

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are Better"

Weekly Focus

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another productive and exciting week at Knaphill Federation of Schools with lots going on across both sites. At Knaphill Lower School, we had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We would like to say a big thank you for the support we had from our community and to our children for being wonderful, as always! As well as speaking to Inspectors, our children have enjoyed learning their lines and songs for our Christmas Performances, which are due to go ahead from next week. We are very excited to see their performances and look forward to welcoming our Reception parents into school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

At Knaphill Junior School, on Monday, the Year 6 children held political campaigns in the Hall, sharing how they could improve their classroom environment using £30. All the groups were confident, clear and very persuasive. Parents and Guardians voted and the winning groups were Potted Plants from 6S, Sparty Five from 6H and The Book Worms from 6A. A spokesperson from Potted Plants stated, 'We pledge to make the experience in 6S more eco-friendly with potted plants.' Sparty Five shared, 'We believe sports are the best option because it will benefit us by making us healthier, happier and have a positive mind-set.' The Book Worms announced, 'We feel new books would benefit the class because they expand children's imagination and help with spelling and grammar.' What a wonderful achievement with children showing courage, compassion, curiosity and confidence— they are truly representing what our curriculum aims to achieve.



Christmas is on the way at KFOS! Children and adults alike have enjoyed spotting festive decorations which have been appearing around the school. A special thank you to Mrs Prince for creating cheerful door greetings for all the KS classrooms with the help of some helpful elves from her Christmas Crafts Club.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,
The Senior Leadership Team

Uniform update:

We would like to thank you for the improvement in the children's school uniform over the last two weeks. The children are looking very smart and are taking pride in what they are wearing.

As a further update, please note that children should not be wearing earrings for PE lessons. They will need to be removed before children attend school on PE days.

End of Term—change in time

Based on previous feedback and to be in line with the other schools across the Bright Futures Learning Trust, our finish time for the end of term (Friday 17th December) will be:

Knaphill Lower School— 14:25

Knaphill Junior School—14:30

Reception Nativity Performances:

To ensure that children, staff and parents are protected from COVID, we will ensure that we have the following measures in place:

Each child has a 2 person audience limit for attending performances

Chairs will be separated by 1m to allow for social distancing

Masks are mandatory unless medically exempt

Ventilation will be maximized

LFT tests are requested before attending the event

Please note – due to current Surrey COVID updates, we will continue to risk assess each event up to the day of performance. This could mean that last minute changes could be made. Currently, cancelling the performances will be a last resort as we feel that these experiences are very important for our children.

Year 2 Nativity Performances:

To ensure that children, staff and parents are protected from COVID, we will ensure that we have the following measures in place:

To allow for a larger space for children, staff and audience, the performance will be at Knaphill Junior School in the larger hall. Children will arrive at their usual classroom and will then walk down to the Junior School for their performance. Parents will then be invited on site from 9am.

Each child has a 2 person audience limit for attending performances

Chairs will be separated by 1m to allow for social distancing

Masks are mandatory unless medically exempt

Ventilation will be maximized

LFT tests are requested before attending the event

Please note – due to current Surrey COVID updates, we will continue to risk assess each event up to the day of performance. This could mean that last minute changes could be made. Currently, cancelling the performances will be a last resort as we feel that these experiences are very important for our children.

Year 1 Singing Performance:

This performance will be held outside. Dates and times for these performances will follow early next week.

Christmas Parties:

Children will be invited to attend school in their Christmas party clothes on their assigned day. During the afternoon, they will have some party games and some special tasty treats, which we ask are kindly donated by parents and guardians. More information, including a list of suitable foods, will be available next week.

Please see the attached timetable for our Christmas events over the next two weeks.