

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

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Weekly Focus

Friday 2nd December

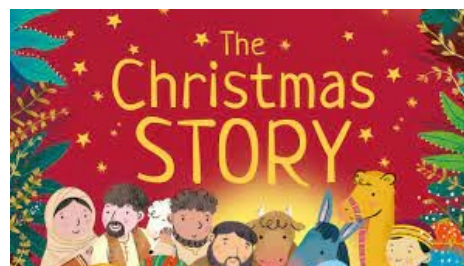
Dear Parents and Guardians,

The temperature has started to drop this week and with December upon us, there is definitely excitement in the air. With our Christmas decoration now up and festive events just around the corner, we are full of Christmas spirit at KLS.

What we've achieved this week:

Reception Christmas Plays

I have been very lucky over the last two days as I have been privileged enough to attend the Dragonfly and Ladybird Christmas plays. At Knaphill, we are determined to develop the values of confidence and courage and our youngest children certainly have shown these values this week. All of our children stood on stage to sing, speak and dance and it was a joy to watch. Thank you to our Reception community for your support and for joining us during these events. Mrs Wood will be attending the Butterfly Nativity on Monday and I know she is in for a treat!



Growth mindset in Action

We have continued to develop our scientific knowledge this week as we endeavour to learn more about the parts of the brain. We started the week by recapping the functions of the cerebrum, cerebellum and prefrontal cortex and how they support our learning. Then we moved on to the Amygdala, which is responsible for managing our feelings and emotions. We explored how things are much easier when our cerebrum, prefrontal cortex and amygdala work together, but sometimes this doesn't happen. **Sometimes we have an 'Amygdala Hijack' and our feeling overtake our thinking.** To support this, we introduced the brain hand model, which helps children to understand what happens when they flip their lid.



Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament team have been discussing how they can develop our Year 2 entrance area and have been very interested in ensure that this reflects our school messages. Thank you to our PTA for supporting us with this and Mrs Ward for her wonderful ideas. Watch this space for our planned designs!

What's happening next week:

- **Butterfly Nativity**— Monday 5th December
- **Special visitor**—Wednesday 7th December. We have heard some rumours from the North Pole that a special visitor may be heading our way next week.
- **Growth mindset in action**— we will continue looking at how to manage an Amygdala Hijack and will be introduced to the Hippocampus
- **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner**— Thursday 8th December
- **School Values working party**— Friday 9th December (see next page for information)

Regular Reading winner of the week!

We know how important it is that children read every week to develop their confidence and understanding. To promote this at KLS, we will be having a weekly raffle. Starting with Year 2 and moving across the school after Christmas, if a child reads 5 times per week, they will receive a raffle ticket for the weekly draw. Who will be our first winner?

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

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Community

Christmas Fair

As we approach the Christmas Fair on Sunday 11th December, our fabulous PTA are busy organising. We would like to thank them and all of the parents who have volunteered their time to support on the day—all to help raise funds for the school. We would also like to thank the wider community who have donated to the likes of our silent auction and Christmas raffle. As always, we are humbled by the support of everyone in the community who shares the same drive as us to make the Knaphill Federation of Schools the best they can be. Don't forget to have a look at the full list of prizes and even start the bidding at <https://auctionofpromises.com/2022WinterAuctionForKSPTA> Please be aware that there still are spaces to fill for volunteers, so, if you can spare even just 30 minutes, please email the PTA team at chair@knaphillschoolspta.org.uk

Survey

We have enjoyed our first term as a school and would like to fully reflect on where we are, so that we can drive forwards over the coming year. As such, we would be very grateful if you would spare the time to share your thoughts on the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/Pm1KT3qxUX>

The survey will remain open until 16th December.

What's happening in school

Dodgeball and Tennis

This week saw children from the school attend events at Woking Leisure Centre in both dodgeball and tennis. The events gave the children a chance to represent the school as well as learn a few new tricks and tactics. The children had a great time and came back as enthused and aspiring players.



House point winners of the week

This week has seen Rowling blow the other houses out of the water, earning more than 60 house points more than the next nearest house. The result has given them a fantastic chance to win the termly total, with the scores going into the final two weeks incredibly close.



	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	1550	1459	1492	1536

What's happening next week

Values Working Party (9.12.22)

All parents and guardians are invited to a working party next Friday at The Hive (Lower School site). We would like to hear your thoughts and opinions about the values our schools should have. These chosen values will drive everything that we do at school, There is no need to sign up, just come along to The Hive at 2pm on Friday 9th December, where both Mrs Harbridge and myself will meet with you to hear your ideas as we move in to the next phase of KFOS development.

Attendance Cup

This weeks Attendance Cup winners were **5G**, with an excellent total of 98.8%. They will receive extra play as a reward on Monday next week. The classes were again really close this week, with last weeks runners-up 3J finishing runners-up again, tied with 4M on 97.3%. I wonder if we can get our first class to have 100% attendance before Christmas?

Parking reminder

As a school the safety of everyone in our community is of the utmost importance. Following recent reports of dangerous driving and parking we are urging drivers to please make use of the free parking at the Vyne Centre (GU21 2SP) and at Sainsbury's (GU21 2QT). Both are only a short walk away.

Please can we also ask the following:

- Do not park on Chobham Road, especially on the zig zag lines at the sign posted times, as it is illegal.
- Do not park on curbs or up on the pavements.
- Do not double park, we need to ensure emergency vehicles can access the school.

Delays can mean the difference between life and death. We have had large vehicles held up and this is a reoccurring risk. The police have been informed of recent incidents and have noted number plates. They will continue to monitor the situation.

Out of school excellence

It was a pleasure to celebrate some of our children's achievements from out of school. It is so inspiring for our children to see what their peers have achieved through a growth mindset in their own time. We have a very talented group of children and would love to share even more in our future achievement assemblies.

Have a good week,

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

08/12 KS1 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

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

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ *Knaphill school 1.30pm * **PLEASE NOTE VENUE**

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ Holy Trinity Church 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

15/12 Year 5 WW2 Day

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