

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin by warmly welcoming you back for the Spring Term at Knaphill Federation of Schools. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and had much needed time with family and friends. I would also like to wish you a Happy New Year and with that, shared hope for all that 2022 may bring.

At both schools, we were very pleased to see the return of the children on Wednesday. Although it was a rather chilly start to the year, it was a delight to see the happy faces of the children as they bounced into school, greeting their friends and our staff on the way. Teachers have shared with me what a brilliant start that all classes have made this week, and I have been lucky enough to visit classrooms, allowing me to see all of the hard work that has been achieved in just three short days.

On Fridays, we begin the day with our Virtual Celebration Assembly, which now includes children from Year 1 to Year 6 (with Reception joining us later on in the year). This assembly is my personal highlight of the week as I get to see all classes at once and we can take time to celebrate the individual achievements of children in each class. It was lovely to see Stars of the Week awarded to children who have worked hard to start the year with extra focus; outstanding examples of writing, Maths and Science; and children who have shown compassion to their peers. We also had a whole class certificate for 4H as it was impossible to pick just one child who had gone above and beyond this week! Well done to all of our Stars of the Week—I am proud of each and every one of you! As well as certificates, we also found out that Rowling House had won the house points challenge for the Autumn Term. As a reward for their shared efforts, they will attend a special session next Friday, with more information to follow early next week. Well done, Rowling House!

Thinking ahead to the rest of the term, we will be diving into our theme of ‘Healthy Body, Healthy Mind’ with a programme of opportunities designed to educate our children about what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. Please see below for more information, and watch this space for more exciting curriculum opportunities coming soon.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

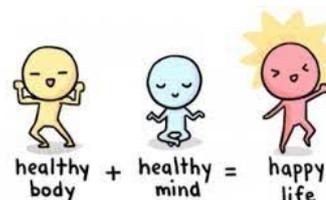
Best wishes,

Miss Harbridge (Acting Head)

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Aim: Children have a balanced, healthy diet at school

We have now started our push for a balanced, healthy diet at school. Although treats are important, children are only allowed healthy snacks during break time from now on. Our Lower School children will continue to receive the daily supplied fruit and Junior children will now be encouraged to bring fruit, vegetables or healthy cereal/ grain bars (not containing nuts).



Next week, we will be looking at the importance of having a growth mindset as we try to be the best versions of ourselves. Using the idea of New Year’s Resolutions, we will decide on what we want to do to become happier and healthier at school.

KFOS Community Updates

Meet the Team:

This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update, focuses on our Knaphill Lower School Office Team. From being the first port of call for all communication, to ensuring that children stay healthy, safe and happy throughout the day, our office team has a very essential role. We are very lucky to have Mrs McBride and Mrs Parenti supporting the Whole Federation in our Lower School Office.

Mrs McBride:

I recently joined the Knaphill Federation of Schools and am excited to be a part of such a passionate and hard-working team which is focused on ensuring that all pupils can achieve their full potential. Outside of work, I love outdoor pursuits, particularly hiking - I recently walked up Snowdon, although the view from the top was somewhat soggy!



Mrs Parenti:



Hi, I joined Knaphill Lower School in September and it has been such a pleasure to work with the amazing team of teachers and staff at the Lower School and across the Federation. The whole staff is committed to ensuring that your child is kept happy and safe during their time at school. I have also enjoyed meeting many of your children in the past few months. In the past, I have always volunteered as much as possible at my children's schools, our church and non-profit organizations. My husband got a job in London, so we moved here from Texas in 2018. We have 3 boys aged 18, 16 and 10, and a furry baby Co-co, a Chihuahua dog. I love to exercise, read, and discover the many beautiful, historical places that England has to offer.

Volunteering at Knaphill Federation of Schools



As we continue on our journey to making KFOS the best place to be for our children, our whole community needs to work together in making a change.

You can get involved in a number of different ways:

- Volunteering with in-school support on a frequent basis by supporting with reading and other aspects of school life. If you are interested, please email Mrs McBride for more information—office@knaphill-lower.surrey.sch.uk
- Joining our PTA and supporting community events— watch this space of more coming soon!
- **Sharing your expertise—are you a race car engineer or designer? An artist? A sports person? We would love to involve you in enhancing our curriculum opportunities through visits and making links with local businesses and key people**

If you are interested in getting involved, please email me directly— I would very much enjoy speaking to you: vharbridge@kfos.co.uk

Opportunities across the Bright Futures Learning Trust



There are currently several employment opportunities on offer at BFLT.

Please visit the eteach Website for more information:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/goldsworth-primary-school-jobs-8517/?oo=ag>

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-john-s-primary-school-jobs-3765/?oo=ag>

These are exciting opportunities to be part of a Trust that aims to improve children's quality of Education in schools across Woking.

Dates 2021-22

Exciting News!

Year Leaders are currently creating an overview document that will detail the trips and opportunities for each year group for the rest of the year. More dates for the diary will be with you very soon.

Spring Term Dates

Monday 10th January – After School Clubs commence
Monday 7th – Friday 11th February – Mental Health Week
Friday 11th February – Year 3 Trip (Butser Farm—Stone Age Topic)
Tuesday 18th January—Year 2 Trip (Brooklands Museum—Transport Topic)

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half Term

Monday 21st February – INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd February – Sports for Schools Workshops
Tuesday 1st March – Owl Visit (KLS)
Wednesday 2nd March – Owl Visit (KJS)
Monday 28 February – Friday 4th March – World Book Week
Tuesday 8th March – Friday 11th March – Year 6 Residential
Friday 18th March – Year 4 Viking Day Workshop
Friday 25th March – After School clubs finish
Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term Dates

May 2022 – Year 2 SATs test period
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May – Year 6 SATs
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May – Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 16th May – Wednesday 18th May – Year 5 Residential
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term
Monday 6th June – Friday 10th June – KSI Phonics Screening check
Friday 8th July – Inset Day
Friday 21st July – Last day of Summer Term