

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 8th October 2021

We have had another good week here at KPS. I know the children are starting to feel tired as we head towards the penultimate week of the half term but they continue to work hard and engage with their learning.

It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us last Friday for both the classroom sessions and to watch the children of KPS perform. After such a long time away I am sure you were all extremely proud of your child's performance, they were all truly amazing. A BIG THANK you goes to everyone; our parents for attending, the children for their performance, my staff for their input and the PTA for their support. We couldn't have done this without each and everyone of you. A true 'TEAM KELLINGTON' effort.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA for their support last Friday. Although the purpose of the 'Late Summer Festival' was not to make money, they managed to raise just over £200 for school funds. **Today (Friday 8th)** they will be selling donuts (50p) after school, as they were so popular last week and raffle tickets as a lot of people missed the raffle stall.

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 before the end of term

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 are delighted that they have gained some new volunteers however any help and support from any parents or friends of the school is always greatly received. If you are able to offer help please do contact one of the committee.

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 made at the school office.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Hettie

Daffodils - Harley

Roses - Holly

Tulips - Bridie

Lilies - Neive



Houses

We managed to get our house team photos this week and the children have been working hard earning house points as rewards for their work and behaviour. The winning house this week again is **ROALL**.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tomorrow (Saturday 9th) there is a coffee morning in Kellington Village Hall to raise funds for Macmillan, a valuable charity that touches many peoples' lives by the amazing support they provide when a family member is suffering with cancer. Please do support them if you can **between 10am -12 noon**

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'.

Please can we also ask that people are considerate to the environment when bringing or collecting children from school. Unfortunately we have had recent occurrences of litter and cigarette ends being dropped on the pavement, which is not acceptable to ourselves or our local community. Please be thoughtful to those around you.

Many thanks for your cooperation with the above.

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.

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.



The 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.

https://www.nyeducationsservices.co.uk/pumpkin-carving-competition-now-live?utm_campaign=1944192_PUMPKIN%20CARVING%20COMPETITION&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,15O5C,4X1W6Q,5AZGJ,1

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 - 99.55% Tulips -90.67% Roses - 96.33% Daffodils - 92.33% Overall% - 94.72%

Attendance had been better again this week as less children have been 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.

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

Today you should have 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.

Friday 22nd October

Apologies, although we circulated a slightly amended version of the school term dates in the summer term, these amendments do not appear to have moved across to our live school calendar on our website. We have now temporarily removed the calendar from the website until it can be updated and the correct term dates are on the Term Dates Calendar on the website. We do not have a training day on Friday 22nd October, business as usual at KPS.

Mrs Osborne.

We were delighted that Mrs Osborne was able, at last, to bring her gorgeous daughter Poppy to meet us all on Thursday. It was lovely to see Mrs Osborne and the children were excited to meet Poppy.



HARVEST

Next week we will be having Harvest celebrations within school. We will be collecting donations of non perishable items (**no fresh food please**) for the local food bank during the week commencing Monday 11th October. These can be brought to your child's classroom.

Throughout the week we will be talking in class about the origins of Harvest Festivals and we will share this information across school during assemblies and sing harvest songs. Thank you in advance for your donations

Dates for the Diary

W/C 11th October - Harvest celebrations within school - collection of donations for the local food bank from Monday 11th October.

W/C 18th October - Parent consultation evenings (**VIRTUAL**) Details on how to book your appointment will be sent out on Monday

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 you all have a lovely weekend and are able to take advantage of this unexpected lovely weather. As mentioned above we do appreciate that as we enter the penultimate week of the half term the children are becoming tired, however we will ensure we have teaching and learning activities planned that will allow them to continue the progress they have already made this year

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

Our assembly focus this week was the 'I' from SHINE- Inclusion

