

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

And somehow we are half a term into 2022—time flies when you are having fun! Year 3 managed to finish their half-term with an exciting visit to Butser Farm, a place that brings history to life and helps children to understand what life was like for people in the past. Experiences like these help children to immerse themselves in archaeology and the exploration of artifacts— a wonderful experience for our youngest children in the Juniors.

At Knaphill, it has been a rather busy few weeks, during which we have managed to achieve lots on our journey to providing the best possible education for our children. To name just a few of our successes so far:

- **New furniture and resources for Reception classes**— by providing more resources for an enabling environment, we have allowed children even more opportunity for independent self-selection and creative play.
- **Teacher training for a new phonics programme (Essential Letters and Sounds) and a new reading approach across the school**— this has begun to further develop how our children begin their reading journey and swiftly move towards success and independence. With more information to follow next half-term, we want to build our partnership to support reading in school and at home.
- **More opportunities for learning outside the classroom**—with our first school trips, an increase in after school clubs and our climbing wall extravaganza, great things are happening at Knaphill! With a shared determination to ensure that our children have as many memorable experiences as possible, next half-term is shaping up to be just as exciting!

I would like to thank all staff for their time, effort and positivity during this term, we are able to see the impact of your hard work in classrooms across the school. I would also like to thank our community for your support and openness in sharing how you feel we can provide better opportunities and support for the children in our care. Every open session and meeting has helped me to understand your parent perspective and this will be crucial in planning for the future of Knaphill. Based on your feedback, next term, I will be working with our leadership team to focus on:

- Developing better communication strategies for our community
- Developing our parent partnership to support children’s progress
- Providing further support for children with Special Educational needs

As we head into next term, every week looks action packed. Firstly, we have a magical and mysterious Book Week in Week 2, during which children will attend ‘Knaphill School of Magic’ (Lower School) or Hogwarts School with Professor Dumbledorbridge (Junior School). Later in the term, we have a residential visit for Year 6, Science Week, Parents Evenings (22/03 & 24/03), a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea for Reception parents and reading workshops.

I hope that everyone manages to have a lovely half-term. Hopefully we will manage to see some sunshine and more signs that spring is almost upon us.

Best wishes,  
Miss Harbridge

## KFOS Community Updates

### Meet the Team:

This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update is a little different. After half-term, we are looking for Learning Support Assistants to join the team at Knaphill. With positions available at both schools, we want to share this opportunity with our community first.

Staff at the Knaphill Federation of Schools are a community on an exciting journey. As part of this journey to provide the best possible education for our children, we are looking to appoint several enthusiastic and caring Teaching Assistants to join our team working across both sites.

Working closely with a class teacher and an experienced Inclusion Leader, your role will provide additional academic and emotional support for our children. The role may include a mixture of one to one support, small group work, or specific interventions, both in and out of the classroom setting, as well as lunchtime supervision.

For this post, applicants must demonstrate a positive, patient and nurturing approach towards helping children to be the best they can be. Our ambitious culture is reinforced with professional development opportunities for all our staff and training will be provided according to the role.

If you are interested in finding out more information about Learning Support Assistant roles, please email me directly: [vharbridge@kfos.co.uk](mailto:vharbridge@kfos.co.uk)



Knaphill will be once again entering a team into the Surrey Half Marathon, 5K and kids run. However, this year... **WE WANT IT TO BE THE LARGEST TEAM YET!**

- We want families - parents and children, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandads.
- We want members of staff and their families too.
- To get the ball rolling, I have committed to running the 5k distance and to train for that, I have vowed to run every day in February. After all, we believe in a healthy body, healthy mind at Knaphill.

To register your interest, please complete this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/pCZDcPNfnbtPY49u6>

### PTA events:

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising our events this half-term. Firstly, for a very successful virtual book fair that earned us 38 free books for across the school.

And for today's Valentine's Day Tuck shop, which was very popular and a lovely way to end this half term.

Thank you for your support!



## Being the best we can be!

At Knaphill, we focus on being the best we can be by putting in efforts, lots of practicing, learning from our mistakes and not giving up! Have a look at how our children have done this outside of school this week:



**Alex (6A)** achieved Level 5 at gymnastics and also his Chief Scout silver award for which he had to do numerous challenges including hiking and navigating using a map, camping in a tent, pioneering, bush craft, litter picking, cooking a 3 course meal and washing up. This shows Alex's dedication towards achieving his goals!



Jess (4K) was very proud to share her trophy for her dance show. She was able to tell us about how much effort she has had to put into street dance and how she is beginning to see the difference it makes.



**Finley (3B)** was voted 'Player of the match' at a football match for Woking Cougars v Lyne on Sunday. Finley did some amazing passes and his defense was fantastic—what an amazing effort!

**Aidan (3B)** was awarded a medal for putting in the most effort during his football training sessions this week. We know the importance of trying and Aidan has shown he is being the best I can be!



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – INSET Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Sports for Schools Workshops

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Owl Visit (KLS)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Owl Visit (KJS)

Monday 28 February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Residential

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Viking Day Workshop

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – After School clubs finish

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Mother's Day Tea @ 2pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

### **Summer Term Dates**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Residential

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – KSI Phonics Screening check

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Inset Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of Summer Term

### **Finance Business Partner Vacancy—Bright Futures Learning Trust**

We are looking to appoint a Finance Business Partner to join the team of our successful, growing Trust.

The role is based at Knaphill Federation of Schools. The successful candidate will be responsible for all financial aspects, including long and short term planning, monitoring spend and ensuring best financial practices which secure value for money and contribute to good financial health for the whole Trust.

For more details and an online application form, please click [here](#) to view the vacancy advertised on eTeach.

Closing date for applications: midday 21st February 2022, with interviews likely to take place the following week

An early application is recommended as candidates will be assessed and shortlisted as their application is received. We reserve the right to interview ahead of the closing date and withdraw this advert.