

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 25th March 2022

We have had a lovely but extremely busy week here at Kellington Primary School. The sunshine has definitely lightened everyone's mood and the children have continued to work hard and enjoy their learning.

It has been fantastic to welcome so many mums into school this week. For our nursery children this has been during the day and for the other classes it has been over lunchtime where mum's have been able to enjoy one of our amazing school lunches with their child. All adults have been able to spend time undertaking a craft activity with their child. We do hope you have enjoyed this opportunity and we would be grateful if you could complete a short questionnaire next week so we can gauge whether this is something we should do frequently and if there is anything we can do to improve the experience. **A BIG 'Thank You'** to Miss Gibbons and Miss Rowley, our catering team, who have worked extra hard this week preparing the lunches.



Sparkly Stars Bookshop

Everyone should now have received their book orders. Please can people, if you have not already done so, pay for their books via the information enclosed with your order.

Thank you for your support at this event. The commission has bought some lovely new books for school.

Guitar lessons

We have been approached by a company offering private 1:1 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 next two weeks

The company will be delivering an assembly to children and to any parents who wish to attend on **Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 9am**. Parents, 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

Children in KS2 will have brought home a letter about a Futsal after school club. 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.

The club will run from 3.30-4.30 on a Wednesday and we initially have 20 spaces. There will be 5 sessions and the cost is £9. If the session is over subscribed we may be able to offer a second session on another day. We are also looking to provide something similar for KS1

Wrap around care

We have contacted the people who expressed an interest in the wrap-around care with further information. If you haven't got back to us, please could you do so in the very near future. If anyone else is interested in accessing our potential offer of wrap-around care, please contact the school office to find out more details.

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

Reading

This week saw the first children receive their book from our book vending machine. If your child reads to you or has read independently and this activity has been recorded signed by an adult in the child's reading record x **three times in a week**, their names will be put into a hat and a selection of names will be drawn each week to receive a book from the vending machine.

Our first children to receive a book



Eggborough Spring Fair - Saturday 8th April

Spring Fayre – Eggborough Village Hall,

Saturday 9th April, 12 noon until 2pm.

Supporting; Kellington Primary School PTA, Egg tots Stay and Play and other local groups.

Refreshments including bacon butties

FREE Bouncy Castles

For further details contact John McCartney- 01977 662558

Library Book

Please can you ensure that your child brings their library book back to school. Currently we have quite a lot of library books, especially in Roses and Daffodils that have not been returned to school. Could you please have a root around at home and return any books your child has

borrowed. Thank you.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA for selling Mother's day gifts today. The children enjoyed choosing their gifts for their mums.

They will also be holding a toys and books stall and a 'Name the Teddy' competition at the Eggborough Spring Fair to raise funds for school.

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 low this week and we are keeping 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 the new guidelines

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 that 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 definitely 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

Mobile Phones

Please can we ask that parents try and refrain from using their mobile phones when on the school premises. Some conversations that take place are not appropriate for children to hear and therefore unless it is an emergency, please could these calls be made or taken once you have left the school grounds. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Water Bottles -

Please can we remind you that only water should be in your child's water bottle and not juice. Again thank you for your cooperation



STARS OF THE WEEK



Sunflowers - Grayson

Daffodils - Jack

Roses - Lily

Tulips - Logan

Lilies - Oliver





Houses

The winning House this week is **Marsh**

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 94.68 % Tulips 92.88% Roses 94.87% Daffodils 91.37 % Overall - 93.69%

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please. Attendance is slightly down this week. Please do not take your child out of school unless it is absolutely necessary. Everyday of learning that they miss is vital to their education journey, it often hard for many children to catch up.

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

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 good weekend and that you enjoy the spring sunshine.
Remember we lose an hour on Saturday night as the clocks go forward and
how lovely to have lighter evenings again.*

*I do hope all the 'Mums' have a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday and that
you are made to feel special.*



Take care

Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

