



Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Update

Friday 16th September



All those at Bright Futures Learning Trust would like to express our deepest sadness at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. Her life was remarkable and we will be taking time across our schools, as we observe the National Period of Mourning, to reflect on her values of service, duty, compassion, steadfastness and faith. We take strength and inspiration from her life and all that she stood for and will remember her with much affection, admiration and thankfulness.

School Values

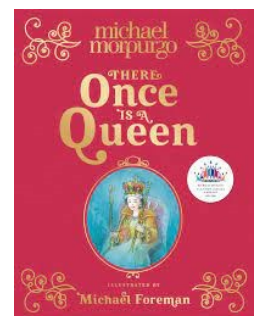
As a school we are driven by our school values. As your children will be able to explain, values are key principles that guide our thinking and behaviour. At Knaphill, our values are Compassion, Curiosity, Courage, Confidence.

These values underpin our school curriculum and each week we have a value that we look at in assembly and have a real focus on across the school.

During our assemblies this week, we have looked at the values Queen Elizabeth II showed through her reign, including:

- *Love and Compassion*
- *Duty, steadfastness and service*
- *Faith and hope*

At the Lower School this week, we also supported our learning about Queen Elizabeth's life and values by looking at the book, 'There once is a Queen', which seems to now mean so much more to even our youngest children in Reception.



Curriculum Evenings:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Evenings this week– we are very open to feedback about these events and we hope they were useful in helping you to understand our curriculum and the year ahead for your children. Year 1 and 2 teams will record a video of this presentation, which will be shared next week. We still have a few sessions next week, please see below for dates and times.

20/09– Year 3 Meet the team for parents @ 6pm

21/09– Years 4, 5, 6 Curriculum evening for parents @ 6pm

22/09– Reception curriculum and phonics meeting @ 6:30pm



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Homework

Following on from the message in the last week’s newsletter, the Junior school were sent a separate letter today via email to explain how homework will be communicated each week, what our homework offer at Knaphill Junior School will be, and how we have decided what to include. For the Lower School, this was communicated during our curriculum evenings and will be shared on the slides/ during the video for these events, which will be sent out next week.

On Thursday 8th September a group of interested parents and the Senior Leadership Team across both schools met. We discussed what had gone well in the past with homework and suggestions were shared from parents in ways to improve our homework offer. As a group, we reviewed and considered the educational research behind what effective homework looks like and how that might be approached; for instance, written versus use of technology. (Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you do not have access to the internet or a device).

There is one key element to effective homework, where learning is embedded and that is **routine**. Whatever homework is set, must be regularly completed. Reading every day has shown to have major impact on reading progress.

Year Leaders and Subject Leaders across the school met after the Homework Steering Group to ensure that both educational research for effective homework, parents’ views and suggestions formed the foundations of our homework offer.

Homework has been sent out today following consultation with parents, teachers and children, with educational research informing our decisions.

Life Bus—Junior School

This year the Life Bus will not be joining us, but their brand new 'Life Space' is arriving instead. From Tuesday to Friday next week an inflatable room will be put up in the hall and will deliver the sessions to each year group. Please do ask your child about this exciting experience.

Pupil Parliament elections—Junior School

There’s certainly a buzz around the school at the moment with children wanting to be considered for the role of Pupil Parliament member. Children who want to be considered need to speak about why they want to join and/why they think they would be a good member of parliament. Classes across the school are beginning the presentations and those elected will be notified at the end of this month. Good luck everyone!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Harbridge and Mrs Harrison



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Community Updates:

Attendance

It is extremely important that children are in school, and their attendance remains as high as possible. Just to remind parents/carers that, in line with other Surrey schools, if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices

Knaphill Governors:

Please see the below email for our KFOS Governing Board. We are very lucky to have very supportive and engaged governors at Knaphill, who are determined to ensure the very best for your children. If you want to get into contact for any reason, please see the contact details below.

Marleen Naessens—chair@kfos.co.uk

Dates 2022-23

New events are being added every week—these will be in red so you can add them to your diary!

Autumn dates:

20/09– Year 3 Meet the team for parents @ 6pm

21/09– Years 4, 5, 6 Curriculum evening for parents @6pm

22/09—Reception Curriculum evening and phonics workshop for parent @ 6.30pm

30/09—Monthly Fun Run @ 3.30pm (whole community invited)

06/10— Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics and reading workshop for parents @ 6.30pm

10/10 KLS individual photos

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13/10 KLS outdoor Harvest Festival— all parents are invited to attend @ 9.15am. The celebration should last about 1 hour.

31st October INSET day

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20th December 2022

INSET days:

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

PTA Events

Change of date:

Bag2school 4/10 (Due to Queen Elizabeth's Funeral on 19/9/22)