



Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life



4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We have sent the dates with times separately to assist you with planning your time over the coming weeks and run up to Christmas. We hope this helps! Whilst we mention the 'Christmas' word please Knypersley's very first Christmas Market will be on Friday 25th November at 3pm.

You may have heard the news that Reach for the Stars privately owned nursery finished trading today. We have worked to ensure the provision continues for the children within our own nursery from Monday. This will be managed by Mrs Jervis an outstanding practitioner who will be supported by Miss Kitchener and two new members of the team, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Boulton. A big thank you to Miss Leese and the Early Years team in preparing for the changes in a short time period. We also thank our nursery parents who have worked together with us this week.

This week we launched our National Online Safety (NOS) which will be led by Mr Evans our computing lead. In a world where there are so many online platforms for children and adults to access it is essential we as parents and educators are equipped with the right resources to support our children. NOS will help us all to stay up to date and help us to make informed decisions. Please log in via the letter you received earlier this week.

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

Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
Nursery			
BB		Marnie	Jack S
CC		Lily-Rae	Algie G
2	Ethan	Aria	Isabelle
3	Amelia	Jayden	Louie
4	Charlotte	Alfie W	Olivia
5	Hugo	Nancy	Amelia W
6	Ellie	Archie	Jaxon
7	George	Ella	Darcy
8	Connor	Yvie	Sienna
9	Constance	Harry and Kylan	Arlo
			Lellani

Attendance In Focus

Overall 94.7%

Busy Bees	97.4%
Creative Caterpillars	84.3%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	94.7%
Class 4	93.3%
Class 5	94.3%
Class 6	99.3%
Class 7	93.7%
Class 8	95%
Class 9	94.8%



Out of school awards for swimming, brownies, football etc celebrated today
Roselyn, Beau, Archie, Alithea and Thomas. Congratulations!

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



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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Safeguarding

As a school it is important we hold the most up to date details on you and your child.

We need you to access Arbor to check your details are correct , we are making sure every child has at least 2 contacts, this is a requirement of KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education). Also without them we may not have the correct details to contact parents in the case of an emergency. Medical information held also needs to be updated in order for us to complete new care plans and also ensure staff are well informed and trained to treat and managed any current medical needs of our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who has already logged in to Arbor Parent Portal and checked your details.

Today I have sent login details to all those who have not yet accessed Arbor, please follow the instructions on the email , any problems please contact the school office.

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

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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.

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