

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Update

Friday 9th 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.

As Knaphill observes the National Period of Mourning, there may be some changes made to our timetable and themes of communication.

Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

It has been lovely to have our children back at Knaphill Lower School this week and we have had lots of positive moments as our children have got to know their new teachers and classrooms. At the beginning of the year it is very important to share our high expectations and establish class and school rules. This has shaped our first week and our children have demonstrated the behaviour and attitudes we expect at Knaphill. We are all very impressed by the way our children have managed to transition to a new year group and we look forward to seeing them flourish this year.

If you need a reminder about our behaviour expectations, here is a video we filmed last year:

Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sfblyZ4whpbgWKAwWhkX1MzRo4n5PYXC/view?usp=sharing>

Yesterday's news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth was quite unexpected for all us, and we all may be feeling a whole spectrum of emotions. In dealing with this news, our children have shown maturity and sensitivity, and I am proud to have seen their response and kindness.

Please be reminded that our Curriculum Evenings begin next week—these sessions will be very beneficial in supporting you to understand your child's learning and expectations for their new year group.

Curriculum Evenings:

13/09—Year 2 Curriculum evening for parents @ 6.30pm

14/09—Year 1 Curriculum evening for parents @ 6.30pm

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

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Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Harrison

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families. It has been so lovely seeing all those smiling faces at the gate, in the classrooms, on the playground, and in assembly each day. We have all been busy getting to know each other and establishing new routines.

We also welcome two new members of staff to our team: Mr Greenwood, our Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Milena Wotherspoon, our new admin assistant in the office. Please do introduce yourselves when you see them.



Communications

Thank you for bearing with us this week. As you will be aware, we have had new IT systems installed over the summer and this has caused a few technical difficulties. Once these have been rectified, we will update SCOPay with the children's meals for this half term. At this point, we shall then let all parents know and ask them to log into their child's dinner account and pay any outstanding balance for this term. If your child has opted for school dinners, they will still continue to have these daily

Emotions

To support all our children's wellbeing and mental health, as a school we have introduced the Zones of Regulation. This will enable our children to identify their feelings, understand that emotions are on a continuum and can change throughout the day. Children will be learning what actions they can take to help improve or change how they are feeling.

Homework Steering group

On Thursday, our Homework Steering Group took place. A massive thank you to all those parents across both schools who gave up their time to review the schools' current homework provision. We began the session by gaining parents' opinions and then shared current research on the impact of homework on children's progress and attainment. We finally ended with ideas to implement. Consistency and communications are both key areas to improve. Homework will be clearly communicated during our curriculum evening sessions and will begin next Friday (16th September).

Best wishes,

Miss Harbridge and Mrs Harrison

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:

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30/09—Monthly Fun Run @ 3.30pm

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—parents invites @ 9.15am

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

Thursday 15th September— Happy Circus