

Kellington Primary School



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What a sad and difficult week for everyone here at Kellington Primary School. It was heart wrenching to have to ask so many children and staff to isolate, however we needed to do so to keep everyone safe and prevent the virus spreading. Thank you for supporting us and significantly reducing the spread of the virus.

We are so looking forward to welcoming the majority of 'Team Kellington' back into school on Monday and look forward to the others returning when they can.

Again the children's adaptation to remote learning has been fantastic. My teaching teams have been really pleased with the children's contributions and the effort they have put into their learning this week, either at school or at home. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with remote learning and managing the isolation period; we do appreciate how difficult the situation can be.

It was lovely to be able to join some of the classes today for their Google Meet and see the Star of the Week being awarded. We are so proud of all the children. The resilience of the children and my staff team this week has to be applauded. It was not what anyone wanted after such a turbulent year however Team Kellington, as always you were amazing.

Race for Life -Cancer Research

Thank you to you all for your support for this event. **We have currently raised £806.00.** This is an amazing amount of money for our small school and we say a **BIG THANK YOU** again for your kind donations and to the children for taking part. Whilst we are extremely grateful for all the donations we have received, large or small, I feel we have to say a 'special thank' to Louie and Harry who collected an amazing amount of money from family and friends. If you still wish to donate, the link to our Race for Life Just Giving page is below.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kellington-primary-school>

Keeping children safe: Covid 19-

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation with the current restrictions . At the present time **we will not be lifting any of the restrictions** that are currently in place and will continue with current practice until the end of term . After recent events we want to ensure we continue to do everything possible to prevent having to ask people to isolate for 10 days in the last weeks of days of the term and this having an impact on their summer break.

We are looking forward to a more 'normal' return to school in September and when we receive clarification on the guidance I will update you accordingly. It has been another tough year for everyone, however we are so grateful for everyone's support and understanding.

Please can I remind you that if your child or anyone in the family shows any of the following symptoms you should seek a PCR covid test ASAP and their household bubble isolate until the result is obtained.

A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

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.

'Move up' Morning

After the events of this week and having to close class bubbles we want to maintain as safe an environment as possible until the end of term to hopefully prevent any further isolation. We therefore will be organising for the children to meet their new class teacher safely without crossing any bubbles. We will therefore not be mixing class bubbles. This meeting with the teacher definitely will happen for the children who will be in Daffodils class next year (Reception /Year 1) on Friday 16th July, however for some children the 'meet the class sessions' may be during the start of the following week. To compensate for this we have planned that your child's first day back at school next term (7th September) will be an activity day that will allow the children to work together as a class with their teaching team to start to build the foundations for a successful year ahead.

The class format will remain the same next year (Sunflowers - Nursery, Daffodils - Reception and Year 1, Roses Year 1 and Year 2 Tulips Year 3/4 and Lilies Year 5/6. I will share with parents next Friday the teaching teams within each class. I will also share early next week, with the parents who have children currently in Reception, which class (Daffodils or Roses)their child is

in next year.

PTA

Last ChancePlease Please Don't forget to buy your tickets for the National Big PTA summer raffle! There are amazing prizes and every raffle ticket you buy donates 50% to our PTA and ultimately supports your child in school. Tickets cost £3 and **each ticket** you buy gives you the chance of winning **£5000 in 12 separate raffles**. The link below takes you to the raffle page.



Last day for buying tickets is Monday 12th July.

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/kellington-primary-school-dn14>

Obviously no lollies will have been on sale today but hopefully the PTA will be selling ice lollies **next Friday and the following Friday** . They will be sold just inside the car park gates allowing parents to take their children to buy, once they have collected their child from the classroom. Social distancing will need to be adhered to all times. The lollies will be 50p and the correct money is needed as no change can be given.

Currently the PTA do hold some items of 'pre-loved uniform'. If you wish to purchase any item please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee or should you wish to donate any items of good quality uniform that you no longer need, again contact one of the committee members. Very shortly we will have a pre-loved Uniform collection bin at school and in September hope to hold the items of uniform for sale within school

The PTA does have a Facebook Page that parents can join to keep up to date with all their news. The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/678444229358277/permalink/1000713083798055/>

There is another Bags 2 School 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 the PTA has lots of amazing ideas for events etc to raise money to support the school. **Any support from any parents or friends of KPS is always welcomed.**



STARS OF THE WEEK



Sunflowers - Jacob

Daffodils - Beatrix and Edward

Roses - Heidi

Tulips - Kaila

Lilies - Logan H

Tomato and chilli plant competition

The majority of the plants are growing well despite few people in school to care for them....
Daffodils and Roses continue to race ahead

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, or our Clerk to Governors, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Attendance -

I do appreciate this is a strange one to leave on the newsletter when many children haven't been allowed to attend school this week, however it is important even in the last two weeks of term and moving forward to next year we continue to share this message. Thank you to all the families who do ensure that their child attends school everyday they possibly can. It does have a significant positive impact on their learning.

Please continue to 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 .

Any holidays taken in term time, unless there are extenuating circumstances, is recorded as **unauthorised absence** and **you could be fined**. If you do take your child out of school, please be honest with us about the reason. If it is for a holiday you do need to complete a specific form and potentially speak to Mrs Humphrys

Please can I remind everyone to 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.

We know this is sometimes difficult but whenever possible please try and make any appointments 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.

(If a child's attendance is Covid related it does not affect their overall attendance).

Sleep Charity - Free Webinars

Information in relation to free webinars for parents, to share strategies and support in relation to sleep problems in children.

Apologies. I will share this today or early next week. Apologies for the delay.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16th July -

Transition morning:- **see note above**

Monday 19th July - Bags for School collection

Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th - Lilies class production - This event will still be recorded and shared with parents ASAP.

As a significant number of children are isolating this week we need a few more days to rehearse.

Tuesday 20th July -End of Year reports home for all children - **Apologies for the delay**

Thursday 22nd July - Year 6 leavers event 3.30pm- 6.30pm.

Parents of Year 6 children invited to join us from 5.30pm for food.

Friday 23rd July -

School closes for children for the summer holidays

Birthday celebration for children who have birthdays in July and August

Tuesday 7th September -

School reopens for all children Years 1-6 and returning children to Sunflowers (Nursery)

(All Reception aged children and new Nursery children will have received a letter with their start date)

Friday 1st October - SAVE THE DATE

2.45pm 'Meet your child's class teacher'

3.15pm A small '**Late Summer Festival**'

Children from all classes will be performing for you between 3.15 and 5.30pm and we will have a few stalls and activities and refreshments will be on offer.

No doubt, like me, the majority of you will be watching England V Italy in the Euro 2020 final on Sunday. Fingers crossed they are successful and history is made. It will be business as usual on Monday here at Kellington Primary School, however we will be sensitive to the fact we could have many very tired but hopefully extremely happy children in school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, thank you once again for your support during this difficult week and I do really hope 'it's coming home' this weekend



Kind regards Helen Humphrys Headteacher