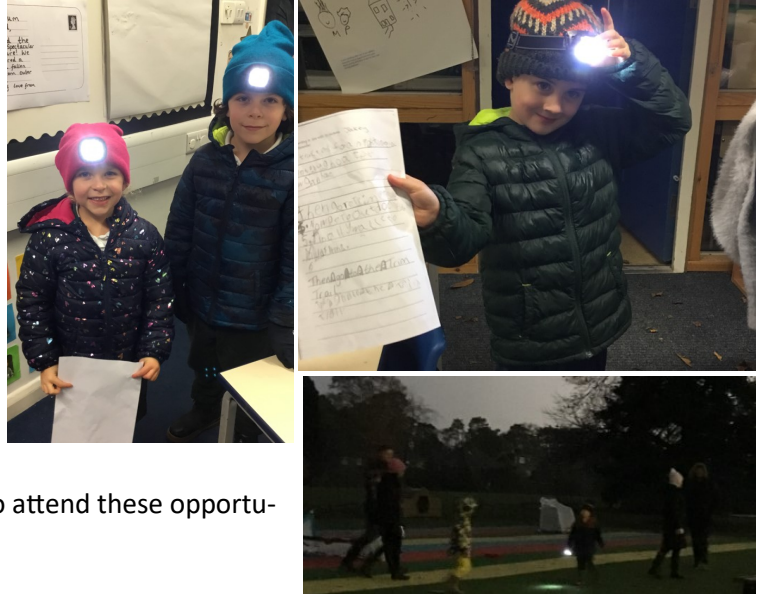


Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, can you believe that it will be Christmas Day in one month's time—this year is flying by! We have had an exciting week at Knaphill Lower School with some Knaphill firsts and lots of nativity practises in both Reception and Year 2.

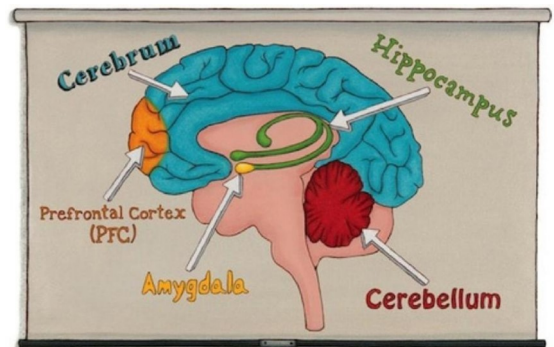
### What we've achieved this week

**Year 1 Night Walk:** Our whole Year 1 team were beaming with pride after opening our doors last night for the first 'Night Walk'. Our children were able to show how they have been writing instructions with the clear purpose of leading their own guided walks and that they could apply their science learning about light sources. We were very impressed by the quality of writing our children have produced over the last three weeks and there was certainly a lot of excitement in the air—who knew how exciting it would be to return to school in the dark! This was also a really lovely family event and we love welcoming our families to attend these opportunities.



**Growth mindset—the science of the brain:** assemblies have definitely been a highlight of my week as we have embarked on a whole school exploration of understanding the different parts of our brains. The children have shown an excellent understanding of some very challenging concepts, including:

- The brain is made of cells and tissue
- The Cerebrum—the thinking part of the brain
- The Cerebellum—balance and coordination
- Prefrontal cortex—decision making and planning



This learning will support children in understanding their brains and how we can control them. The more they understand the process of learning, the more they will feel confident to learn! Next week we will focus on the hippocampus (long term memory) and amygdala (emotions). Please do ask our little scientists what they have learnt so far.

### What's happening next week

**Reception Nativities:** I am very much looking forward to seeing our first two nativities next week, we have:

01/12 Dragonfly Nativity (Thursday) @ 9:30

02/12 Ladybird Nativity (Friday) @ 9:30

We will also be decorating the school as we start to head into our Christmas celebrations. If you have any decoration you would like to donate, we will be happy to give them a second life at school.

Best wishes,  
Miss Harbridge

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

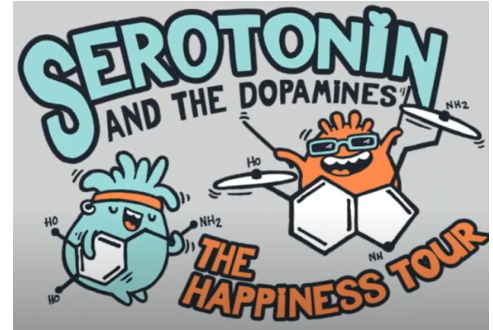


## Weekly Focus

Friday 25th November

### Value of the week: Compassion

This week we have been looking into our value of compassion and the power of kindness. We discovered that being kind can actually help our brains. This is because we release our *feel good hormones*, serotonin and dopamine. We also discovered how these hormones help with our Growth Mindset and support us strengthening our brain. Kindness really can be our superpower!



### Community

#### Snacks

I feel it is a timely reminder about mid morning snacks for playtime. Children really benefit from having a healthy snack, especially mid way through the morning as this helps to keep minds and bodies healthy. May I please take this opportunity to remind everyone that this snack should be **either a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack**. The general rule is it should not be in any packaging at all. Fruit or vegetables in snack containers are absolutely fine. Any other treats should be packed in lunchboxes ready for lunchtime.

#### Absence

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is getting your child to school every day, on time, with the right things. So please could I **appeal** to you all to support us with our efforts to create an outstanding school by keeping your child's attendance as high as possible at all times.

#### End of Term

We would like to remind parents that the finish time on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December, will be **2:00PM**.

### What's happening in school

#### Maths Challenge Group

Next week the first session for our Maths Challenge group will be running at Knaphill School. This will be a half-termly opportunity for a group of confident and fast grasping mathematicians from across the Juniors, to work collaboratively on some challenging, open ended problem solving. We hope this will be an enjoyable and inspiring experience for the children.

#### Inter-House Basketball

Forget about the World Cup because the competition we have all been waiting for has finally been announced—the Knaphill School Inter-House Basketball competition. Children are being asked to sign up for the opportunity to represent their house on the competition, which will take place in the week of the 5th December. The teams will be announced next week and we looking forward to reporting on the competition in a couple of weeks time. We look forward to Basketball Fever taking over!



### House point winners of the week

Congratulations this week go to Windsor, who won this weeks total, but only just! The contest for the whole term is still really close, so keep working on your Growth Mindset to gain even more house points for your team.

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	1283	1221	1245	1203

### Attendance Cup

This weeks Attendance Cup winners were 6S, with an excellent total of 97.9%. They will receive extra play as a reward on Monday next week. The classes were really close this week, with last weeks winners 3J and 3R just tenths of a percentage behind with attendances of 97.7% and 97.6% respectively.

### SEND News and Updates

Mrs Purulak will be hosting her 'open door' SEN surgery on Monday 5th December. This is where you can come and have an informal chat with her between 2.15 and 3.15pm if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's needs. Following SEN surgery dates will continue to be on the first Monday of the month.

(SEN Surgery Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July).

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison

### Shared messages for Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill Junior School:

#### 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**

# First steps to understanding my child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)



**FREE COURSE**

This FREE Online three-week parenting course will be delivered in three 2 x hour sessions and will explain the terms and key features associated with a neurodivergent profile, we will consider how this might impact your child's behaviour and discuss how to approach health professionals and schools to ask for support.

**Have you wondered if your child might be autistic or showing signs of ADHD?**

**Does your child suffer with Social Anxiety?**

**Does your child struggle at School?**

**Has your child developed distressed behaviors?**

## **When?**

**Thursday 24/11/22 to 08/12/22**

**Time: 7pm – 9pm**

**Zoom Online**

**Click on [link](#) or QR code for more details**



## 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:**

01/12 Dragonfly Nativity (Thursday) @ 9:30- parents invited

02/12 Ladybird Nativity (Friday)@ 9:30- parents invited

05/12 Butterfly Nativity (Monday)@ 9:30- parents invited

8/12 KLS and KS Christmas Jumper Day

8/12 KLS Christmas Dinner Day

9/12 School Values Working Party (More details to follow)

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ Holy Trinity Church (1.30pm & 6pm)

12/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm- parents invited

13/12 Year 2 Nativity@ 9:15- parents invited

15/12 Year 1 Carol Concert @ 14.15

19/12 KLS Christmas Parties (PM) - in classrooms

19/12 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance @ Holy Trinity Church (1.30pm & 6pm)

**Last day of term 2pm finish.**

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**

2nd December for the non uniform day

Sunday 11th December—Christmas Fair/ Market