

# Kellington Primary School



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## Friday 3rd December 2021



Where oh where has this term gone, as we prepare to enter on Monday the penultimate week of term? The children are continuing to work exceedingly hard on their learning and it is starting to look as well as feel a lot like Christmas. Classrooms and communal areas are now all sporting Christmas decorations and our classroom Christmas elves have returned to work their magic. I believe the children were excited to welcome back Sparkle, Elfin, Snowball, Tinsel and Evergreen.



I am so looking forward to being back in school on Monday and being part of our busy, eventful and exciting last two weeks of term. School has run magnificently in my absence and that is thanks to the continual hard work and dedication displayed by Team Kellington. This whole term has required adaptability for both the staff and the children due to staff absence and changes needing to be made and they have all been amazing.

What a school team we have at KPS!



## Christmas Market and our PTA.

Wow what a brilliant event this was and enjoyed by so many of our children and parents. Thank you to all who attended and to the PTA committee and their supporters for their donation of time, energy and equipment to make this event such a success. Without our PTA, their supporters and your attendance we wouldn't have made £482.40 that will all be ploughed back into supporting school. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**



We are so grateful for all the PTA does for school; however, if anyone has any comments or suggestions following the Christmas Market, the PTA would be grateful to hear them as they are always trying to build on their success. Also if you want to play a more active role in future events please do not hesitate to contact them.

## **Covid 19**

Thank you to everyone for reading the information that was shared last Sunday and for adopting the re-introduced restrictions when on the school site, following guidance from the DfE and the Government. We are really fortunate that cases remain relatively low in our school community and we want to do everything we possibly can to try and keep them that way.

At the moment our low Covid case prevalence is allowing us to go ahead with our Christmas activities, with strict risk assessments in place. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of our new regulations in regard to every day and events taking place at school.

## **Lilies' Class Assembly**

The children in Lilies class were able to perform our first class assembly of the year this morning. We were delighted that parents were able to join us for the event and thank you to the children and the teaching team for this informative presentation of the focused learning the children have been doing in relation to WW1 and WW2. Well done to all involved - Lilies, you really shone!



## KS1 Nativity

We are getting really excited about the performances next week as the children have all worked so hard in preparation to perform. **(9.30am** Tuesday (7th)and Wednesday (8th) **2.15pm** Thursday (9th)

Thank you for your request for tickets for the performances, you should have all now received your tickets. Please do remember to bring your tickets with you to the performance as admission will be ticket only. (We do have a register of who is attending on which day if there is a problem with lost tickets etc). Seating will be socially distanced in the hall and so we do ask you not to move this to sit with other families please. Masks are also to be worn. You will be receiving a letter by hand and email outlining the current restrictions in place to allow the performance to go ahead and keep everyone as safe as possible. **Please can we request as mentioned previously, no pre-school children at the performances. If this is an issue please speak to school.**

We will have a raffle at each performance for a Christmas Hamper and we will also have donation buckets at the door, should you wish to donate.

Doors for the performance will open at 9.10 am on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th and at 1.55 pm on Thursday 9th December and we ask that you enter via the main entrance. Socially distancing in the queue please.

## Request to Roses' class 'grown ups'

Next week, Roses will have the opportunity to build their moon buggies in D+T with Mrs Calam. To make these a success, the children will need: milk bottle tops, small 500ml sized plastic bottles and small boxes. Please could you raid your recycle bins and send in any of these items you have with your child. Thank you.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Sunflowers - Harry**

**Daffodils - Darcie**



Roses - Imogen

Tulips - Kaila

Lilies - Ava



## Houses

The winning house this week is **Hawthorne.**

## Pantomime

You should have all received a letter about the pantomime. We have everything crossed that we are able to attend this on the 14th December. Please could you make your donation towards the coach cost and complete your child's consent before **Wednesday 8th December.** We will send more details out next week - please watch out for the letter.

## Christmas Dinner - Thursday 16th December

Christmas dinner is on Thursday 16th December. We will all eat together in the hall and all children are invited to order dinner via Parentpay (£2.30 for children who have to pay for their school meals). **If your child would like to have dinner on that day please order as soon as possible so our catering team can ensure we have enough food ordered.**

We would love for Sunflowers to join us and be collected at 12.30pm on that day. **If they are staying for dinner please order their dinner via Parentpay.** Any problems please contact the

school office.

If your child is not eating a school Christmas Dinner they will still be joining everyone in the hall and enjoying the festivities of the day.

**Christmas jumpers/dresses please on this day.**

### **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 ...**this is right up to the end of term please.**



### **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 - 96.21% Tulips - 93.26% Roses - 97.76% Daffodils - 88.89 % Overall - 93.67%**

### **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**

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.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 7th December (9.30am) Wednesday 8th December (9.30am ) and Thursday 9th December (2.15pm)** Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses Christmas performance.

**Please can Sunflower children come back to school at 1.30pm on Thursday 9th December for the performance**

***These performances will have a live audience (ticket holders only) and be recorded. Masks to be worn by all attending***

**Monday 13th Christingle Service 2pm** -more details to follow. Father Mike has kindly agreed to return to support us with this service. **This will go ahead, however it will only be one person per family who can attend to ensure there is enough space in church. Masks to be worn.**

**Sunflowers are very welcome to attend with a parent.**

**Tuesday 14th December** Whole school trip to the pantomime in Doncaster. **Full School uniform to be worn. Donation for coach travel and consent completed by Wednesday 8th December please via parentpay**

**Thursday 16th December** - Christmas dinner - **Christmas jumpers/dresses can be worn today**

**Friday 17th December** - School closes at 3.15pm today until the Wednesday 5th January at 8.45am **Christmas jumpers/dresses can be worn today**

**Wednesday 5th January 2022** School reopens. Young Voices concert.

I do hope you all have a good weekend. I expect many of you will be enjoying Christmasey themed activities; enjoy. I am so looking forward to being back in school on Monday, I have missed everyone and working from home for 10 days is really not the same!. Have a lovely weekend

Take care and kind regards,

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher

