



Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life



14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day with a visit from Mark from our MHST Team. The stigma of mental health has long been shunned by society. As educators we believe it is our responsibility and duty to provide the children of Knypersley First school with a healthy attitude to mental health and wellbeing. We hope you enjoyed your workshops and the opportunity to discussion provision at our school. As part of our plans to further develop places to nourish our mental health and wellbeing we intend creating a wellbeing garden. Watch this space!

You may be eligible for Free School Meals and may be surprised by the threshold. Please apply via <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

I still can't quite believe we have our own swimming pool where children from the age of 3 regularly swim with a qualified instructor. Read all about Mrs Jones our swimming coach further in the newsletter.

Finally, we had the pleasure of welcoming prospective families at our Early Years open morning. Thank you for spreading the good news about our school and highlighting our brilliant Early Years Foundation Team.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.

Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
			
BB		Harper	Brooke
CC		Alayah	Abigel
2	Tahylia T	Charlie H	Max F
3	Eliza R	William Ch	Millie F-L
4	Kinleigh-Mai D	Jessica P, Lilly A, Alithea I	All of class 4!
5	Lilly K	Harley M	Payton K
6	Amber W	Mason C	Jessie J
7	Elijah	Lewis	Ellie
8	Hetty R	Elliot J	Layla H
9	Mia	Kyien	Imogen

Attendance In Focus

Overall 95.4%

Busy Bees	97%
Creative Caterpillars	93%
Class 2	96%
Class 3	88%
Class 4	94%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	97%
Class 7	98%
Class 8	96%
Class 9	89%



World Mental Health and Well-being Day

More photographs can be found via Twitter. Our school Twitter account is updated daily.

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PTFA News

PTFA Tuck Shop

Friday, 21st October

After school on the playground



Autumn Disco

The PTFA are hosting an Autumn disco on Thursday, 3rd November 2022 at the

following times:

YR 2:45—3:45pm £3.50 includes entry, drink, sweets and hotdog

Y1 & Y2 4:00—5:00pm £3.50 includes entry, drink, sweets and hotdog

Y3 & Y4 5:15 — 6:15pm £3.50 includes entry, drink, sweets and hotdog

Tuck shop is available at an extra cost-please send no more than £1.

Please send your child's money in a sealed, named envelope to their class teacher.

Dress your best to impress-

Come and have a boogie!



Swimming at Knypersley First School

How lucky are we to have our own pool!



Mrs J. Jones tells us about why she coaches swimming at Knypersley First School.

From watching my daughter swimming I knew I'd found my new passion. A swim instructor was what I wanted to be. I'm now going into my 21st year of being swim teacher / level 3 swim coach. During this time I have had the opportunity to teach and coach thousands of swimmers in the West Midlands region. Alongside working here at Knypersley for the last 19 years teaching swimming to our own children, Squirrel Hayes and James Bateman I have also been involved with 2 competitive swimming clubs, one as an assistant coach at Biddulph and one as Head coach at Newcastle staffs. My time as assistant coach gave me the opportunity to coach my own daughter to national standard where she gained 2 national silver medals in the breaststroke events. This opened up the door for me as a swim coach as I was able to accompany her on swim camps when she was selected to be on British swimming's world class programme. Here I gained valuable experience working with England's top swim coaches.

I then secured the position of Head Coach at Newcastle Staffs ASC.

The club consisted of in excess of 100 competitive swimmers to which I was responsible for managing their swim program. During my time at Newcastle I developed swimmers to achieve county, regional and national level, also a number of elite swimmers competing in finals at British Swimming Championships. I was then selected to be part of British swimming's talent identification program coaching staff, alongside having swimmers selected to be part of the England talent programme, some of whom went on to represent England at international swim meets. One competed at the recent commonwealth games.

So from the tiny tots in reach for the stars to our older year 4 swimmers, our lessons are constructed to not only encourage children to have a love for swimming but to aspire them to be the best they can possibly be and maybe help to nurture the next generation of excellent swimmers. Staffordshire have a record for producing.



Thank you for your generosity!
Over £1000 raised for MacMillan



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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	13/10/22
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
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 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