



Friday 13th May 2022

What a week! - We have all worked together to support our amazing Year 6s to complete their KS2 SATs. Thank you to all of 'Team Kellington' for your help and we are so proud of our fourteen Year 6 children who 'SHONE' throughout the week and did their very best without any fuss or drama. They enjoyed a hearty breakfast each day, thank you to Mrs Gibbons- Lee for preparing the bacon and sausage sandwiches and to all the other staff for serving it, they certainly did eat well and lots of it. Today their wonderful attitude and resilience in relation to the tests was celebrated in assembly and they all received their leavers hoodies to wear for the remainder of their time at KPS . A very big thank you to the PTA for funding the hoodies.... they look amazing.



The remainder of our school have all been working extremely hard and we can't actually believe that we are at the end of the third week of our five week term. A short term where the children have made progress and had fun and we have some nice things planned for the next two weeks.

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Mel Lawrence, your new executive headteacher into school this week. She has informally met some of the children and staff and some parents this morning, as they dropped children off at school. She will be in school on Monday at the end of the day and also next Friday morning, so please do introduce yourself if you see her. There will be more opportunities for everyone to meet her as the term progresses.

Guitar lessons

The children who have started their guitar lessons appear to be having fun and ukulele lessons in Lilies are going well. Apparently Lilies' class have already chosen the song they will perform at our summer fair.

If anyone else is interested in guitar lessons, Years 2-6, please contact the office and we can give you details.

Platinum Jubilee

In honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are inviting children and staff to wear **Red, White and Blue** on **Thursday 26th May**. We will spend the day exploring the seven decades Queen Elizabeth has sat on the throne.

We have a special lunch planned from the kitchen that we hope many of our children will sign up to. **Sunflowers' children** to join us on that day. **Please order your child's lunch via Parentpay**. Any problems speak to Mrs Tunningley or the school office. We hope lots of the children choose to have a school dinner that day, a celebratory jubilee picnic. Meals can be ordered as normal via parent pay

We will be decorating the hall and there will be some flag waving and music throughout the day.

Reading

This week another four children received their book from our book vending machine; Charlotte, Frantisek, Edward and Lily- Ann (Emily H was the child in Tulips' class last week). If your child reads to you or has read independently and this activity has been recorded signed by an adult in the child's reading record x **5 times during the week** their names will be put into a hat to be drawn to receive a book from the book vending machine. Happy reading



PTA

Our PTA will be selling ice lollies at the end of school on a Friday (potentially Thursday 26th May as we are not here on the 27th). They will stand outside the car park gates and the lollies are 50p. We will let you know if they are **not** going to be there.

On **Saturday 16th July between 11am -2pm** they will be running **Kellington School Summer Fair**. They have lots of exciting plans which we will be sharing with you shortly however please save the date. We are hoping we have a good turn out and the invitation to attend is open to our wider school community, within the villages our school serves and our children's family and friends.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or wish to get involved and help beforehand or on the day please contact the PTA through their facebook page or the school office. Also if you or anyone you know would like to have

a stall at this event, let them know. We are hoping for fine weather and a real community event with entertainment, food, stalls and lots of activities for the children.

Summer uniform

As the warmer weather approaches please can we ask that you always send your child to school with a coat, so they are not caught out when we get a summer shower.

We are happy for school uniform summer dresses to be worn or grey shorts as the days warm up, should children wish. Please could children also bring their water bottle to school each day and a sun hat to protect them when the temperature increases. Please can you also apply sunscreen at the start of the day so children are protected throughout the day. If your child needs to reapply their sunscreen throughout the day please speak to your child's class teacher

School Meals

Thank you to those of you who, following our correspondence, are now choosing their child's school meal. **Please can we ask everyone to pre order their child's school dinner on Parentpay?** As we have explained we have this system in place to support your child to choose a school dinner they are going to enjoy. The choice can be done up to 3 weeks in advance and up to 8am on the day of the meal. Our younger children especially find it difficult to make a choice from the pictures during school registration in the morning and whilst the adults in the classroom are available to help, unlike you, we do not know what your child does or does not like.

If you need any help with accessing the meal selector on ParentPay please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office. By choosing your child's school meal it means we can confidently encourage them to eat what they have chosen as we know it is something they like and also, as the register can take quite a while if children haven't pre chosen their meal, we have more time for learning. Many thanks.

Covid 19

Unfortunately we have had a few cases of Covid within school this week. We do hope that everyone gets better soon. Please, if your child shows any signs of the covid virus (**A new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell**) it is important that they do not attend school, as with any other illnesses, until they are well.

Uniform etc

Please do remember to label all parts of your child's school uniform including PE kit, coats and hats. It is our school policy that long hair should be tied up for school and definitely during PE. School shoes should be plain black shoes or boots, not trainers please, unless there are mitigating circumstances that have been

discussed with school. Earrings need to be removed for PE (including swimming). Please speak to the school office if your child has just had their ears pierced so a suitable length of time can be agreed for when the need to remain in situ and the protocol explained. No jewelry should be worn for school, except a watch or small plain stud earrings please. Can we also ask that nail varnish is also removed for school. Many thanks for your co- operation



STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Iris

Daffodils - Oliver M

Roses - Ben S

Tulips - Daisy

Lilies - Year 5 Logan O



Year 6 All fourteen children



Houses

The winning House this week is **Roall**

Holiday club

May Champions League Week!

We are launching bookings for our May Champions League week!

A week filled with champions league fun, old school games like bulldog and plenty of Futsal to be played!

When? Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June
Where? South Milford Primary School, LS25 5AU
Who? Children ages 6-12
How much? £40 for a full week or £15 per day

To book, scan the QR code or email Lizzie on Lizzie.Patterson@thefutsalpartnership.com



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 .

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.

Attendance this week - still a bit of a dip however a lot of illness again this week.

Lilies 95.22 % Tulips 93.33 % **Roses 96.55 %** Daffodils 79.52 % Overall 91.84 %

We need children to be in school everyday they possibly can please. Please do not take your child out of school unless it is absolutely necessary. Everyday of learning that they miss is vital to their education journey, it is often hard for many children to catch up.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please do contact the school for further information on how to check your eligibility and apply. Even if your child is in KS1 and is currently receiving a universal free school meal, if you are eligible for FSM it is really important that you apply, as there are still additional benefits for your child.

Help needed

We have some picnic benches on the playground that are looking and feeling a little sorry for themselves. They need a bit of a makeover. Have any parents or friends of KPS got a little spare time and energy to help with this project? They are too good to go, but not at their best, bless them, at present. If you can lend a hand in sprucing them up, please contact the school office.

Vacancy -STARMAT Executive chef

<https://web.starmat.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Advert-for-Trust-Exec-Chef-May-2022.pdf>

Dates for the Diary

Friday 13th May - 6pm Year 6- End of SATs week sleepover

Thursday 26th May - Celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. Wearing of; Red, White and Blue and looking back over what has happened in our World over the last 70 Years and a special lunch that Sunflower children are invited to attend.

Thursday 26th May - School closes for May half term holiday

Friday 27th May - Inset day -School closed to children

Monday 6th June - School reopens for the final half term of the academic year. Friday 17th June 2pm-

Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

Wednesday 22nd June 2pm - Reserve Sports day (Sunflowers 11am)

Friday 24th June - Daffodils' Class Assembly - 9am Parents welcome **Change of date. Friday 1st July - Roses'**

Class Assembly - 9am Parents welcome

Week commencing 4th July Specific activities for Year 6 children - details to follow **(change of date due to transition week for some children)**

Saturday 16th July 11am-2pm Kellington PTA School Summer Fair Please come and support us.

Tuesday 19th July - 2pm and 6pm Lilies end of year production

Friday 22nd July

9am End of year assembly

3.15pm School closes for summer holidays

Tuesday 6th September - School reopens

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy whatever you are doing

Take care, kind regards

Helen Humphrys Headteacher.

