



## Weekly Focus

Friday 9th December

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a very festive week at KLS and I know it will continue into the weekend as we have our much anticipated Christmas Fair on Sunday. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA team who have once again worked tirelessly to organise this community event. Also, thank you to those of you who have agreed to run stalls, we couldn't do it without your help. I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

### What we've achieved this week:

#### Reception Christmas Play

Well done to Butterfly Class who had their first Christmas play on Monday morning. Although I wasn't able to be there to see it, Mrs Wood was blown away by the performance of our youngest children—it was fantastic. We hope our families also enjoyed the show.

#### Santa Visit, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner

Well, it certainly has been a festive week. On Wednesday, we are all very surprised to find out that Santa has managed to find a gap in his very busy schedule to visit KLS. He is also very kindly brought our children a little gift, which I am sure they appreciated. Thank you to Santa for thinking of us.

Thursday was another Christmassy event! Our children were very excited to show off a whole array of colourful Christmas jumpers, which got us in the festive mood and made Christmas lunch even more special. I actually think that we have one of the best school kitchen's in the business (thank you to Louise and her team!) and a delicious meal was had by all.



#### Growth mindset in Action

We continued our exploration of our brains and looked at some more strategies that help us to manage an amygdala hijack. We also looked at the role of the hippocampus and how it supports us by adding knowledge into our long term memory. We applied this to how we learn at school and understood why we need to practise things again and again.



#### Reception Maths Workshop

On Thursday, Mrs Wood held our first Early Maths Reception workshop for parents. This event was well attended and we hope that our parents benefitted from hearing a little more about how to support their children, as well as seeing it in action alongside the children in their classrooms. We plan to have more events like this across school next term.

#### Regular Reading winner of the week!

As promised, we have our first regular reading reward raffle today. This was won by Fleur as her lucky raffle ticket was picked. Well done to Fleur for reading every day at home, this will really build your reading skills. Who will win next week?

Great choice with the book, Fleur—we love Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!





## Being the best we can be!

I was thrilled to received a flurry of special achievements from outside of school and we shared them in assembly today.



**Fliss:** We watched Fliss showing her growth mind-set as she has been learning the drums. I think we may have a future rock star at KLS!



**Oliver:** Great job, Oliver. I can't believe that you have managed to achieve your level 4 in trampoline. Perhaps we also have a future gymnast!



**Florence:** A big well done to a very proud looking Florence who completed her Primary Ballet Exam. Well done, I am sure you danced wonderfully!



**Elise (Hedgehog Class), Clara (Butterfly Class) and Arielle (Butterfly class):** Well done for achieving your level 2 gymnastics. This is a fantastic thing to do!

### What's happening next week:

The festive fun continues and we look forward to welcome many of you into school to celebrate.

- Monday 12/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm
- Tuesday 13/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 9:15
- Thursday 15/12 Year 1 Carol Concert @ 1:45 arrival



Have a lovely weekend and hopefully we shall see many of you at the Christmas Fair on Sunday.

Best wishes,  
Miss Harbridge

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## Community

### Survey

Reminder: 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



### Dancing Workshop

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have dance workshops for all of the children in the school. It was amazing to see each child get so involved in all of the activities. Each class was shown a map of the world and learnt about dances from different places. At the end, each class performed a dance to the other classes in the year group. It was great fun.

If your child would like to learn more dances then they can join Dance Working's after school club in January (watch out for the clubs letter that went out on Friday).



### Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been busy classifying in their science topic this half term and have used sweets to help them to learn about classification keys. They were so proud of their work and were able to explain the purpose of these charts as well as why they can be utilised to classify real world animals. Keep up the great work Year 4.

## House point winners of the week

This week has seen Attenborough gain the most house points. The result has given them a fantastic chance to win the termly total, with the scores going into the final two weeks incredibly close. One more week to gain as many house points as you can. Good luck!

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	1655	1544	1605	1645

## What's happening next week

Year 5 & 6 Carol concert

On Monday will be our Year 6 carol concert. We are looking forward to inviting parents into the school for our 1:30pm performance and then into the Holy Trinity church at 6:00 pm. The children have been busy rehearsing and the sound has truly brought Christmas to Knaphill, and we can't wait to share that with you.

### Attendance Cup

This week's 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 class percentages were really close again 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?

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**

## 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:**

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 @ 13:45 (arrival)

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**

Sunday 11th December—Christmas Fair/ Market