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Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We made it to half term!! Well done you are continuing to do an amazing job, whether you are a critical keyworker or supporting your child with learning at home whilst balancing your own jobs too. Remember family wellbeing is of utmost importance, please make sure you keep in contact if you need support. Thank you for making myself and Mrs White feel so welcome.

Achievements this half-term:

- New outside reading area
- New flower beds
- All adventures have been fixed and are now being used by the children in school
- Making sure all children have access to technology at home
- Ensuring children at home and at school link via Google Classroom successfully
- Embedding Forest Schools into our weekly curriculum
- Allowing you an opportunity to share your child's progress during parents evenings with their class teacher
- Developing a new shared school vision and values
- Starting to put into plan wrap around care for September (please let the office know if you are interested)
- Parent forum set up to discuss the progress of the school after half term (see below)
- Our family support work (Mrs McIlwaine) has worked tirelessly in supporting our families during the lockdown.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined in with parent's evening, we hope you found it useful. I know the teachers very much enjoyed seeing you all and getting feedback on how your child is getting on. We apologise for the technical issues we had with Zoom and hopefully this is something we can refine in the future so it doesn't happen again. I think I'm safe to say for everyone involved, 'Don't we just LOVE technology'.

Staffing

It is with a heavy heart that we announce Mrs Burrough (Miss Tarran) will be leaving us after the Easter holidays. She has been a part of the KEJS team for many years teaching the pupils and supporting the staff. She is now using this experience as an opportunity to move schools and work with the leadership team at the new school. She will be missed very much however, we wish her all the best in her new exciting role. Mrs Burrough will be coming back from maternity leave before the Easter holidays to do a handover and to say her goodbyes so please keep an eye out for her.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hackett who is relocating with her family. We thank her for her time at the school looking after the children at lunchtimes. We wish her well for the future.

Reading - Bug Club

We will be trialling an online reading scheme, over half-term which will allow the children to access a range of interactive e-books. We hope this will promote a love of reading but also support reluctant readers, motivating them to read at home. All pupils will be able to access a range of fiction, topics, content and illustration.



A username and password will be sent out by text and email soon. Please take the time to access the e-books and allow your child to choose any book to read with you over the week. This is just a week's trial, so any feedback would be greatly received by sending an email to the office (adminoffice@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk). If it is successful then we will launch the e-books across the school for the remainder of the year, we hope you find this useful.

Parent forum

We thought it was about time we tried to get together as a community and discuss how the school can move forward during this difficult time, in view of this we have decided to arrange a parent forum via Zoom. This will allow us to discuss the current arrangements the school has put in place but also to have discussions on other aspects of the school which we are trying to improve. The topic for this parent forum is around behaviour if you are interested in attending then please contact the office and they will email/ text the Zoom link. This meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February at 1:00pm.

The Deputy Headteacher and I look forward to meeting with you all.

Office email for parent forum Zoom link: adminoffice@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk

Please take time to appreciate one another over the next week, thanks again for your continued support and partnership with us.

Kind regards

Mr Whitehouse & Mrs White

Dear Children!

You made it! Well done to you all, you are all stars!

We are all so proud of the efforts you have put in and you deserve the week off. Make sure you relax and enjoy time with your family.



The adult at home will receive an email or text about Bug Club, you can use the username and password to access lots of books online over half term. Make sure you find the time to log on and choose some books, which you may enjoy. You may surprise yourself with what books you enjoy.

Also, just a reminder about designing your knights for our school values, it would be great to see more of these the ones I have seen have been amazing! Well done!

Have a lovely week off - have fun!

Mr Whitehouse & Mrs White