

Kellington Primary School



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[Friday 20th November 2020](#)

Already we are at the end of our third week of the second half of the autumn term, where does the time go?

We have had a really productive week and it is lovely to see the fantastic work the children are producing. I have been privileged to see some wonderful writing in Lilies class, some amazing maths in Tulips class and the quality of the teaching and learning of phonics in Roses and Daffodils is fantastic. We are so proud of the progress all the children are making.

Mrs Beadnell- Bevan has produced a video to explain to parents how we teach phonics here at Kellington Primary School, which we have shared with all the parents of children in Daffodils and Roses class. I have included the link below if you would like to view the video. We are currently working on a video to share with you in relation to supporting your child with reading at home and a video for Sunflowers class, explaining how you can support your nursery child with early phonics.

<https://youtu.be/tY9tDaIPYL0>

In Sunflowers they have had a lovely time learning about Diwali and they finished off the week with a celebration, where they tried Indian food. It was a real hit with all the children and they loved seeing Ms Carr and Mrs Roberts dressed up in Indian clothes to enhance the experience.

[Children In Need](#)

Thank you so much for your very generous donations, our final total was **£250.79!** The children enjoyed the day and we are proud to have made a contribution to the final total.

Lilies Class as part of their CIN day activities produced a video and you can view it via this link

<https://youtu.be/OzEREU3CvBA>

Changes due to the current situation

We are continuing to keep rooms well ventilated, however as the heating is working well the children do not seem to be feeling the cold. On Monday however the heating needs to be turned off for a short period of time and therefore it may be prudent for an extra layer of clothing e.g. a vest, base layer or extra cardigan etc. may make things more comfortable for children.

Thank you for your compliance in continuing to use our one way system and for wearing masks when on the school premises.

Unfortunately our school office remains closed to visitors. However if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to telephone or email. If we do not answer the phone please do leave a message.

At this time it is really important that we know if your child or anyone in the family are displaying Covid-19 symptoms or indeed have accessed a test. I do appreciate the guidance on when you should or should not isolate can get rather confusing so please do not hesitate to contact school if you need advice. You do need to contact us immediately if your child or anyone in the family has tested positive or are displaying symptoms, please ring school or email admin@kp.starmat.uk, including weekends and evenings.

Thank you, as always, for your help and support in all of the above.

PE and sporting activities

We have been really fortunate with the weather and so children are continuing to access PE outside, either on the field or playground. Please can all children continue to have a warm outdoor PE kit in school Monday to Friday. We are also continuing to undertake the Kellington Golden Kilometre whenever possible. Some exciting news is that we are currently exploring having a running track installed around the field so we have a hard appropriate surface for the children to complete this activity throughout the year. Maybe once we have it installed and restrictions allow, we could look at a family jogging/running club so that more of the community can benefit from our provision.

I am not sure if anyone accessed the link that Mrs Osborne found for children to undertake some virtual sports activities at home, but here it is again. They are free, look good fun and something to do whilst sporting activities are 'on hold'.

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

[PTA](#)

Due to the current situation, unfortunately our PTA fundraising has taken a big hit this year. We would really like to end this term on a high, and therefore **we need your help**

Please do have a look at The Big PTA Raffle 2020, a nationwide PTA extravaganza, which takes place between 20th October and 6th December 2020.

All you need to do to support school is purchase tickets and be in with the chance of winning up to £5,000 in each of 12 draws!! We have sold some tickets but we really would like to sell more to support school and you never know you may be a winner.

Login to <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/> to buy your tickets and play

Each £3 ticket will generate a number that will be entered into all 12 draws and we will receive 50% of our ticket sales for our PTA fund.

This raffle is open to everyone so please share with your family, friends and neighbors.

The link to buy tickets is also available on our Facebook Page: Kellington PTA.

Thank you to those of you that have already ordered the wonderful Kellington School tea towel. They are proving popular and a lovely souvenir of your child's time here at Kellington Primary School and a great idea as a Christmas present for relatives. Please, if you still wish to order, do so by Monday 23rd November, by returning the slip and money to school or by using the PTA paypal account. One tea towel is £4, or three for £10.

[Roofing work](#)

Roofing work is now a little ahead of schedule and so fingers crossed it will be completed by the time we return in January.

We continue to liaise closely with the contractors on at least a daily basis to ensure we work together to minimise disruption to learning and keep the children safe.

Please can all children remain with their adults when waiting to enter school and once dismissed by the teaching staff. It is really important with the building equipment and work on site that all children stay with their adults at all times.



Attendance

Attendance continues to be good during this difficult time when some children are having to self isolate. **Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can.** Currently we are working extremely hard to enable all the children to catch up after the first lockdown and therefore they need to be here, in school, for them to be able to do so.

Thank you for informing us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do need a message via telephone or email as early as possible please, by 9.30 am at the latest. Unless your child is too ill to attend it is important they come to school everyday and any appointments are made outside of school hours or at the beginning or end of the school school day when at all possible.

We do have a few children that are persistently late into school. This does have an impact on their learning, as this starts the minute they walk through the door into school. Start times are;

Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses - 8.45am

Tulips 8.50 and Lilies 8.55am

Please do try to be here on time. We do start learning promptly in every classroom and if your child is late they will miss vital teacher input and new learning of that day.

The attendance percentages for this week: Daffodils 94.03%; Roses 97.33%; Tulips 95.63%; **Lilies 99.61%** & whole school 96.69%.

School Photographs

You should have all received the proof of your child's photographs. Please follow the instructions if you wish to order the photographs- this will all be done online. Looking at the proofs, there are some beautiful photographs of the children, we are so happy we did not cancel, as in the end it was quite easy to complete all the individual and sibling photos and keep everyone safe.

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School Meals

Please remember you can now book your child's school meals via parentpay and this can be done up to three weeks in advance. It would really help your child if you are able to do this with them at home. This gives you the chance to talk to them about the choices and choose things you know they will eat. Some of our younger children are struggling to make a choice in the morning and are choosing things that they then say they don't like. If that choice has been made by you, we know to encourage them to eat their food at lunchtime. Thank you for your help with this.



If your child does not currently have a school lunch prepared by us, why not consider giving it a try. They are delicious. Please do contact the office if you need any further support in relation to this new facility and we will be happy to help.

On 9th December 2020, Mrs Hesp and Ms Gibbons will be attending a meeting to discuss this new initiative. We will be collecting feedback from the children, however if you have anything you would like us to share, either positive or negative, please email school.

Birthdays

We are looking forward to our first birthday celebration next Friday 27th November. We will be celebrating any child that has had a birthday in September, October and November.

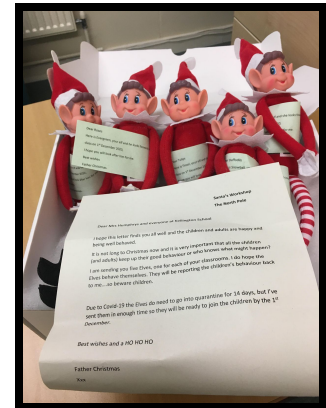
Christmas

Whilst we know our Christmas celebrations will have to be different this year due to Covid 19 and the restrictions in place we are working hard to ensure the children still have a nice time. EYFS and KS1 :- Children in Year 2 have today been allocated their speaking part for their Christmas production and we will be sending home letters very shortly in relation to contributions for costumes. We are really excited to be presenting Little Angel Gets Her Wings as our 2020 Christmas production.

We will be holding class Christmas parties and we have Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day arranged for 17th December.

We are also planning a school based Christingle service and we are hopeful that we may still be able to have a visit from the 'Big man who wears a red suit' (AKA Father Christmas) at some point with strict guidelines in place.

Last weekend, school received a special delivery of five elves directly from the North Pole. Due to current restrictions, they are now in quarantine to enable them to join our classrooms on 1.12.2020. We look forward to the elves meeting the children : Lilies - Elfin (M), Tulips - Tinsel (F), Roses - Evergreen (M), Daffodils-Snowball (M) and Sunflowers - Sparkle (F).



Dates for the diary

Friday 27th November - Birthday celebrations (Number 1)

KS1 Christmas performance - If we are not able to live stream this production on 15th December at 10am, we will have a recording available by the 16th December.

Thursday 17th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Friday 18th December - Birthday celebrations (Number 2)

Friday 18th December - School closes for Christmas

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - School reopens for spring term

Food Vouchers and FSM- We do totally understand that this time has been tough financially for many people. **Please**, if anyone is struggling and a Selby foodbank voucher would help you, do get in touch. All correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence and vouchers can be delivered safely and discreetly. (admin@kp.starmat.uk). We will be in and out of school over the holiday period, so please do email if you need one and we can arrange getting one to you. We would hate for anyone to be struggling.

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