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## Weekly Update : Knaphill Junior School

## Friday 29th September 2023

## This Month's Focus Value: KINDNESS

#### A word from Mrs Harrison...

It was lovely to meet some of our new families again on Tuesday at the Year 3 Sausage Sizzle and Curriculum evening. We look forward to welcoming parents and guardians from the rest of the school on Wednesday next week.

This week has shown our school community at its very best, from the tireless work that both our PTA and governors have been doing to support our school, to our children, staff and parents who have come together to support our Macmillan Coffee morning, putting others before themselves and showing real acts of kindness. I could not believe the amount of cakes made or bought, but all of them brought into school to support others in need. It is weeks like this that make me so proud to be part of the caring Knaphill School Community.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you on the gate on Monday!

#### Reminder - Curriculum Evenings

On Wednesday 4th October we will be holding our Curriculum Evenings.

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

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

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

Class teachers will share homework expectations with you at this meeting and homework will commence on Friday 6th October. Please continue to support your child with their daily reading and Times Tables Rock Star practice.

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

#### Date For Your Diary

Just in case you missed it—the timings for the Harvest Festival Assemblies were announced on last week's newsletter.

We hope you will join us in the school hall on

Monday 16th October 2023

1:45-2:15 - Year 3 & 4

2:30-3:00-Year 5 and 6

You are in for a treat the singing is sounding wonderful!



Attendance Cup. This week's winners: Awesome attendance from Sycamore again! 100%

> House Points Ist: Farah

2nd: - Rowling 3rd: - Attenborough 4th: - Windsor





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Life Space

Pupils from years 3-5 took part in health wellbeing workshops at the beginning of this week. Delivered in an exciting inflatable 'LifeSpace' environment, classes explored important life skills linked to our PSHE curriculum.

At Knaphill School, we are committed to equipping children for the real world and these workshops are designed to give pupils a voice and for them to feel empowered, able to identify and articulate their needs and feelings and to make healthy choices. Opportunities such as this support our children with their understanding of our values such as kindness, resilience, courage, responsibility and honesty.



As always, a highlight was meeting Harold- the Healthy Living mascot.





### TTRS Update

The latest TTRS Tournament has finished with confident wins from Years 6 and 4. Well done everyone for practising those vital number skills and helping your year group.

Starting today we have the play offs! The victorious Year 6 take on the mighty Year 4 and battling it out for





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### Is it too early to mention Christmas?

The children have been incredibly creative this week, crafting fabulous Christmas Cards designs.

Their individual designs will be sent to away to be reproduced and can be onto cards, bags and other items.

Look out for further details of how to order these amazing designs.

They will make perfect Christmas presents and keepsakes.

Here is a small taster of what you can look forward to ...



## School Fund-Thank you

Thank you to all those that have already paid towards School Fund this term. Since September we have asked that parents and guardians pay a termly voluntary contribution into the School Fund.

The contribution sum is suggested to be £20, but if you felt able to pay more, then this would be gratefully received and alternatively, we also understand if you cannot financially support this.

Every penny of the School Fund goes towards our children and the opportunities that we want to continue to provide for them.

If you feel able to contribute, payments can be made via Arbor.



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### Parent and Guardian Consultations-Bookings Open

The letter regarding Parent and Guardian Consultations was emailed out this week. All appointments will be face to face. If you would prefer an online or telephone call instead, please contact the Year group directly using the following email addresses:

year3@kfos.co.uk

year4@kfos.co.uk

year5@kfos.co.uk

year6@kfos.co.uk

You are able to book your meeting, with your child's Class Teacher, via the Arbor Parent Portal.

If your child is on our SEND (Special Educational Needs) Register, you do not need to book a Parents Evening meeting. Instead, you will be invited to book a SEND Parent Meeting. These meetings are slightly longer to enable a discussion to be had regarding your child's ISP (Individual Support Plan) targets, in addition to the usual parent meeting content. These meetings will be held week commencing 30th October 2023. **Parent and Guardian Consultations will run on Tuesday 17th October** 

#### and Thursday 19th October between 4pm -6:30pm.



#### **Family Fun**

Our amazing PTA have organised this brilliant event.

Tickets are selling fast, but it is not too late to book.

This a wonderful way to support the school, spend time with your family and meet members of our school community.

A family ticket for 4 is just £20!



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### WOW! What a turn out!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this amazing event this morning. It was lovely to hear such



wonderful feedback our about our Year 6 Pupils who modelled our value of responsibility, helping host this event.





#### A note from Mrs. Shaw:

Today's Macmillan Coffee Morning has been a huge success. Thank you so much to everyone who helped providing so many cakes; joining us and donating money; those wonderful parents who served the tea and coffee as well as the Year 6 children and staff, who hosted the event. We have been so well supported by the whole KS community that we are running an after-school cake sale as well. When we know the total raised for Macmillan, we will let you know in a follow up email.



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Friday 22nd September-



Wednesday 11th October 8.30pm to 9pm Via zoom



For all parents/carers and teaching staff who would like to understand the benefits of mindfulness for children, and gain an insight into the Mindful heart curriculum / 10 week mindfulness club with Emma Martin Mindfulness

In the free 30 minute webinar you will learn; \*The scientifically proven benefits of mindfulness for wellbeing and mental health including anxiety, low mood and additional needs

Overview of the mindful heart curriculum and the fun age appropriate activities and topics involved \*How to continue your child's learning and mindfulness practice at both school and home \*How mindfulness can support your family with

managing emotions and cultivating compassion \*A simple mindful breathing technique for all ages

Emma Martin Mindfulness

Emma Martin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Parent and Carer Free webinar Time: Oct 11, 2023 08:30 PM Meeting ID: 843 8023 2738 Passcode: 081876



www.emmamartinmindfulness.com

# Dates 2023-24

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

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday II <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Swimming - Whole School	3-6
Monday 2nd October	Black History Month starts	
Wednesday 4th October	Year 4,5 and 6 Curriculum Evenings Yr 5 - 3:30pm, Yr 4 4:pm , Yr 5 - 4:30 pm	4-6
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Butser Farm visit	3
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day	
Monday 16th October	Harvest Festival- Parents and Guardians invited 1:45-2:15 - Year 3 & 4, 2:30-3:00-Year 5 and 6	3-6
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 I <sup>st</sup> November	Open Morning	
Friday 3rd 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 I <sup>st</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability	6
Friday 3rd December	Year 6 Victorian Day	6
Thursday 7th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm	5 & 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	3-6
Tuesday 12th December	Year 5 WW 2 day	5
Thursday 14th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm	5 & 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 I <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holiday	

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

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