

Kellington Primary School



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Remember Remember the 5th November

Gunpowder, treason and plot



Happy bonfire night to everyone. If you are partaking in firework celebrations this weekend I do hope that you enjoy them and everyone stays safe. We have talked to the children this week about bonfire and firework safety and also being considerate of others at this time.

Wow, what a great and busy first week back we have had back at school. The children have been working extremely hard and we have had a record amount of house tokens awarded this week and I have had a stream of children coming to see me as they have achieved 'GOLD'. We are delighted at how quickly they have settled back into their learning. Over the end of this week and the beginning of next week, we will be completing some assessments in Years 2-6 for us to identify any gaps in the children's learning and thus strategically plan the teaching and learning for the term ahead. All we ask of the children is that they do their best so we can ensure we teach them what they don't know.

Lilies Class

Lilies class had a fabulous trip to Murton Park this week where they were evacuees for the day and took part in baking, washing, rag rug making, Morrison shelter building, and fire warden duties etc. It was a real hands-on learning experience and has enhanced their understanding and knowledge in relation to WW2.



Roses Class

This week we welcome Mrs Dixon (Mrs D) to Roses class. We are delighted she has joined Team Kellington

Congratulations

Although Mrs Beadnell- Bevan returned to school on Monday and was expecting to remain with us for two weeks, I am delighted to inform you that Hugo George Beadnell- Bevan arrived safely in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Mum and baby are well and we send our congratulations to Mrs Beadnell- Bevan, her husband and Hugo. Welcome to the World Hugo George and to Team Kellington. We look forward to meeting him in the near future.



PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween disco on Monday evening. I think a good time was had by all who attended. A big thank you to the PTA supporters who organised and ran the event which made valuable funds for school.

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.

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. The preloved uniform is available to purchase at any time and donations of preloved uniform can be popped in the blue bin outside of school.



Individual and family photos

Adventure Photography will be in school on Monday morning (8.11.21) taking individual and family photographs. If you have children who do not attend our school and you would like them to have a photograph taken with their siblings, we can offer this from 8.40am on Monday. Please come to the main reception and press the buzzer to be let into school.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November we will be celebrating Children in Need and we are inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas and they may wear Pudsey Bear merchandise. We are requesting a small donation of a minimum of £1 for wearing non uniform for the day. We hopefully can 'Together make a difference' with the funds we raise.



Throughout the day we will be creating something throughout the school that shows how together we can achieve so much more.

Young Voices

If your child attends young voices you should have received an email that explains the after school sessions have now moved to Monday after school (3.30-4.30) from Monday 8th November.

Parking

Whilst we are pleased that parents are not using the layby to park at drop off and pick-up, unless they are entitled to (i.e Blue badge holder or school transport), unfortunately some people are continuing to be inconsiderate and unsafe when parking on the roads around school. We are all busy people and getting children to school in the morning can be stressful, however please be considerate and do not block our neighbours' driveways. Also please park your car safely. Let us ensure that we get this in order and make drop and pick up times pleasant and safe for everyone .



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Nancy

Daffodils - Rupert



Roses - Oliver

Tulips - Jenson

Lilies - Summer



Houses

The winning house this week is **Marsh**

The winning house of the last half term, Roall, will have their treat next week.

Waiting in the morning for classroom doors to open

Please when you are bringing your child to school in the morning can you ensure they stay close to you until the classroom doors are open and they are not running around the carpark or the discovery zone. We have had a report from one of our close neighbours that pebbles yet again have been thrown over the school fence into their garden whilst children are waiting to go into school. We will ensure classroom doors are open promptly **however please can I ask again** that your children are supervised appropriately until handed over to us for the day. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter

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

PE kits need to come into school on a Monday and go home on Friday for washing. We are continuing to do PE as much as possible outside and we will be continuing to complete the Golden Kilometer throughout the winter as often as possible



School meals

Thank you again for 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.

You will have received an email informing you we did have to alter the menu slightly this term and this will be in force from Monday. If you have ordered your child's meals for next week please do check that their choice is still available. Whilst the amount of choice has been reduced we will continue to provide quality lunches for the children.

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 -96.36 % Tulips - 94.17% Roses - 96.22% Daffodils - 96.15% Overall - 96.38%

Keeping children safe: Covid 19-

A letter was sent today in relation to the current advice to keep everyone safe in school.

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.

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

You should have already received information on how to book your child's flu vaccination in school on the morning of **Thursday 9th December**. We would like to encourage children to take up this opportunity, if they have not accessed a flu vaccination via another source. For children the flu vaccination is not an injection, but a liquid squirted into the child's nostril which does not cause discomfort.

Staff absence

Unfortunately, uncharacteristically for Team Kellington, we have had a significant amount of staff absence this week. As already mentioned Mrs BB has had her baby boy, Mrs Calam and Mrs Houlden after having been quite poorly during half term were absent for some or all of the week and Miss Gibbons, our cook and TA, is off work recovering after emergency surgery at

the start of half term. We have managed to ensure this has had no or little impact on your child's learning and this is due to the amazingly flexible and hard working 'Team Kellington'. We are pleased to report the members of staff who are/have been poorly are on the mend and a big thank you to all my staff for their contribution this week.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th November - Individual and family school photographs

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 - children can wear pyjamas for the day for a small donation to this worthy cause.

Friday 26th November 3.30pm - Christmas Fair

Friday 3rd December - 9am Lilies' class assembly

Tuesday 7th December (9.30am) Wednesday 8th December (9.30am) and Thursday 9th December (2pm) Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses Christmas performance.

We have added a third date for the performance as we are going to ticket the performances. The tickets will be free of charge but numbers will be limited at each performance in order to keep everyone safe.

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 do hope you all have a nice weekend. It is hard now that the morning and evenings are so dark to get out and about in the fresh air during school days, however let's hope the lovely autumn sunshine continues this weekend, so we can wrap up warm and get outside . Take care and kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

