

Kellington Primary School



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Wow, what a fabulous first week back. It has been lovely to welcome all our 'old' wonderful children back into school and to welcome the new children, in Reception and Nursery, joining 'Team Kellington'. It has also been good to see our parents once again and have a sense of 'normality' within school.

We are still ensuring the children wash their hands regularly and all rooms are well ventilated. It has been exciting to all be together during assemblies and for the children to be able to mix with other classes at break times.

The children all appear to have returned with a great thirst for learning and it has been encouraging to see the work that has been produced by the children across school during this first week back. It has also been fantastic to see the positive interactions between the children as they play and have some 'downtime' during their breaks.

We have also thought, throughout the week, of the children who left Kellington School at the end of last year and hoped they were having a good week within their new schools.

As you will see from the list below, we have quite a few changes to our staff team this year. A big welcome once again to all our new members of staff.

Class teaching teams this year

	Teacher	Additional adults
Sunflowers Nursery	Kirsty Tunningley	Sarah Carr Phillippa Roberts

Daffodils Reception/Year 1	Katie Houlden (our new AHT)	Vickie Fairbairn (mornings) Jess Hale (mornings) Sarah Carr (afternoons) Andrea Mcquire (afternoons) Rachel Carter
Roses Year 1/2	Amy Beadnell- Bevan	Mandeep Sidhu
Tulips Year 3/4	Paul Merrall	Kath Newton (mornings)
Lilies Year 5/6	Jenny Rowley	Julie Hamilton (mornings) Ruth Cannon (mornings) Tracey Gibbons (afternoon)

Mrs Angela Calam continues to support all our classes in her role as HLTA and Mrs Racheal Lattimore has joined us, Mon- Wed, as our Learning Mentor. Mrs Hesp and Ms Priest continue to be your contacts in our school office.

Keeping children safe: Covid 19-

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

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

Please then follow the guidance in relation to isolating given by Track and Trace. Do inform school if your child tests positive or if they are advised to isolate.

PTA

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 later in the term 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/>

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 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 G

Daffodils - Caroline

Roses - Harry T

Tulips - Heidi

Lilies - William



Houses

We will be reintroducing the school house point scheme this year. All children will be allocated a house (**Roall**, **Marsh**, **Hawthorne** **Manor**) and have the opportunity throughout the week to earn house points for their house. We will have a winning house each week and the house with the most house points each half term will have a small treat.

The winning house this week was **Hawthorne**

Junior Leadership Team

Over the next few weeks we will be looking to elect our Junior leadership team. More details will be shared with the children

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on line. If your child has changed class you will need to accept the notification to join their class page. Any problems please contact your child's class teacher or contact the school office admin@kp.starmat.uk.

PE Kit

All children need to have their PE kit in school everyday. We are happy for them to bring it in on a Monday and take it home for washing on a Friday. We will be doing indoor and outdoor PE this term and all children will be completing the golden kilometre during the week. If children do not have their PE kit unfortunately, they can not do PE. Please can I remind you that all children need to remove earrings for PE, not have them taped, and therefore if your child can not remove them, please can you remove them on PE days.

Years 1 and 2 and Tulips class are accessing Monk Fryston Netball as one of their PE sessions on a Friday for the next 6 weeks and Lilies class are going swimming on a Wednesday as one of their PE sessions for 12 weeks. We have booked swimming lessons for Tulips class for the Spring term on a Tuesday.

On Wednesday all the Year 1 and 2s had the opportunity to play Tri Golf, Tulips had a session perfecting their football skills and Lilies had a cricket afternoon. All the sessions were enjoyed by the children

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. Please can I remind you that unless there are mitigating circumstances, black shoes, not trainers are required. Also as the weather is no doubt going to be changeable as we head towards autumn, please could children bring a coat everyday, even if the weather is warm and dry in the morning.

Please can I also remind everyone that the only pieces of jewelry children should be wearing are a watch if they so wish and small plain studs as earrings. No 'dangly' earrings please or hoops. Could nail varnish also please be removed for school.

Water bottles

We encourage all children to bring a named water bottle containing **only water** to have access to throughout the day. If they wish, they may bring a bottle or carton of juice or squash to have with their lunch but not throughout the day.

There are circumstances when children may need to have squash or juice within their

classroom bottles. This needs to be discussed with school on an individual basis and if we have not had a discussion with you and an exemption made, please could your child only bring water in their bottle to access throughout the day. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

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.

School meals

All school meals can be pre ordered via Parentpay up to three weeks in advance and up until 8am on the day of the meal. Please can we ask that you try and pre order your child's meal for them, as you know what they will eat. We are then in a position to encourage them to eat, as we know it is something they like.

If you have any questions or queries about the process, our school meals, or your child has any dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (admin@kp.starmat.uk). We are really fortunate at Kellington Primary School to have an amazing kitchen team and the school meals Miss Gibbons and Ms Rowley produce are fabulous.

There is a copy of the autumn term menu on our website.

Attendance

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 the issues over the last 18 months 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.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15th September - Lilies class commence 12 weeks of swimming lessons

Friday 1st October -

9am Coffee morning for parents with children in Reception and Nursery.

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 3.45 and 4.45pm and we will have a few stalls and activities and refreshments will be on offer.

W/C 11th October - Harvest celebrations within school - collection of donations for the local food bank (more details to follow)

W/C 18th October - Parent consultation evenings (VIRTUAL) (more details to follow)

Friday 22nd October School closes for half term

Monday 1st November School reopens

Tuesday 2nd November - Lilies school trip to Murton Park

Thursday 11th November - Years 1 and 2 school trip to Bradford Industrial Museum.

w/c 15th November Anti- bullying week

Friday 19th November - Children in Need (more details to follow)

Friday 3rd December - Lilies' class assembly

Wednesday 8th December (afternoon) and Thursday 9th December (morning)

Sunflowers, Daffodils and Roses Christmas performance.

Tuesday 14th December Whole school trip to the pantomime in Doncaster.

Thursday 16th December - Christmas dinner

It has been lovely to see and speak to many of you this week as you drop off and collect your children. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself, at the start or end of the day, if you have any questions or queries .If you wish to have a more private or longer conversation please do make an appointment.

Rachael Lattimore, our new Learning Mentor, who will be working within school to support both children and parents, will also be out on the playground on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to support with queries and questions. Rachel will be organising some drop in sessions in the near future, which we hope you will be able to attend. We will also be offering sessions later this term to support parents to help and support their children with their learning.

Have a lovely weekend! I am so excited and looking forward to Week 2!

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.

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A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen.”

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