



Monday 18th July 2022

Wow what a final week of the school year this is turning out to be. No one said being a headteacher would be easy and we have certainly had our challenges over the last three years. Just as we prepared for a quiet end to the year... a new challenge appears. - A heat wave and in true 'Team Kellington' fashion we will do everything we possibly can to keep the children comfortable and safe in the extraordinary high temperatures that are forecast.

Apologies again that we have had to reschedule Lilies' class end of year production. We do feel it was the right decision and we invite parents and friends of KPS to come and watch either performance on Wednesday at 2pm and 6pm.

The children had a really enjoyable transition morning on Friday and most of our children got to meet their new teacher. Fortunately, Mrs Fowler is back from jury service this week and therefore Tulips class of 22/23 will have their transition morning on Thursday and Lilies 22/23 will have an extra hour of transition on Thursday morning with Mrs Sheppard and meet their new teaching assistant Mr Owczarek.

Friday afternoon saw the children having fun on a giant inflatable. Fun was had by all and a lovely way to end the penultimate week of term.

PTA - Summer Celebration

What an amazing Summer Celebration on Saturday. We couldn't have asked for better weather and the planning and preparation by the PTA and the help and support we had on the day, made it an amazing success. We hope that if you were able to join us, that you enjoyed the day. We are delighted to say that the PTA raised over £1500 to benefit the children of KPS.

Whilst I always worry that by singling people out I miss someone however I do feel these people deserve a special mention for all the work they have put into making Saturday the success it was and their work on the PTA over the last three years; Carol Guile, Claire Pedley, Katie Porritt and Deborah Gardner (and her mum) who have worked tirelessly organizing events to raise additional funds for the school. We are delighted they now have a solid team of volunteers that support them and whom we could not have managed without on Saturday. There

are also some people who work quietly behind the scenes supporting the committee and their events too. Thank you to Lilies Class and Alex their tutor for the ukulele performance, to Mrs Houlden and our Young Voices Choir and to the Kristina Gelder School of Dance for their performance. How lovely to see talented children perform.

Thank you everyone!

There are some lovely raffle prizes waiting to be collected in school. I believe all the winners have been notified.

We also have an Usborne book - 'See inside your Body' that we believe may have been bought and then left on a bench. Please come to the school office to claim it if it is yours.

Reading books and library books

Please can you have a good search around at home and return any books belonging to school by Friday this week. We have rather depleted stocks in some classes and so please do help us and return any books you may have at home. We appreciate how easy it is for them to get muddled up with your child's own books, thank you for your help with this.

Summer Uniform

Due to the heatwave, uniform is relaxed for Monday and Tuesday as the email stated on Sunday. I am hoping we will return to normal on Wednesday and I will let you know if otherwise.

Please can we ask that you always send your child to school with a coat, so they are not caught out when we get a summer shower, which unbelievably are forecast for later in the week.

We are happy for school uniform summer dresses to be worn or appropriate grey shorts as the days warm up, should children wish. **Please could children also bring their water bottle to school each day and a sun hat to protect them.** Please can you also **apply sunscreen at the start of the day** so children are protected throughout the day. If your child needs to reapply their sunscreen throughout the day please speak to your child's class teacher

Covid 19 and other illnesses.

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**) it is important that they do not attend school, as with any other illnesses, until they are well.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - All of Sunflowers (and an apology to Frankie for calling her Beatrix last week)

Daffodils - Ezra

Roses - Edward

Tulips - Lucy

Lilies - Willow, Bronwen and Summer



Houses

The winning House this week is **Marsh**

Holiday Club



Treetops Forest School Holiday Club

Weekly summer holiday camp held at Bishop Wood, Tuesday – Thursdays 9am- 3pm 16th August 2022 – 1st Sept 2022.

Lots of free-play opportunities, rope swings, den building, fire lighting, games, tool use, campfire treats and much more.



For more information visit www.treetopsforestschool.co.uk or book a place via www.bookwhen/treetopsforestschool. If you have any questions, please contact Siobhan Bamforth treetopsforestschool@gmail.com



9am-3pm // 1st August – 2nd September

Summer 2022 Soccer Schools

Fun, Friendly football camps & A great opportunity to learn new skills.

- 5-12 year olds
- Capped at 50 players
- Leeds United Foundation T-Shirts

TO Book: Tickets.LeedsUnited.Com
Contact: Julia.Hogan@LeedsUnited.Com

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 - Unfortunately it is not where it needs to be at the moment -which is predominantly due to holidays in term time. WE NEED TO BE ACHIEVING 96% attendance. Please support us with this by ensuring your child is in school - they are missing important learning opportunities, even in the last three weeks of school.

Lilies 88.70 % Tulips 94.84 % Roses 92.33% Daffodils 82.14% Overall 89.73%

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please. 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 is often hard for many children to catch up.

If you take your child out of school we do need to know why and an absence form may be required and a meeting with Mrs Humphrys. Please speak to the office for clarification if you know your child is going to be absent.

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 18th July - Reports home to parents

Wednesday 20th July - **2pm and 6pm** Lilies end of year production.

All are welcome to attend, please can we ask any pre-school age children to come to the afternoon performance.

Friday 22nd July

9am End of year assembly (Year 6 parents are welcome to attend)

3.15pm School closes for summer holidays

Tuesday 6th September - School reopens for the children



Here's hoping, despite the heat, we all have a good last week of term, creating more special memories to take us into the next school year, wherever that may be.

I can't believe that on Friday I will hang up my hat as head of 'Team Kellington' and start the 'official' transfer of headship to Mrs Lawrence.

At least I still have four days left to enjoy the job I love and spend special time with our wonderful KPS children.

Take care, especially in this heat and look after each other

Helen Humphrys Headteacher

