



Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life



30th Sept 2022

Green Living at Knypersley First School

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Our newly appointed **Green Ambassadors** wish to introduce to you their first **Green Living Event**.

In readiness for the winter months as parents we often buy winter coats and are disappointed when our child grows out of it.

Our **Green Ambassadors** would like to give you the opportunity to swap last years winter coat in exchange for a small donation and a new coat.

Our very first Swap Shop is
MONDAY 14th November 3:15pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been here at Knypersley. We had a truly inspirational day with the British explorer James Ketchell. For more information, watch the link below with your child- they will be able to explain his adventures in more detail.

[British Adventurer & Motivational Speaker - James Ketchell](#)

Closer to home we were delighted to welcome new members to our PTFA. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and generous families in support of our school. The PTFA funds many 'extras' a normal school budget cannot afford to. Thank you for your continued support.

A huge thank you to all for your generosity at today's Big MacMillan Coffee Day. So far we have raised over £1000. A special thanks to Mrs Bible for her organisation and touch of magic!

Finally we hope you will be able to join us for our Little Wandle, early reading and phonics event next week on **4th October at 9:15am AND 6pm** where any queries you have about your child's reading will be answered. In the meantime follow the link for further information.
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.

Award Winners

Congratulations to our Adventurous Ants and Learning Ladybirds who have all settled so well after 4 weeks!



Attendance In Focus

Overall 96%

Busy Bees	96.5%
Creative Caterpillars	98.6%
Class 2	99.3% Congratulations!
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	99%
Class 5	92%
Class 6	98.3%
Class 7	96.3%
Class 8	96.7%
Class 9	91.8%

Children First Learning Partnership News



Dear Parents,

As you are aware your school is a member of the Children First Learning Partnership Trust and the benefits of this membership are hugely beneficial to our children, staff, resources and the environment in which we all learn and work. The sharing of expertise, the procurement of services and resources along with the quality assurance of provision by experts in their field are just a few ways that our schools continue to develop, this despite the challenges posed by an increasingly financially demanding and changing world.

We are delighted to inform you that after a variety of very thorough and rigorous meetings, visits and discussions Springhead Primary School, based in Talke Pitts, Stoke on Trent has requested to join our family of schools. After much thought based on our own growth strategy the Board of Directors has agreed this request. Both parties will now complete a range of due diligence activities to confirm that the membership of Springhead to our Trust is appropriate. Alongside this an application to the Department of Education has commenced. They too will make sure that this membership has mutual benefits for both parties.

I look forward to updating you as the application progresses. Meanwhile, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly via my email-

ceo@childrenfirstlp.org.uk. I also invite you to visit our website to find out more about the work of the Children First Learning Partnership via our termly newsletter- <https://www.childrenfirstlp.org.uk/category/news/>

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Rourke

CEO of The Children First Learning Partnership

Volunteer's in Focus at Knypersley First School

Have you ever thought about volunteering? Do you want to find out more about how you may be able to help? If so come along and meet Mrs Egerton on **WEDNESDAY 5th October at 2:45pm.**

Mrs S Bible
Teaching Assistant



The benefits of volunteering in school by Mrs Bible

The benefits of volunteering in school by Mrs Porter.

I started off as a volunteer at Knypersley when my children were 4 and 2! They are now 18 and 20.

I started just doing a morning helping my sons Reception teacher in their computer studies lessons. I loved the fact that I could see how helping the children made a real difference and how it gave me the same kind of buzz to see their faces light up when they managed to achieve something they hadn't done before. That was what inspired me to take my NVQ level 3 with the aim of becoming a Teaching Assistant! Luckily, a job working across 4 classes in KS2 did come up and I went for my interview, something I hadn't done for a few years so I was thrilled to bits to know I had got the job!

As time went on I worked more and more hours and now 15 years later I'm full time and still thoroughly enjoying what I do! I can honestly say working with the children at Knypersley can make you laugh, cry and be so proud all in one day!

Over twenty years ago, when my children were in Nursery and Reception, I volunteered to help at Knypersley First. The main reason being, I wanted to know more about the school my children were attending, experience school life and pick up tips on how I, as a mother, could help them through their education journey. By volunteering, I learnt so much more and gained experience of working in a classroom, being able to watch skilled teachers, getting to know the curriculum and I was also able to use my love of art and craft with the children. I loved it. I felt I was making a difference and knew I wanted to work in education.

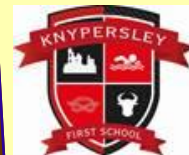
I became a teaching assistant in September 2003, I continued to study in the evening, and completed a foundation degree in education at Leek College through Staffordshire University. The different modules were made far easier because I could use my experiences of working in school.



A big SHOUT OUT to our PTFA.



Early Reading and Phonics in Focus



Reading and Phonics update from Mrs Egerton. Support for Parents

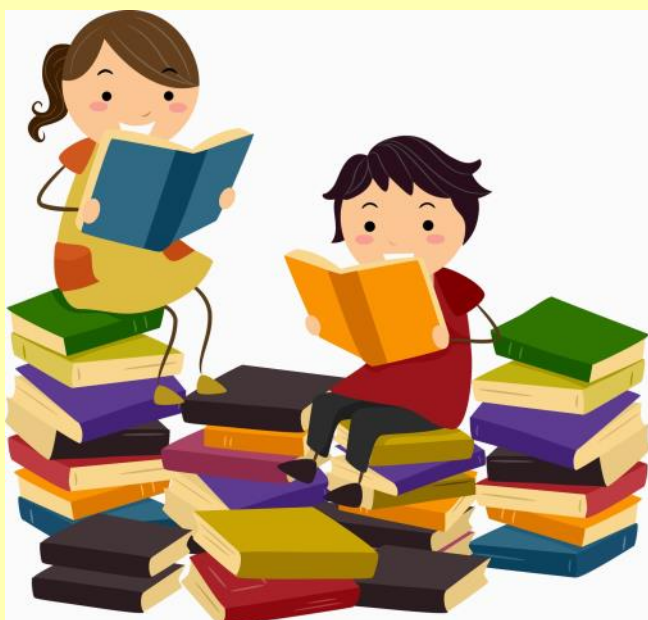
Further Support can be found via this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on the above link will also help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos which demonstrate how they are taught phonics and reading at school.

We are holding two Little Wandle reading and phonics parent workshops on **Thursday, 4th October at 9.15am and 6pm** where more in depth information about will be shared and any questions answered. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C Egerton
English Leader and Assistant Headteacher



Please follow the links below to be directed to additional information available via our school website.

English page

[English – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

Phonics page

[Phonics – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

Thank you.

Mrs Egerton and Miss Leese

What is an Operation Encompass school?

Children can be victims of domestic abuse. They may see, hear, or experience the effects of abuse at home and/or suffer domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships (teenage relationship abuse) Exposure to domestic abuse and/or violence can have a serious, long lasting emotional and psychological impact on children. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result. Domestic abuse affecting young people, can also occur within their personal relationships, as well as in the context of their home life. We will signpost and support our children/ young people.

We are an **Operation Encompass** school and act appropriately when we receive an alert to support the children in our school.



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 11.00am


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Dates for 2022-23

Autumn Term

	Date
INSET 1	05/09/22
Pupils return	06/09/22
EYFS Workshop 8:15am	22/9/22
PTFA AGM 5:30pm (main hall)	27/9/22
James Ketchell - British Explorer	27/9/22
Macmillan Coffee event (9:15am KS2, 10:30am EYFS, 1:30pm KS1)	30/09/22
Little Wandle parent workshop (6pm)	4/10/22
Individual Photos /Family Photos	Tbc
Mel Wardle Woodend (National Poetry Day)	6/10/22
World Mental Health Day- parent engagement	10/10/22
School photographs (sibling and individual)	13/10/22
Forest School parent and child session (Year 2)	14/10/22
Year 1 Parent engagement- curriculum	14/10/22
Anti-bullying Week	14-18/10/22
Parents Evening 3:30pm - 5pm	19/10/22
Parents Evening 5:30pm -7pm	20/10/22
Harvest	21/10/2022
Autumn disco	3/11/22
Break for Half term	21/10/22
Return from Half term	31/10/22
Year 3 parent engagement- curriculum	8/11/22
Y4 parent times table workshop	9/11/22
Remembrance Day	11/11/22
Children In Need	18/11/22
Knypersley PTFA Christmas Fayre 	25/11/22
Forest School parent and child session (Year 4)	2/12/22
Christmas Nativity (EYFS) 2:15pm	8/12/22
Christmas Nativity (EYFS) 9:15am	9/12/22
Christmas Jumper Day	9/12/22
Y4 Christmas extravaganza	12/12/22
Y1 nativity	13/12/22
Y3 Nativity	14/12/22
Autumn Term Reports out	14/12/22
Y2 Nativity	15/12/22
Christmas party day	15/12/22
Years 1 to 4 pantomime	16/12/22
Close for Christmas	16/12/22
Return	03/01/23

Dates for 2022-23

Spring Term

Faith in Focus week	
Reception admissions closing date	15/1/23
Year 2 class assembly (9:15am)	17/1/23
Year 4 parent engagement times table day	27/1/23
Young Voices	1.2.23
Number Day	3/2/23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 1)	3/2/23
Safer Internet Day (Evening Safer internet session for parents)	14/02/23
PTFA Spring disco	16/2/23
Close for Half term	17/02/23
INSET	27/02/23
Pupils return	28/02/23
Parents Evening 2	WB 06/03/23
World Book Day (Steve Smallman)	02/03/23
Year 4 Standon Bowers	6.7.8/23
EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 parents evening	8/9/3/23
PPM's	WB 13/03/23
Y4 parents evening	15/16/3/23
Book fair	17-22/3/23
Year 3 Daffodil Service	21/3/23
Year 4 Standon Bowers sharing event	22/3/23
Spring Term reports out	29/03/23
PTFA Movie Night	30/3/23
Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS (am)	31/3/23
Forest School parent and child session (Reception- pm)	31/3/23
Close for Easter	31/03/23
Return from Easter	17/04/23

Dates for 2022-23

Summer Term

Allocation of Reception places	17/4/23
Wind In The Willows- Theatre For Schools (pm)	24/4/23
Year 1 assembly	28/4/23
May Bank Holiday	01/05/23
Year 2 SAT's	Between 2nd - 26 th May 23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 3)	19/5/23
PTFA Summer Disco	25/5/23
Closed for May half term	26/05/23
INSET 3 - report writing	05/06/23
Pupils return	06/06/23
Phonics Screening	WB 12/06/23
Multiplications Testing Y4	05-23/06/23
Year 2 parent engagement- curriculum	16/6/23
Health and Sports Week	WC 19/6/23
Y2 sports (pm)	19/6/23
EYFS (am LL/ BB and CC/CC pm)	20/6/23
Y3 sports (pm)	21/6/23
Y1 sports (pm)	22/6/23
Y4 sports (pm)	23/6/23
PTFA summer fair (pm)	30/06/23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 4)	2/7/23
PPM's	03/07/23
Reports out	06/07/23
Welcome To induction meetings (2023/2024) Y1	WB 10/07/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y3	11/7/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y4	12/7/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y2	13/7/23
Sports Awards	Tbc
Nursery Graduation	12/07/23
Y4 Leavers Concert	20/7/23 (evening) 21/7/23 (am) Family picnic (pm)
Pupils close for Summer	21/07/23
INSET 4	24/07/23
INSET 5	25/07/23