



## Thursday 26th May 2022

Although this has only been a five week term, it certainly has been a tremendously busy one for everyone. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have completed their SATs and, as well as all classrooms being extremely busy with their learning, we have had some exciting events happening too, throughout the half term, this week being no exception.

### Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Today children and staff were invited to wear red, white and blue in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. After our celebratory morning assembly, classes have spent the day thinking about the 70 years during which our Queen has reigned and undertaking some jubilee focused activities. We also had a wonderful jubilee picnic at lunchtime, enjoyed by all our children, including Sunflowers. One child commented 'it was the best lunchtime of his life' Thank you once again to our amazing kitchen team, Mrs Gibbons- Lee and Ms Rowley who made 100 Royal picnics to feed the children and staff who ordered them.



### Tag Rugby

Today a team from Lilies (a mix of Year 5/6 children) took part in an inter school tag rugby competition, hosted here at Kellington. We have everything crossed they do well and we hope they enjoyed the experience. We will update you on the result after the holidays



### Judo

This week the children in Years 1-6 had the opportunity to take part in a Judo taster

session. They all had fun and hopefully some of them may now be keen to give this sport a try out of school. There definitely looked to be some talent on the mats on Tuesday morning. Your child is now entitled to a free introductory session at [www.hajimejudoclub.com](http://www.hajimejudoclub.com). Please just visit the website to find out more



### Year 6 end of SATS sleepover

At the end of Sats week our Year 6s returned to school on the Friday evening, for an activity evening and a sleep over in the school hall. After a supper of pizza and ice cream the children undertook various activities including a campfire where they toasted marshmallows. Once settled in their sleeping bags on the hall floor, it was time to watch a movie on the huge inflatable movie screen. ....and then surprisingly they all slept!!! After not too an early a start, bacon sandwiches got them ready for their day ahead, once collected by parents at 9am. They were perfectly behaved and it was a pleasure and a privilege to watch the positive and caring interactions between this cohort of children.



## Reading

This week another four children received their book from our book vending machine; Thomas, Sophie, Lillian and Reggie. 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



## Jubilee Coffee Morning

**Kellington Village Hall, Saturday 4th June 10am -1pm**



Raffle, refreshments, tombola and craft stalls

**There will also be a display of memorabilia celebrating the last 70 years, please bring your own photographs and mementoes.**

All welcome

## PTA

Our PTA will be selling ice lollies at the end of school today and subsequent Fridays until the end of the summer term. 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. We will share more details with you after half term.

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

### **Covid 19 and other illnesses.**

Unfortunately we have had a few cases of Covid that have affected families this week. We do hope that everyone gets better soon and are able to enjoy the holidays. . 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. We do also have chickenpox within school at the moment.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Sunflowers - Charlotte W

Daffodils - Harley

Roses - Harry P

Tulips - Emily H

Lilies - William



### STAR OF THE HALF TERM

Sunflowers - Jacob G

Daffodils - Jack

Roses - Imogen

Tulips - Tia

Lilies - Willow



## Houses

The winning House this week is **Manor**

The winning House this half term is **Roall**

## 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 -has dipped again ....let's hope in the last term we can get it up to 96%**

**Lilies 91.98% Tulips 87.79% **Roses 96.08%** Daffodils 84.54% Overall 90.66%**

**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.

## Vacancies

### STARMAT Executive chef

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

Please see our school website <https://kp.starmat.uk/> for any vacancies we have within school or the STARMAT website for local school vacancies <https://web.starmat.uk/vacancies/>

## Dates for the Diary

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)

Monday 20th June - **4.45pm** Evening meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September

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

Friday 24th June - **Daffodils' Class Assembly** - 9am Parents welcome

Friday 1st July - **Roses' Class Assembly** - 9am Parents welcome

**Week commencing 4th July** Specific activities for Year 6 children - details to follow

Friday 15th July -

**Transition morning** for the whole school - an opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher.

**Reports** home to parents

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 for the children

*I do hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations you may be attending. No doubt we will hear all about them once the children return to school*

*Next half term is a seven week term and we will be working hard to ensure the children are ready and able for their next academic year. It will be 'countdown' for me as my retirement looms closer and closer; it does appear to have come around rather quickly. I want to assure you, we are working extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure all is in place to allow a smooth transition over to the new leadership structure in September and maintain the continuity for the children within school, as promised. There has and will continue to be a lot of liaison between myself and Mrs Houlden and Mrs Lawrence. For those of you who have not yet met Mrs Lawrence, she will be visiting school frequently next half term, so please do make yourself known and say 'hello'*

*Take care, have a good week off, kind regards Helen Humphrys Headteacher.*

