have the same or very similar styles. Unfortunately they don't appear to notice if they are two sizes too big or too small!

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 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.



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 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 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 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. 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.

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 - 90.23%

Tulips - 88.14%

Roses - 87.92%

Daffodils - 84.81%

Overall% - 87.78%

Our attendance is down this week however, unfortunately a lot of our children have been struggling with various unpleasant illnesses. We do hope everyone who has been ill this week is better or starts to feel better soon.

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.

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 Thursday 30th September (Visit the school website to book)

Brayton School Saturday 2nd October 9-1pm

Sherburn High School Thursday 30th September 5-8pm

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 Diary

Friday 1st October - 9am Coffee morning for parents with children in Reception and Nursery.

All parents of children in Nursery and Reception are invited.

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 (Maximum of two adults per child please)

3.30pm A small 'Late Summer Festival'

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 you manage to enjoy some quality family time. I am looking forward to welcoming you into school next Friday.

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

