



# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

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Weekly Update : Knaphill Junior School

Friday 8th September 2023

## A word from Mrs Harrison:

It has been wonderful to welcome back our children and meet the new year 3 cohort. We would like to extend that welcome to families who are new to the area, we looked forward to getting to know you all.

Our priority this week, has been to settle your children into their classes, establish routines and spend time getting to know your child. Building relationships is at very heart of what we do at Knaphill School.

Each class has prioritised introducing our focus value for September - *Kindness*, reinforcing the importance of friendship and revisiting the Zones of Regulation. Playtimes give our pupils the chance to build friendships and carry out those acts of kindness which help to ensure all pupils experience happy, rewarding playtimes. During this week all classes have worked with external sports providers to establish rules and expectations for playtime sports. Although we have only been back a few days, so many exciting events have been taking place across the school.. Read on to find out more...

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and see you all on Monday on the gate!

## Kindness: Focus Value of the Month



Our school values drive everything we do as we believe that the purpose of education is to ensure everyone in our school community is able to flourish.

This month we will shining a spotlight on the value of **kindness**.

According to the dictionary, kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. But kindness means so much more ... Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it.

Be it through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures and thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you. Kindness might look like being helpful or showing empathy. It may mean doing nice things without expecting nice things in return.

## Awesome Art Work!

Vincent Van Gogh is our Artist of the term Year 3 and 4 have been creating art work inspired by the Sunflowers.

Here is a selection of art work from year 5 and 6.

Which Van Gogh masterpiece have they been influenced by?





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## Building Work

Anyone passing by the school over the summer holidays, would have noticed all the contractors on site.

We are thrilled that our school building has been improved by:

- ◆ The replacement of all doors
- ◆ Upgrading some internal windows
- ◆ Replacing windows in the reception area
- ◆ Pigeon proofing the solar panels
- ◆ Creating new storage areas
- ◆ The installation of a new fire alarm system, including improved emergency lighting

It has had such an impact on our learning environment. Our school feels brighter and more modern. We are already proud of our school, but we are even prouder of how it looks now.

The school building was only handed back from our contractors on Monday. I am sure you will appreciate how hard every member of staff has worked to get the school ready to welcome our children back.

A special mention must go to Mr. Hankin (Premises Manager) who has gone above and beyond to get the school site ready.

Have a look at these before and after photos!







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## Meet Our New Teaching Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce some new members of our teaching team to you.

Mr. Spranger—Cedar Class, Year 4



I'm thrilled to have joined such a welcoming and vibrant school community. It has been a pleasure getting to know staff, parents, and most of all, pupils during this first week of term. I'm looking forward to seeing our fabulous year 4s progress over the coming year.

Mrs. Bowry—Deputy Head, Elm Class, Year 3

I am delighted to be taking up the post of Deputy Head at Knaphill School. I have 5 years experience as a Deputy Head working within our Trust and am looking forward to working with the great team at KFOS. I consider myself lucky to have a position that allows me to teach for two days a week and fulfil a leadership role.



Mrs. Humphrey—Caglia—Elm Class, Year 3



Although not new to our teaching team, we would like to welcome back Mrs Humphrey—Caglia from maternity leave. It is great to have her back as part of the year 3 team. She will also be sharing her expertise in her new role as Reading Lead across the school.

## End of School Day Pick-Up

As with any change there are often some teething problems. We are aware that there is congestion at the second gate at the end of the school day. We are reviewing the systems in place and are committed to finding a workable solution. However in the meantime, we ask that you KEEP LEFT as you exit and enter through the school gates—please be patient. Be rest assured that staff will wait with your children until you arrive and understand that it may take you a little longer.

## Swimming

We are sure you have already seen the letter from Mrs Harmston and Mr Alderton (5th September) regarding the exciting swimming lessons that commence next week. Please read the letter carefully so your child arrives with the correct kit, including a swimming hat. As for all PE lessons, earring must be removed.

**There is still time to pay for your child's lessons via Arbor.**

Reminder of Swimming Days:

Wednesday – Year 5 (Ash), Year 6 (Elder, Hazel, Cherry)

Thursday – Year 3 (Elm, Maple, Oak) Friday

Friday – Year 5 (Willow), Year 4 (Sycamore, Birch, Cedar)

## Relationship Building

All pupils have had the opportunity to work alongside sports providers this week. They have been taught playground rules for team games by experts. When all children have a consistent understanding of the rules and expectations, there can be more engagement and enjoyment for all.

A coach from Woking Blackhawks Basketball Club and coaches from Steve Orris F.C worked alongside pupils and staff. The children have also enjoyed a dance workshop from Woking Dance. Sport is so vital for well-being and relationship building as it gives a sense of companionship.

From next week the children will be working with Josh and Nathaniel from Steve Orris F.C each week, as they will be delivering a PE lesson to each class and supporting with the sport played at lunchtime.



## House Point Update

The children have already started earning house points for their teams.

Congratulations to Farah House, who earned the most house points, over the summer term.

Children in years 3-6, who belong to Farah (red) house, can wear MUFTI (their own clothes) on Monday 11th September.

# Dates 2023-24

All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: [kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/](https://kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/)

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Swimming - Whole School	3-6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual Photos—Please note change of date due to swimming	3-6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Online Safety Workshops parent workshops	3-6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Black History Month starts	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Butser Farm visit	3
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening	3-6
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening	3-6
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Morning	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Firework Safety assembly	3-6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 6 Victorian Day	6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	World Kindness Day	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week	3-6
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Stone Age day	3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	3-6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability	6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	3-6
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term - finish at 1:15pm	3-6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holiday	

Please note any dates in red have been added or altered.

Date	PTA Events	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Laser Light Display	All