



Knaphill Federation of Schools

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Weekly Update : Knaphill Junior School

Friday 15th September 2023

This month's focus value is: Kindness

A word from Mrs Harrison ...Our first full week back has been action-packed! It has been wonderful seeing the children and staff building positive relationships and getting to know each other better. Relationships, friendships, teamwork and connecting with people affect how children experience school and life, which is why we place such a high importance on them at Knaphill School.

In Woking we live surrounded by beautiful lakes and canals, being able to swim is such a vital life skill for our children. The children have been full of stories about their swimming achievements after just one lesson. Offering our children different learning opportunities and the chance to live out our values is at the very heart of our school. Sadly, all schools are facing financial challenges. With this in mind, we wrote to KFOS families to ask if they would be willing to make a small termly donation towards our School Fund. This is now set up on Arbor, for your contribution. **A letter which explains this further is attached.**



Terrific Times Tables

An update from Mrs Shaw our Maths Lead Teacher...



Well done to all the children who have taken part in our very first TTRS tournament of this year. Congratulations to Maple Class and Willow Class for winning their year group challenge- enjoy your additional break-time! A special mention must be made to Birch and Cherry Classes for not just winning their tournaments and earning extra play but also for scoring so many points.

Today new tournaments have begun. There are two tournaments with Year 3 challenging Year 4, and Year 5 competing against Year 6. Which year groups will be victorious?!

For anyone new to our school, TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) is a multi-award winning maths programme your child can access at home. It offers vital Times Tables practice in a fun and engaging way- taking all the worry out of learning times tables.

More information can be found here <https://ttrockstars.com>. Your child's personal login details can be found stuck in their reading/homework diary.

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge well done to the children below, whose efforts this week have not gone unnoticed. It was inspiring to hear how they model our school values as they were presented with their certificates in today's Celebration Assembly.



Year 3- Daisy, Onosa and Alfie

Year 4- Logan, Tommy and Kyron

Year 5- Jack and James

House Points

1st: Attenborough

They will be enjoying an extra session on the playframe on Monday.

Attendance Cup.

This week's winners:

Year 4- Birch Class

99.6%





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Supporting your child's Well-Being

As a parent/carer or grandparent of a child aged up to 11 living in Surrey, you may be interested in some free courses on offer from Surrey Adult Learning. Parenting is the most rewarding job you can have, but raising a child can be full of surprises.

Take a look at the FREE courses available, which may help you prepare for those surprises.

Subjects covered include:

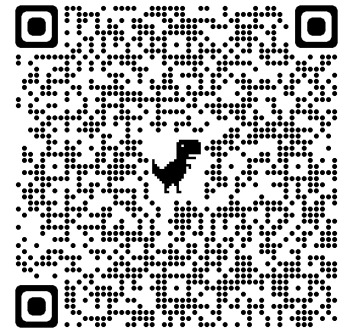
Building Children's Resilience

Developing Children's Self Esteem

Help Your Child Manage Anxiety workshop

Helping Your Child to Develop Positive Friendships

Exploring Behaviour Strategies



Please scan the code for more details.

Curriculum Evenings - Years 4-6 -Thursday 28th September 2023

We are delighted to announce the date and times of our Curriculum Evenings.

Curriculum Evenings are the perfect opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and connect with other parents in a relaxed setting.

Each year group will share an overview of learning opportunities on offer and impart all the vital day-to-day information that will allow your child to get the most from the year.

3:30-Year 5- Meeting to be held in Ash classroom

4:00-Year 4-Meeting to be held in Birch classroom

4:30-Year 6-Meeting to be held in Elder classroom

Parents attending more than one meeting are very welcome to wait in the school hall. In between meetings.

Year 3 - Tuesday 26th September 2023

We would like to invite all the year 3 parents to a welcome evening, which will include a tasty SAUSAGE SIZZLE. The BBQ will be fired up and refreshments will be on offer. Please join us at 5:30pm. We anticipate this event will last approximately an hour.

We hope that parents/guardians will enjoy this opportunity to build relationships with other parents and guardians in our school community and a more informal opportunity to meet with the Year 3 team.

A Halal or vegetarian option are also available.

Spread kindness
to one person a day.



Imagine the amount
of happiness you
would dispense in a lifetime.

The relationship we have with our community neighbours is important to us. Kindness is our focus value of the month and we have the opportunity to show kindness in all aspects of our daily lives. **This should extend to parking. Our neighbours expect the roads around our site to be busy at drop off and pick up times, but are within their rights to expect access their own driveways at all times.** It is unacceptable that our neighbours have been spoken to without kindness when they have asked parents to move cars just so they can gain entry and exit to their own property

The double gates to the staff car park cannot be blocked at anytime. By parking in front of the gates, you are not only blocking access to the school for emergency vehicles but preventing access to our disabled parking bay, which is accessed at the beginning and end of each school day.

Swimming Fun

Our values were on display, when we took part in our first swimming lessons this week. The children impressed with their water confidence. For some children it was the first time they had been swimming in a pool and we were proud of their courage.



Only a week to wait for the next lesson! Thank you to Mrs. Harmston and Mr Alderton, there are a lot of logistics involved and they made it happen!

Reminder - We are still accepting swimming payments on Arbor.



Parents/Carers of Cedar Class—Can you help?

Mr Spranger and Cedar class are in need of a parent/guardian willing to take up the role of Class Rep. A Class Rep is a line of communication between parents and the PTA. If you are interested, please catch Mr. Spranger at the end of a school day or email the school office.



SMILE—It's School Photo Day

Monday is our school photo day. On Thursday, a letter was sent to all parents with the details.

Please remember to send your child in smart school uniform including jumpers or cardigans and long hair should be tied back.

No PE kits to be worn, if your child has PE on this day, they should wear full school uniform with trainers.

Individual and sibling photos will be taken, they'll make great Christmas gifts!



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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/guardian per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Citizenship in Action – Macmillan Coffee Morning



Look out for the letter from the Year 6 team about an special coffee morning for a great cause.

Year 6 welcome donations of nut-free cakes. Families from all year groups are welcome, we hope you will come and support this brilliant venture. It is the perfect opportunity to chat to other parents, see our responsible year 6 in action and donate to this marvelous charity.

Calling all the Book Lovers

A message from Mrs. Humphrey-Caglia our Reading Lead

This exciting new Blue Peter Book badge was designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake, who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

To earn your badge, share your thoughts on a favourite book, draw a character or scene and share other books and writers that you love. Find out more about applying by following this link or scanning the QR code.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Reading Assembly Recommendation from Mr. Alderton

Year 5 and 6 Children who love action and adventure stories, should try SilverFin by Charlie Higson. Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Best book of the Decade, it is the first explosive book in

a best-selling series about young James Bond. Copies can be found in the year 5 and 6 book corners. In the words of Mr Alderton, " Full of action and adventure. The prologue is very atmospheric."

An extract of the text can be found here--

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/extract/2366/Young-Bond-SilverFin-by-Charlie-Higson.html>



Dates 2023-24

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

| Date | Event | Year Group |
|---|---|------------|
| Monday 11 th September - Friday 20 th October | Swimming - Whole School | 3-6 |
| Monday 18 th September | Individual Photos—Please note change of date due to swimming | 3-6 |
| Thursday 21 st September | Online Safety Workshops parent workshops | 3-6 |
| Tuesday 26 th September | Year 3 Curriculum Evening and Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm | 3 |
| Thursday 28 th September | Year 4, 5 and 6 Curriculum Evenings Yr 5 – 3:30pm, Yr 4- – 4:pm , Yr 5 – 4:30 pm | 3-6 |
| Friday 29 th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9-10am—parents welcome | All years |
| Monday 2 nd October | Black History Month starts | |
| Monday 9 th October | Year 3 Butser Farm visit | 3 |
| Tuesday 10 th October | World Mental Health Day | |
| Tuesday 17 th October | Parents' evening | 3-6 |
| Thursday 19 th October | Parents' Evening | 3-6 |
| Monday 23 rd - 27 th October | Half Term | |
| Monday 30 th October | INSET | |
| Wed 1 st November | Open Morning | |
| Friday 3 rd November | Firework SaFeTy assembly | 3-6 |
| Friday 3 rd November | Year 6 Victorian Day | 6 |
| Monday 13 th November | World Kindness Day | |
| Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November | Anti-Bullying Week | 3-6 |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Stone Age day | 3 |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need | 3-6 |
| Monday 20 th November - Friday 1 st December | Year 6 Bikeability | 6 |
| Thursday 7 th December | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm | 5 & 6 |
| Friday 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day | 3-6 |
| Thursday 14 th December | Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm | 5 & 6 |
| Friday 15 th December | Last day of Autumn Term - finish at 1:5pm | 3-6 |
| Monday 18 th December - Monday 1 st January | Christmas Holiday | |
| Date | PTA Events | |
| Saturday 14 th October | Laser Light Display | All |

