

# Kellington Primary School



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## Friday 14th May 2021

Oh my goodness, what a busy week at Kellington Primary School. The week has flown by and apologies for such a short newsletter but Friday is running away with me too.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child dressing in sports wear today and donating to the three charities; The Children's Society, Oasis and Applause for Thought. By us as a school taking part in the Mr Motivator sessions and your kind donations we have helped give children and young people, both within school and nationally, the hope that they can be happy and feel good and not give up. I am not sure of the total we have raised but I will keep you informed. Although there was a technical hitch with the live session this morning (not our fault) we were all able to take part at the set time and be part of over 10,000 people involved.

### **Parents evening :**

Thank you for your replies for Parent consultations. As the email stated today in the email the appointment you have chosen will be on your child's google calendar by tomorrow evening and I have sent a step by step guide on how to access this for the Google Meet. Please contact school on Monday if you have any questions or queries.

### **Wrap around care**

Please can I ask anyone who may want to use this facility to complete the questionnaire. As previously stated we can only move forward with this if we potentially have enough uptake. We hope to be analysing the results of the questionnaire early next week and we will update you accordingly as to whether we are able to pursue this any further.

### **Keeping children safe :Covid 19-**

As per the letter circulated from our CEO, we will be maintaining our current restrictions until at least half term. Thank you for your continued support with this. We do appreciate your cooperation.

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.

### **Race for Life:**

We will share more details nearer the time however we have finalised which classes will run on which days in our Children's race for life. Please see below.

I do hope you will be able to join us on the relevant day and cheer your child on. We do also hope we can raise a good amount of money through this event to support Cancer Research

**Please see the change of day for Tulips and Roses.**

**Monday June 28th 11am Sunflowers Monday June 28th 2.45pm Tulips**

**Tuesday 29th June 2.45pm Roses Thursday 1st July 2.45pm Daffodils Friday 2nd July 2.45pm Lilies**

### **PTA**

The PTA have 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 I know our PTA have lots of amazing ideas for events etc to raise money to support the school.



### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunflowers - Louie**

**Daffodils - Dixie**

**Roses - Kobi**

**Tulips - Neive, Dennis, Emily, William**

**Lilies - Elliot**



## Assistant Headteacher Kellington Primary School

From September 2021 we are pleased to welcome Mrs Katie Houlden as our Assistant Headteacher at Kellington Primary School. Mrs Houlden is currently working at South Milford Primary School and is excited to be joining 'Team Kellington'. We are hoping Mrs Houlden will be able to join us at our transition day next term and therefore will be able to meet you.

## School Caretaker

We are looking for a school caretaker here at Kellington Primary School. Information about the role and how to apply can be found on the Trust Website and shortly on the school website.

<https://web.starmat.uk/vacancies/>

## Learning Mentor

A new exciting Learning Mentor post (18 hours per week ) has been created at Kellington Primary School from September 2021. The advert, job description, personal specification and application form can be found on our Website

<http://www.kellington.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/vacancies/>

## Boxes and containers

Daffodils are always looking for empty boxes and containers for junk modelling. If you have any that would be suitable please can you either deliver to Daffodils or hand in at the main entrance. Many thanks

**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** - 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 96.43%; Roses 96.58%; Tulips 95.93%; **Lilies 97.25%** & whole school 96.56%.

Attendance is dipping a little, please can I remind you that children need to be in school everyday unless they are really too ill to attend and to be here on time (KS1 8.45 KS2 8.50) Many thanks!

**School Meals:** **Many thanks** to everyone who is pre booking their child's school lunch. It is greatly appreciated and does ensure you know what your child is eating but most importantly they make a choice of something they like. We are really proud of our school dinners here at Kellington and Miss Gibbons and Miss Rowley in the kitchen ensure that they are of great quality. Unfortunately we are only able to provide what is on the menu each day and can not offer any alternatives.

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. Equally if your child requires a special diet, please come and talk to us as we can cater for everything. .

**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](mailto: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

*Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy whatever you do.*

*Kind regards*

*Helen Humphrys*

*Headteacher*



**Make your weekend shine  
with smile and happiness!**