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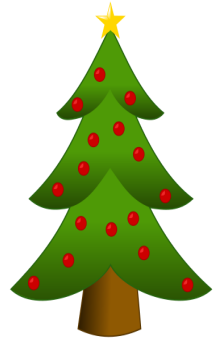
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Friday 26th November 2021

It is starting to feel a lot like Christmas. The stage is up, rehearsals are underway, costumes are being prepared and lines are being learnt for the KS1 Christmas production. Thank you to parents and carers for their support with this and we have everything crossed that this can remain 'live performances' with it also being recorded.

I do believe that our Christmas Market this evening will really 'kick off' our Christmas celebrations. **A massive Thank You** to our PTA team for all their hard work in organising the event. It is always a little daunting when trying something new, but they listened to feedback and to take the event outside was in response to many people's comments that it was too crowded and hot when held in the hall. In light of our current situation it was a very wise decision. **Please do support us this afternoon**, there are some wonderful stalls, Christmas attractions and 'yummy' refreshments to be had and all profit goes to support school and for your children to have those 'little extras' that our budget struggles to provide. Can I ask however that although you are outside we are mindful that we should still adhere to social distancing at all times and we would encourage the wearing of masks please.

Unfortunately I will not be able to join you. I had an unsuspected positive lateral flow test on Wednesday evening and a positive PCR test yesterday. I will therefore not be back in school until Monday 6th December. I am not feeling too poorly, thankfully and hence whilst I understand the importance of rest to fully recover, I will be working from home until my return. I have, however, an amazing team of staff and good support from the STARMAT, all of whom will keep the school running fabulously in my absence. Please direct any queries or concerns as usual via the school office and Mrs Houlden and the school team will address them appropriately.



Children in Need

Thank you as always for your generous donations last Friday. We raised **£180**

The children and staff had a lovely day dressed in their pyjamas and a wonderful tribute to the day was created with every child taking part. This is now proudly displayed in the KS2 corridor.



KS1 Nativity

Thank you to those families who have already sent into school their child's outfit for the Christmas performance. Please could we have any outstanding outfits delivered to school by **Monday 29th November 2021** to enable our staff to add any extras. Please speak to your child's class teacher ASAP if you need any support with the outfit request or there is anything

you are unable to provide.

If you haven't yet returned your request for tickets for this performance, please can you do so ASAP. As previously shared we are offering each family 2 tickets to use at any of the three performances, either together or separately. We will also record this event. Masks must be worn throughout the performance and we are asking if at all possible that preschool children do not attend.

Lilies' Class Assembly

Friday 3rd December Lilies class will be performing their class assembly. This will begin at 9am. To help support social distancing and to keep each other safe, no more than 2 guests per family should attend and no preschool children please. Masks must be worn by all during the assembly. We will also record the performance and share this following the event.

During the assembly and the KS1 performances the hall will be well ventilated and so please dress accordingly.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Jacob G

Daffodils - Henry

Roses - Arthur

Tulips - Harry F

Lilies - Nevis



Houses

The winning house this week is **MARSH**

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**.

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 Christmas Dinner they will still be joining everyone in the hall and enjoying the festivities of the day.

Christmas jumpers 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

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 - 93.56% **Tulips - 98.06%** Roses - 95% Daffodils - 96.57% Overall - 95.9%

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

Friday 26th November KPS Christmas Market from 3.30pm

Friday 3rd December - 9am Lilies' class assembly **Live audience but only 2 people per family**
Masks to be worn

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

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 enjoy the Christmas Market today. I am truly 'gutted' I cannot be there with you all and I know that I am going to miss the children and my staff during the week ahead. I am so grateful however for all the capable hands I am leaving school in and that I am, thankfully, not that ill with the virus.

Have a lovely weekend

Take care and kind regards,

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

