



Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life



11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,
 Today we remembered those who have served our country in the forces. We took time to reflect on the work of many and paid our respects. On Sunday our Community Kids will be participating in the Biddulph remembrance walk. We hope you too will be able to join us.

It was a pleasure this week to welcome so many Year 3 parents to our workshop and also to see many Year 4 parents determined to face the times table parent engagement session. Thank you for taking the time to join us. It truly is a joy to share in your child's learning journey.

Don't forget to make a note of Knypersley's very first Christmas Market which will be on Friday 25th November at 3:30pm. You will have received a letter via parent pay explaining how you can purchase a ticket for a visit to Santa.

This term we launched a weekly reading challenge to encourage your child to read at least three times a week. Every child that reads three times in a week (checked on Mondays) will receive a prize from the class prize box. At the end of term, the class with the most reading challenge champions will receive a reward in the final week of term. Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week. On Monday 21st November we will be celebrating England's opening game. Each class will be asked to wear either the colours of their class country or England colours/football strip.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
 Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.

Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
Nursery			
BB		Mabel	Otis
CC		Grace	Isla
2	Logan C	Logan W	Alyssia
3	Esra C	Whole Class	Hollie-Mae B
4	Joshua	Florence	Alithea
5	Amelia	Harry	Elliot
6	Lucy	Elliot	Cory
7	Ben M	Lily B /Daisy-Rose	Trinity
8	Amelia	Daniel	Lydia
9	Theo	Maeve	Connor

Attendance In Focus

Overall 96%

Busy Bees	96.6%
Creative Caterpillars	93.3%
Class 2	97.7%
Class 3	94.7%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	94.2%
Class 6	98.5%
Class 7	96%
Class 8	96.9%
Class 9	94.5%



Out of school awards for swimming, brownies, football etc celebrated today
 Esra C, Emilie B, Hetty R, Jessie Jand Darcy C Congratulations!

Reading in Focus

Reading Challenge!

This term we are launching a weekly reading challenge to encourage our children to read at least three times a week. Every child that reads three times in a week (checked on Mondays) will get a prize from the class prize box. The winning class from across the school with the most children with three reads will get an extra playtime. At the end of term, the class with the most reading challenge champions will receive a reward in the final week of term.



We would like to invite you to choose a book from our Reading Ranch Lending Library. When you've finished, bring it back and choose another, then another...

Open after school when it is not raining.



It's time to mention Christmas!



Christmas Performances

We are excited to be back to normal when inviting you to watch our Christmas performances this year! Letters with more details will be coming home in the coming weeks, where you will have the opportunity to request two tickets per family to your child's performance (Nursery and Reception parents will be given two tickets per family for one performance, or one ticket to each performance).

Nursery and Reception will be performing The Nativity on 8th December at 2.15pm

Nursery and Reception will be performing The Nativity on 9th December at 9.15am

Year 1 will be performing Baarmy Bethlehem on 13th December at 6pm

Year 2 will be performing Prickly Hay on 15th December at 6pm

Year 3 will be performing Straw and Order on 14th December at 6pm

Year 4 will be performing their Christmas Extravaganza on 12th December at 6pm



Its Pantomime time! Oh yes it is! Friday, 16th December



Exciting news! Years 1-4 will be having a special treat on the last day of term this year, as we will be visiting The Mitchell Arts Centre to watch Cinderella.



The cost of the trip is £10 per child which can be paid on ParentPay. Please remember to click to give your permission for your child to attend.

We would also like to give a huge 'Thank you' to our PTFA who have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the coaches.

A letter has already been sent home with more information regarding this visit.

Grandparents Singalong

Calling all Grandparents! Bring your fine voice and get ready to share our festive cheer at one of our Grandparents sing-a-long sessions. Grandparents will receive a warm welcome, a mince pie and a hot cup of tea or coffee. The children will be joining their Grandparent (s) in the hall to sing-a-long to well known Christmas songs at one of our sessions on 14th December at either 9.15am or 2.15pm. Due to limited space in the hall, a maximum of two tickets are available per family to only one of the sessions.

A letter with more information will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Christmas Raffle!

On Friday, 2nd December we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for items that can be used in our Christmas hampers. Raffle tickets will be sold at our Christmas performances for a chance to win!

We kindly ask for the following items...

Early Years-sweets

Years 1 and 2-chocolates

Years 3 and 4-bottles

Thank you in advance!



**Knypersley First School &
PTFA**

Christmas Fair

25 November 2022 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm

We are offering small businesses a stall at
a cost of £20.

If you are interested please contact
ptfa.knypersleyfirstschool@gmail.com

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Member Association

Other important dates...

25th November at 3.15pm Christmas Fair

7th December EYFS magician visit

9th December Christmas dinner day

9th December Christmas Jumper Day

15th December Christmas party day



Children In Need 2022

SPOTacular

Friday 18th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we are once again trying to raise money for BBC Children in Need by taking part in The Great SPOTacular. We have decided to combine this with raising funds for our school as well. So we will share the money raised, between Children in Need and Knypersley First School.

We hope you will be able to support us by sending your child into school dressed in SPOTS along with a small donation. The outfit for SPOTacular can be single item of clothing or full outfit!

Thank you for your amazing effort in previous years and we look forward to celebrating again this year.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Z.L. Cooper

Headteacher
Knypersley First School



I am pleased to let you know that the Rotary Club of Biddulph is again, running its Christmas card painting competition! The competition is open to children in 2 groups. Group 1, is for years 1 and 2 pupils and group 2, is for years 3 and 4 pupils. As usual, the theme for the competition will be 'Christmas Greetings Cards' and you may choose to create this using a contemporary or traditional design. The Rotary Club kindly ask that all entries are made from a piece of A4 card folded in half.

6 entries from each year group will then represent our school and be submitted to the Rotary Club for the final judging. Every pupil whose entry reaches this stage will receive a Certificate of Participation in recognition of their efforts. These entries will be publically displayed, on the night of the Biddulph lights switch on (Saturday 26th November), in Santa Claus' Christmas Grotto, in the Town Hall! The winning Christmas card designs will be selected by Santa Claus and prizes for the best three entries in each final group include a framed certificate and book tokens to the value of £25, £20 and £15.

A representative from the Rotary Club will collect the 6 entries from each year group, on Wednesday 16th November. Therefore, as a school, we kindly request that all submissions are returned to school no later than Tuesday 15th November, so that we can begin to make the hard decision of which designs should proudly represent our school!

Please make sure that your submission includes your full name, year group and school name on the back.

Communication at Knypersley First School

We strive to keep you as up to date as possible with the daily life of our school and to provide opportunities to celebrate our wonderful school. We currently use our main office, face to face drop ins, availability at the class door, a weekly newsletter, Twitter, parentpay e:mails, homework e:mails and a text messaging service.

School website

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

The school website can be access via any search engine and has a variety of information such as school policies and information regarding our school uniform. The most useful section of our school website is our class pages where you can find useful timetable information. Homework e:mails are also available via the welcome to booklets.

- Nursery- [Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)
- Reception- [Reception – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)
- Year 1- [Year 1 – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)
- Year 2- [Year 2 – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)
- Year 3- [Year 3 – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)
- Year 4- [Year 4 – Knypersley First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

Newsletter “Knypersley News”

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The weekly newsletter is sent each Friday via Twitter, text message link and parent pay. This is designed to celebrate our vision and values and the unique qualities Knypersley First School has to offer. You will see details of up and coming events. In addition you will find 'spot lights' on key areas from across our school. So far this term we have focused on

Forest School, Swimming and volunteers to name a few. We encourage you to read this too with your child who will be able to talk in more detail about the spotlights or celebratory aspects. The dates for the year are key. Please make note of them for future reference.

Twitter @KnypersleyFirst



Twitter is regularly updated by the class teachers almost daily. Please follow for updates.

Letters via parent pay or school bag

We send letters for school trips, health checks, parents evening and other up and coming events. These will be sent well in advance.

Text messaging service

As a prompt teachers have been sending text messages to prompt/remind you of the events already available via the website and school newsletter.

Weekly drop in

Teachers make themselves available to meet face to face each week. Please refer to the 'welcome to' booklet available via the school website for the times of the weekly slot.




Community News

A big thank you to you once again for your kind food donations and to our Community Kids who made several trips to the foodbank van.



Dates for 2022-23

Autumn Term

	Date
Return from Half term	31/10/22
Flu spray Reception to Y6 (consent sought via letter- text reminder sent)	1/11/22
Autumn disco: YR 2:45-3:45, Y1 & 2 4pm-5pm, Y3 & 4 5:15pm -6:15pm	3/11/22
Class 7 Middleport Pottery visit	7/11/22
Year 3 parent engagement- curriculum 9:15am (main hall)	8/11/22
Y4 parent times table workshop (2:15pm)	9/11/22
Class 6 Middleport Pottery	9/11/22
Remembrance Day	11/11/22
Biddulph Remembrance Parade	13/11/22
Winter coat swap shop (main hall)	14/11/22
Y1 trip to The Brampton museum	16/11/22
Children In Need	18/11/22
Knypersley PTFA Christmas Fayre  3:15pm	25/11/22
Forest School parent and child session (Year 4)	2/12/22
Magician 9:30am (For EYFS children)	7/12/22
Christmas Nativity (EYFS) 2:15pm	8/12/22
Christmas Nativity (EYFS) 9:15am	9/12/22
Christmas Jumper Day 	9/12/22
Christmas Dinner day 	
Y4 Christmas extravaganza (6pm- 7pm) parents welcome- 2 tickets per child	12/12/22
Y1 nativity (6pm- 7pm) parents welcome - 2 tickets per child	13/12/22
Grandparents sing along (9:15 am and 2:15pm)	14/12/22
Y3 Nativity (6pm- 7pm) Parents welcome- 2 tickets per child	
Autumn Term Reports out	14/12/22
Y2 Nativity (6pm- 7pm) parents welcome - 2 tickets per child	15/12/22
Christmas party day (party clothes)	15/12/22
Years 1 to 4 pantomime at Mitchell Arts Centre (Letter sent)	16/12/22
Close for Christmas	16/12/22
PTFA Tuck shop after school	
Return	03/01/23

For individual events and class trips a letter containing the full details will be sent well in advance.

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