

Kellington Primary School



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Happy St George's day everyone. What beautiful weather we are having and the good news is it is forecast to last the weekend and beyond. We have had another really productive week here in school and it is so lovely to see the children enjoying their learning both inside and outside. Our fabulous running track is getting lots of use and children in Sunflowers are really enjoying their extended outside area. Our Discovery Zone (outside classroom) also offers fantastic opportunities for the children's learning and we really utilise this.



Parents evening : Parent consultations will take place this half term and they will be conducted remotely. It is an opportunity for you and your child if you wish, to discuss with their class teacher, where they are in their learning and what you can do to support them at home in this final term of the year. The appointments available are the week commencing 17th May and booking an appointment can be completed via the links below. I will also send you the link via email.

We would like to speak to the parents/ carers of every child and so if the appointment times are not suitable for you, please contact us to arrange alternative time. We will be conducting the meetings via Google Meet using your child's account. We will share details of how to log on nearer the time

Sunflowers

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciGb1zfr2gVUiCni0VZW088CXcFYTA3yozxynhXYI8S0QRqw/viewform>

Daffodils

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPf5VeLpbul0PjdXCWuANpKNXZdW7Dv-3d11DO6Xjpc a-GFA/viewform>

Roses

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Tulips

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Lilies

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Keeping children safe :Covid 19- In order to keep everyone safe we are continuing with using our one way system around school when bringing or collecting children from school. We also ask that persons over the age of 12 continue to wear a face covering when on the school premises. Our school office does remain closed and so if you have any questions or queries please do either telephone or email us. If you do need to speak face to face with myself, the office staff or your child's class teacher please arrange an appointment or if urgent come to the main school entrance and we will endeavour to see you.

Whilst we would like to keep the amount of additional things children bring into school to a minimum, we are prepared to allow children in KS2 to bring a small backpack or reading book bag daily to school in addition to their PE bag which needs to be in school Monday to Friday. For KS1 children reading books can continue to be brought in plastic wallets rather than bring a bag other than their PE bag.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this

Uniform and PE kits - Please can children come to school wearing correct school uniform, which includes black school shoes, not trainers. Our school policy is no jewelry except small plain stud earrings and a watch. Long hair should be tied up and no nail varnish or make-up worn. For PE children need a change of footwear. As all our PE is currently outside, trainers are actually better than plimsolls at present and a pair of plain black or navy blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt. If you have any difficulty with any of the requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school as we can discuss and potentially support

Swimming: Swimming starts for children in Year 3-6 on Wednesday 28th April. Please can all children remember their swimming kit and a towel. We hope to be back at school by 3.45pm on a Wednesday. Obviously after the first week we will have a more accurate time to share with you

Race for Life: As a school we have enrolled to take part in the 2021 Children's Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research. We thought it would be a great opportunity to use our running track and the children are already getting lots of practice by completing the Golden Kilometre at least three times a week. The event will take place during the week commencing 28th June with classes taking part at different times throughout the week. We will share more details with you shortly as we would love you to come along and support your child and also we would love to raise a substantial amount of money for this worthwhile cause. All the children receive a medal for completing the course.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Bags to School' on Wednesday I will update you on how we did ASAP . The PTA have another collection organised for the **19th July** so please do keep collecting as every little bit helps support our school. Please do not forget we also have a collection box for old ink cartridges in the entrance foyer. If you have any empty ink cartridges could you donate them to school as part of our fundraising. As we slowly get back to normal I know our PTA have lots of amazing ideas for events etc to raise money to support the school.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Avril

Daffodils - Ruby

Roses - Lucy

Tulips - Elise

Lilies - Bronwyn and Mia



Cross Country results -Before the Easter holidays Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the inter school Cross Country competition. All children completed the course at their own school, however their personal time was recorded and the first 8 children in each year group (boys and girls) were placed. Some of our children ran times in the top eight in our district

Year 5 Boys Thomas was placed 3rd and **Arseniy** 5th **Year 6 Boys Kyeon** was placed 4th

Well done boys. A great achievement to be places in the Selby District.

School Phone - Unfortunately we continue to have issues with the phone system and we are aware that the service is dipping in and out, therefore when you try to ring school your call may not always be connecting. We do not know when this is happening and therefore if you try to ring school and the phone lines are down, it would really help us if you can let us know by email and then we can address it at our end. We have reported the fault and hope to have a solution soon.

Birthday Celebrations - As children's parties and birthday celebrations remain curtailed we will continue with our birthday celebrations at the end of each month. Please can we request therefore that children continue to not bring sweets etc to share with their peers on their birthday. **Next**

celebration Friday April 30th for our April birthdays

KPS Local Governing Body - We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and you will be receiving more information in a couple of weeks . **Please do think whether** this is something you could consider to support the development and enhancement of what we provide at Kellington Primary School. **WE NEED YOU!**

We are also looking for Trust appointed Governors from the wider local community.

If you are interested in the Parent Governor vacancy or know of someone who may be interested in the Trust Appointed Governor vacancy and you or they wish to discuss it further with either myself, our Chair of Governors, **Caroline Gilley** , or our Clerk to Governors, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Parking etc. Thank you for your ongoing support in relation to parking and drop off and pick-up times. **Please can I remind you** that this layby displays a sign that says '**NO STOPPING**' between 7am -7pm. The only people using this layby should be cars displaying a blue badge or the school transport vehicles (bus and taxi), **EVEN IF THE LAYBY IS EMPTY.** Please be thoughtful and follow the rules, it really does make a difference to those families in our school community who need to use the layby. Many thanks.

Attendance - Please ensure that your child comes to school everyday that they possibly can. We are working extremely hard to enable all the children to not be disadvantaged by their lost learning due to lockdown and therefore they need to be here, in school, for us to be able to support them to be the best they can be .

Please inform us promptly if your child is absent from school, we do need a message via telephone or email as early as possible, by 9.30 am at the latest, however sooner is preferable. If we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to make contact to establish where your child is. We will keep ringing you until we get a reply. If we don't get a reply we could have to report your child as a missing child.

Unless your child is too ill to attend school it really is important they come to school everyday and any appointments are made whenever possible outside of school hours, or at the beginning or end of the school day.

Being late does also have an impact on your child's learning, as this starts the minute they walk through the door and if your child is late (5 minutes after the start time) they will miss vital teacher input and new learning for that day. We also have interventions, which support gaps in your child's learning, starting as soon as they arrive, so again if they are late they are not able to access these effectively.

Thank you for your help and support with this.

The attendance percentages for this week: Daffodils 95.35%; **Roses 98.93%**; Tulips 94.50%; Lilies 98.15% & whole school 97.02%.

School Meals: Your child's school meal can be pre booked via parentpay and this can be done up to three weeks in advance. **Please can we ask** that you do this with your child at home? This gives you the chance to talk to them about the choices and choose things you know they will eat. Many of our children, especially in KS1, struggle to make a choice in the morning and are choosing things that they then at lunchtime say they don't like. If that choice has been made by you, we know to encourage them to eat their food at lunchtime as we know you will have chosen something they like. 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 and we will be happy to help

Free School Meals We know 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).

Am I entitled to free school meals for my child?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support: **Universal Credit** - Your annual net earned income must be no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods. **Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related ESA, Child Tax Credit** but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190, **Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** **You are NOT entitled to free school meals if:** You receive Working Tax Credit except where the 'four week run-on' applies. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they already receive a free meal under the government's Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) system, it is still worth applying for Free school meals.

Benefits of successful FSM applications are:

- Free school milk up to the end of Year 2
- Support with school related expenses e.g. school trips etc.
- Allocation of a weekly shopping voucher during lockdown if your child is not in school

Happy St George's day to you all, have a lovely weekend whatever you are doing and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher

