

Kellington Primary School



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Friday 5th February 2021

How is it February already? Week five completed.

Snowy Tuesday. Although Tuesday made travelling to work a little 'hairy' for many people, (we do hope you all stayed safe) the snow was a wonderful experience for the children. Here at school we managed to build snowmen and even an igloo. Unfortunately by the end of the day, the majority of snow was slushy and soggy. There is more snow forecast for next week, so maybe that will give us more opportunity for fun, snow based activities. I am desperate to get my sledge out of the garage and have a few hours fun.

Remote (Home) Learning

Thank you for keeping going with the remote learning. We are so appreciative of the help and support you are providing for your child. Four days to go and it will be half term. We are not setting any homework over half term however if your child does have class work that they need to catch up on, this would be an ideal time.

It is important that everyone continues to complete some work each day, so they do not fall behind in their learning. Please remember the work on Google Classroom can be completed at the child's own pace and can be completed at a time that suits your family dynamics. We have started to include throughout the week activities, along with the PE, art and music lessons, that will help your child's wellbeing.



We hope the children have enjoyed the Children's Mental Health week activities and the 'screen free' day today. Any feedback would be greatly received. We are looking at some themed activities as we return to school after half term, including celebrating World Book Day by using a picture book as our focus for a variety of curriculum activities for all children in school.

The teaching staff will continue to contact parents if children are not accessing and completing work regularly and therefore if your child is experiencing difficulty in completing the work, please don't wait for a phone call, but let us know. We are here to help.

If you wish to give feedback in relation to our remote learning, please do contact us on either

Google Classroom or via our school email. We welcome feedback or suggestions as said above we want to enhance and improve what we are currently offering, whenever we can.

Teachers are available between 8.45-5pm to respond to comments and complete marking and feedback. Please remember if your child uploads work after 5pm whilst that is absolutely fine they may not receive their feedback until the following day.

On our school website are details of the remote learning provision at Kellington Primary School and there is also a link to the STAR MAT Remote Learning policy.

[Interaction with the children at home- live sessions](#)

These sessions appear to be going really well and the children and staff are really enjoying them, so are the parents too I believe.

Next week Google Meets will be on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (as we are not in school on Friday). Classes will run these differently depending on the age of the children, but the teachers have lots of ideas to make these sessions engaging and enjoyable and also to encourage interaction between the children.



Monday - Welcome to the week.

Lilies 9am

Tulips 9.30am

Roses 10am

Daffodils 10.30am

Wednesday - Midweek catch up

Lilies 1.15pm

Tulips 1.45 pm

Roses 2.15pm

Daffodils 2.45pm

Thursday - Star of the Week and Hall of Fame and an additional Star of the Term

Sunflowers 11.15am

Lilies 2.45pm

Tulips 2.15pm

Roses 1.45pm

Daffodils 1.15pm

Devices for home learning

Should you require additional data for your mobile device, information about additional free data from most major companies can be found here:

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data> We also have some Vodafone sim cards available which give you free data for your phone, if you would like one please contact school. If your child is struggling to access Google Classroom due to lack of a device, we are now in the position to loan devices. Please contact school to secure a loan of a device or speak to your child's class teacher, as they will be contacting you today or on Monday, if your child has not been able to complete the work set this week.

PTA

The PTA, as always, are continuing to support school by trying to find ways to raise money to support us, despite the lockdown. Following the success of the last 'Bag 2 School' event they have arranged another collection for the **8th March 2021 (although this may need to be postponed)**.



We will be in touch as things progress and let you know when bags etc can be brought into school, however if you are having a clear out, please do keep your jumble for our collection. Many thanks.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Sunflowers - Jaxon

Daffodils - Edward

Roses - Sofia

Tulips - Logan O

Lilies - Summer

Mrs Osborne

On Thursday 11th February, Mrs Osborne will be leaving school to start her maternity leave. Whilst we are sorry to see her go, we are all looking forward to welcoming the birth of her baby in early March. We will be keeping in close contact with her and we cannot wait to have

pictures of baby Osborne to share with you. I am sure, like my staff team, you wish her well in the forthcoming months and we look forward to welcoming her back to the Kellington Team in the future.

[Tulips' class teacher](#)

Mrs Still will be the class teacher in Tulips, once school fully reopens. She is an experienced KS2 teacher and has taught in school on numerous occasions during the autumn term. She is excited to be joining our team and meeting all the children.

[Miss Scott](#)

Miss Scott, who has been working with Tulips class since October half term as part of her PGCE (teacher training) course, will finish her placement with us on Thursday 11th February. She has been a valued and integral part of Team Kellington and we wish her every success for the remainder of her course.

[Friday 12th February - Inset day](#)

As you are aware next Friday is an inset day and school will be closed to all children. School will reopen to the identified groups of children on Monday 22nd February.

[Food Vouchers and 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

School Caretaker (South Milford and Sherburn Hungate School)

Advert for the above post on our school website and details of how to apply.

Have a lovely weekend. I do hope you are able to have quality time as a family. I am intending to get out in the fresh air and have a few long walks with my dogs. I am missing being able to go to my caravan in Scarborough and walk on the beach, however I am truly grateful that I have remained well throughout this difficult time.

Stay safe, you are being amazing Team Kellington and we have got this.

kind regards

Helen Humphrys Headteacher

Just a thought

