

# Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life



2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to Miss Leese and Mrs Egerton for skilfully guiding us through our Little Wandle journey and of course our wonderful children and brilliant team. This week our early reading and phonics provision was validated by our CFLP partner schools. Some of the many strengths validated today included; strong leadership and high quality support provided by our by teaching assistants. In addition we were congratulated on the work we do to promote a love of reading. Our reading ranch and weekly visits to our library are not 'tokenistic' but very much part of our core reading offer. Thank you to you the parents for continuing to support our core reading offer.

Elsewhere in the school, our Local Advisory Board met to continue to provide challenge and support to the leadership of our school. Additional visits also took place in Safeguarding and Health and Safety. The Local Advisory Board meets each half term with a clear focus on school improvement, budget and health and safety to name a few. The LAB contribute to the wider Children First Learning Partnership who are governed by the board of directors. To find out more information please follow the link.

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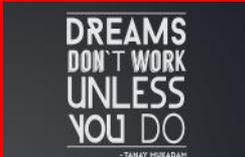
Please read the newsletter for a further update on staffing changes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.**

## Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
Nursery			
BB		Seb	Brooke
CC		Florence	Cleo
2	All of class 2	Olivia	Logan W
3	Jenson	Mason	Amber
4	Bobby	Cody	Samuel
5	Samuel	Arlo	Freddie P
6	Tilly	Reuben	Elliott
7	Henry	Tristan	Trinity
8	Daniel	Keenan	Lewis
9	Layla	Imogen	Tailah-Beau

## Attendance In Focus

Overall 95.5%

Busy Bees	96.6%
Creative Caterpillars	93.4%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	93.4%
Class 4	95.2%
Class 5	94.5%
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
Class 7	95.8%
Class 8	95.6%
Class 9	94.7%



Out of school awards for swimming, brownies, football etc celebrated today

# The Knypersley Christmas count down!



## 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

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Year 1 will be performing Baarmy Bethlehem on 13th December at 5.30pm

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

Year 3 will be performing Straw and Order on 14th December at 5.30pm

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.

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## **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.

## **Other important dates...**

7th December EYFS magician visit

9th December Christmas dinner day

9th December Christmas Jumper Day

15th December Christmas party day



## *Staffing update*

### **Class 9 update**

Mr Gillespie will be leaving us at Christmas to join one of our other CFLP schools. Although early in his leadership career he has made an excellent start with his role as SENCO. As a result he will be further developing this in a primary school setting. Whilst we will miss him we wish him every success in his new school.

We are excited to welcome Mr Lazenby as our new class 9 teacher. He recently joined our school working in Year 1 but with a KS2 and PE background he is eager to be a part of the Year 4 team. Over the coming weeks Mr Lazenby will continue to work with Mr Gillespie to ensure a smooth transition. Miss Naughten will continue to be the teaching assistant in class 9. She is an experienced practitioner who has a wealth of knowledge.

Good Luck to both Mr Gillespie and Mr Lazenby.

### **NEW SENCO**

Congratulations to Miss Leese who following an extensive handover from Mr Gillespie commences as our SENCO in January. Her Early Years knowledge will help us to identify pupils who require additional support in their early education. She is excited to build on the work of Mr Gillespie and further improve outcomes for all pupils. If your child currently has an Education Health Care Plan , Personalised Learning Plan or is working with an outside agency their provision will continue. Miss Leese will arrange to meet you in the new year.

Good Luck to Miss Leese.

### **NEW Early Years Leader**

Congratulations to Mrs Ellis who will commence as the Early Years Lead in January. Mrs Ellis is a long standing member of staff with a wealth of knowledge. She will continue to work closely with Miss Leese as she has since September. Together with our Early Years teaching assistants they are a brilliant team.

Good Luck to Mrs Ellis.

### **Moving on to pastures new!**

After 19 years of service to Knypersley First School Mrs Bible has decided to move on to pastures new. She will be supporting university students in a pastoral role at Staffordshire University. After so long working within term time she will now be able to have holidays in term time! We know the students at Staffordshire University will thrive under her care, love and support just as our children have. We thank Mrs Bible for her selfless dedication to the children and our community.

Good Luck Mrs Bible!

Mrs Faulkner will also be leaving us to join one of our partner schools within our Children First Learning Partnership on a secondment. She will be providing valuable support to her colleagues whilst sharing her wealth of knowledge. We know she will be an asset to her new school and look forward to her return.

Good Luck Mrs Faulkner!

## KIDS EVENTS

Welcome to Yr1 - Yr 6 children. Join us for games, crafts and song as we explore the Christmas story. There will be opportunity to perform in our Carol Service.

**MONDAY 5th DECEMBER and  
WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER  
4.30pm - 6.30pm**



## YOUTH EVENT

Open to young people from Yr7 - Yr11. You can expect competitions, christmas games and a safe environment to hang out.

**WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER  
7.30pm - 9pm**



## CRAFT AFTERNOONS

All ages welcome, join us for refreshments and crafts including card making and gift boxes. Please let us know via Facebook or email if you will be coming. Donation of £1.25 pp encouraged.

**MONDAY 5th DECEMBER and  
WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER  
1.30pm - 3.30pm**



## CAROL SERVICE

Our Sunday night service is a simple evening, with mince pies, carols, performances and a Christmas message. The children will be showcasing their crafts and songs from the kids club also. Once again ALL are welcome, booking is not necessary. We'd love for you to come.

**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER  
6pm-7.30pm**



LIFE STREAM CHURCH PRESENTS

**MUSIC, FUN AND  
LOTS OF LAUGHS**



**NATIVITY:**  
The pantomime

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

**THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER at 6.30pm**  
Life Stream Church ST8 6NN

**FREE ENTRY!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE  
FOLLOW THE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR FB PAGE



## 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 (5:30pm- 6:30pm) parents welcome - 2 tickets per child	13/12/22
Grandparents sing along (9:15 am and 2:15pm)	14/12/22
Y3 Nativity (5:30pm- 6:30pm) 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	<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