

Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

3.2.2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another productive and celebratory week here at Knypersley First School. On Wednesday evening our Young Voice choir, forty-eight in total, performed at the OA Arena in Manchester alongside Heather Small. Despite the fact this was a long day and late evening our pupils' behaviour throughout was exemplary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us in partnership and our brilliant staff who, without question, gave their own time to support the choir. Such unique opportunities can only take place if we work together, so thank you!

Our 'secret readers' were a huge success and a welcome surprise to our classes from nursery through to Year 4. The children really could not contain their excitement and you have helped to further reinforce the importance of stories and reading. We have quite a few 'expert readers' among you so do not be alarmed if we request another storytime!

In our newsletter this week we highlight your access to National Online Safety (NOS). Please do sign up and take a look. Technology is a part of life for our children much more than our childhood's. For this reason we must keep ourselves up to date to better inform our decisions both as parents and educators.

Finally, I have also highlighted attendance. An odd day off can soon build up. For example 5 days absence equates to 25 missed lessons. We have paediatric first aiders in school who will support your child if they are not feeling 100%. We ask that you work with us, particularly if your child's attendance remains a barrier to their achievement. If your child's attendance is 96% and above keep up the great work and thank you!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.

Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
			
Nursery			Ronnie
BB		Michael	Seb
CC		Olivia	Isla A
2	Olivia-Rose	Tahlia	Hadi
3	Mason	Harry	Hakeem
4	Milo	Leighton	Joshua
5	Freddie P	Poppy	Harley
6	Archie	Darcy C	Imogen
7	Ebonie	Henry	Alfie
8	Billy	Sophie	Floss
9	Freddie	Reggie	Hattie

Attendance In Focus

Overall 94.6%

Busy Bees	95.1%
Creative Caterpillars	93.5 %
Class 2	94.8%
Class 3	93.2
Class 4	94.7
Class 5	94.2 %
Class 6	96.3 %
Class 7	94.4 %
Class 8	95.8 %
Class 9	94.2 %



Out of school awards for swimming, brownies, football etc celebrated today
Jaxon Smith— football player of the week, Theo Davies — swimming



Attendance in Focus

Attendance at Knypersley First School

At Knypersley First School we are committed to working together to ensure all pupils receive the best education possible and to enable them to make progress and do as well as they can. For this to happen, pupils need to be in school to access the valuable teaching and learning opportunities.

Attendance and the law

Schools are required by law to take an attendance register twice a day and this shows whether the pupil is present, engaged in an approved educational activity off-site, or absent. If a pupil is absent, every half-day absence from school must be classified by the school as either **AUTHORISED** or **UNAUTHORISED**. Only school can authorise the absence, not parents. Therefore, information about the cause of each absence is always required.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason e.g., illness, medical appointments, or other unavoidable cause.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no "leave" has been given. This includes:

- parents keeping pupils off from school unnecessarily
- truancy before or during the school day
- absences which have never been properly explained
- pupils who arrive to school after the close of the register
- school refusal

- holidays taken during term time that have not been authorised by the head teacher

Impact of Attendance

Impact of absence:

Missed number of days	Missed number of sessions	Missed number of weeks	Missed number of lessons
1	2	0	5
3	6	0.5	15
5	10	1	25
7.5	15	1.5	35
10	20	2	50
12.5	25	2.5	65
15	30	3	75
17.5	35	3.5	90



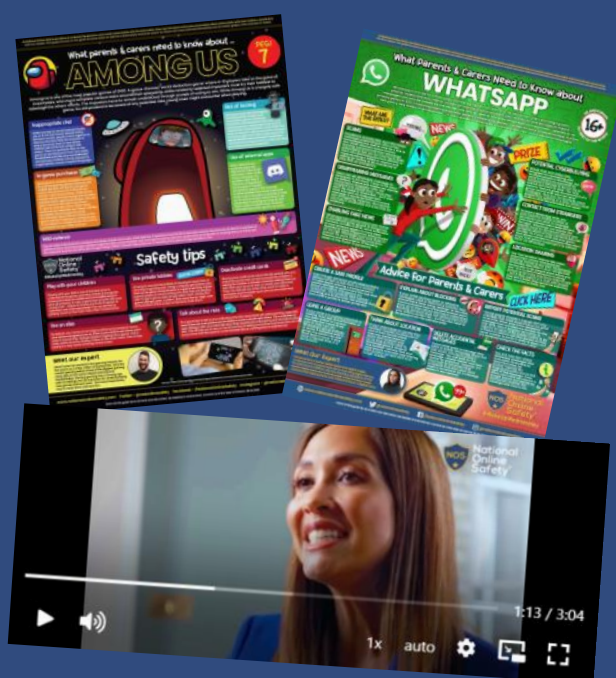


National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

Its CPD accredited courses and educational resources support UK schools in educating the whole school community in online safety– including all senior leaders, teachers, all school staff and parents – on how to make the internet a safer place for children.

This year, Knypersley First School (as a part of the Children First Learning Partnership) invested in National Online Safety as a way to further develop our commitment to e-safety. The project is being led by Mr Evans in conjunction with the safeguarding team, and provides all staff at the school with cutting edge e-safety training and access to a bank of resources to help with any e-safety concerns that they may face.

We are delighted to announce that as of December 2022, we achieved the qualification of being a National Online Safety Certified School. We would love you to join us on our e-safety journey.



As part of our  package, all parents have access to the National Online Safety app complete with:

- Weekly guides for current e-safety concerns.
- Training courses for children of all ages delivered by Myleene Klass.
- Webinars about technology and games that you need to be aware of.

And best of all, it's completely free with the school's package.

If you haven't yet signed up, you can join for free by following <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/knypersley-first-school>.



FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from February 20 - 24.

Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

We are inclusive!

We value the importance of accommodating children, aged 4-12 years old, who come to us from different backgrounds. Everyone is challenged and provided with an enjoyable experience.

Search for your venue: asmsports.co.uk



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Each day will be themed alongside our regular sports & activities.

Monday Football Masterclass

Tuesday Scoot Skills

Wednesday Football Masterclass

Thursday Olympic Festival

Friday Mini-Medics

Visit: www.asmsports.co.uk

Call: 01782 366332

Email: info@asmsports.co.uk





Spring Disco

The PTFA are hosting a Spring disco on Thursday, 16th February 2023

Tickets are available on sale now from your child's class teacher

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 £2.50 includes entry, drink & hotdog.
There will not be a tuck shop at the Spring disco.

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

Dress your best to impress!

Come and have a boogie!



Last week we officially celebrated the installation of our defibrillator in school. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our children, parents and staff for all your fundraising efforts.

We would also like to thank Mrs Brittain (a former pupil who's children and grandchildren also attended Knypersley) and WJ Roadmarkings for their very kind donations too.

Look out for our photo in the Chronicle!!



Dates for 2022-23
Spring Term— Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Faith in Focus week	
Reception admissions closing date	15/1/23
Year 2 class assembly (9:15am)	17/1/23
Y4 School Council representatives- Biddulph Youth Council	25/1/23
Year 4 parent engagement times table day	27/1/23
Year 3 assembly/engag	31/1/23
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
Year 2 SATS—parent information meeting (5:30pm)	13/3/23
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

Staffordshire County Council Term dates 2024

[School holidays and term dates - Staffordshire County Council](#)

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	01/05/23x
Closed for the coronation of HRH King Charles	8/5/23
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