



# Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

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## 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. Thank you if you have already donated.

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,

This week we have celebrated National Poetry Day with a visit from Mel Wardle-Woodend's fabulous workshops. Our teachers are also talented poets, especially Mr Evans and Miss Leese!

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Little Wandle parent workshops and of course Mrs Egerton and Miss Leese who continue to guide us all through our new learning! The children are making good progress.

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

Also this week I have had the pleasure to spend more time in lessons observing our history and geography curriculum. It is always a privilege to witness the positive relationships and learning culture within each classroom. In true Knypersley style our children's behaviour for learning and can do attitude was outstanding.

Finally, next week we will be raising the profile of mental health and well-being. There will be a range of activities for both you and your child to participate. We hope you will be able to join us.

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

## Award Winners

Congratulations to all award winners.



## Attendance In Focus

**Overall 96%**

Busy Bees 94%

Creative Caterpillars 94%

**Class 2 96% Congratulations!**

Class 3 93%

Class 4 96%

Class 5 96%

Class 6 95%

Class 7 95%

Class 8 94%

Class 9 93%

# 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 Pits, 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](mailto: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 please  
contact our main office on:  
tel: 01782 973810  
E:mail: [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)

## The benefits of volunteering in school by Mrs Kackney.

How I started at knypersley First:-

My journey started in 1995 when my daughter started at Knypersley First being the 4th generation to attend the school. Her great grandparents both also attended the school when it first opened in 1911, later followed by her grandmother and her father and aunties who helped fund raise for the swimming pool in the 1970's. So, I felt a big connection to the school.

The school needed parent support with the swimming pool, so this is where I started my journey. It wasn't long after when I started to support the reading in class and by 1998 I was attending Teacher Assistant training courses. By 2000 I was a qualified teaching assistant with SEN experience by being 1 to 1 with a child with SENDS needs.

I can't say how rewarding and fulfilling it is to see children thrive and grow from early years to year 4. It makes me proud when a parent tells me how well their child is now doing has a young adult and thanks me for being part of their child's education.

Mrs J. Hackney



## The benefits of volunteering in school by Mrs Jervis

"I first experienced Knypersley First School in the year 2000 as a college student. I supported in a year 1 class for 11 weeks and I absolutely loved every minute of it, the school soon became very loveable. Sadly I then moved onto new experiences and settings through my college course to become qualified to work in childcare."

I returned back to Knypersley First School in 2012 as a volunteer in EYFS 2 mornings a week for 6 months whilst my daughter was a baby. I chose Knypersley to volunteer as I wanted to get school experience,

support a local school and it was a school I felt I wanted to return back too. I loved every minute of it. I supported the school as a volunteer within the classroom and out on school visits. All staff and children were fantastic. I learnt so much at the school, formed

positive relationships with staff and they supported me to move onto a chosen career in another school in Biddulph where a job became available.

I returned back to Knypersley First School in January 2018 - as an employee. It was an AMAZING feeling to walk through the doors of the school to become part of the school team and to make a difference to the children at Knypersley. My passion for the school, staff team and the children continues to grow and grow. It really is the BEST school in town and I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else.



A big SHOUT OUT to our PTFA.





# 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.



# Knypersley and Biddulph local news.



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## Dates for 2022-23

### Autumn Term

	Date
<b>INSET 1</b>	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	<b>Between</b> 2nd - 26 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>INSET 3 - report writing</b>	05/06/23
Pupils return	06/06/23
<b>Phonics Screening</b>	WB 12/06/23
<b>Multiplications Testing Y4</b>	05-23/06/23
Year 2 parent engagement- curriculum	16/6/23
<b>Health and Sports Week</b>	WC 19/6/23
<b>Y2 sports (pm)</b>	19/6/23
<b>EYFS (am LL/ BB and CC/CC pm)</b>	20/6/23
<b>Y3 sports (pm)</b>	21/6/23
<b>Y1 sports (pm)</b>	22/6/23
<b>Y4 sports (pm)</b>	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
<b>INSET 4</b>	24/07/23
<b>INSET 5</b>	25/07/23