

Knights Enham Junior School



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,



We have at last come to the end of a very long term. The children have been amazing and after an almost six month gap from school life have settled back into school routines – albeit very different ones from the ones they previously knew. I have been particularly pleased with the way Year 3 have settled into their new lives at the Junior school. The children have worked hard and are all very ready for their Christmas break.

The end of term also marks the end of mine and Mr Britt's time at Knights Enham Junior School. Starting just before Christmas last year we came for just a term, expecting to leave at Easter. As we all know the world changed greatly at that point and, as the Governing Body were unable to appoint a new leadership team due to the pandemic, we stayed on for what turned out to be a year! And what a year it has been – we have got to know the children and the rest of the school community very well and have become quite attached to Knights Enham – we will be sad to leave on Friday.

Thank you to all the parents, children, staff and governors who have made us welcome and worked with us to move the school forward. I will be returning to my work as an education consultant and Mr Britt after returning to his old school for a short time, before taking up a post as Headteacher of his own school. Congratulations to him for securing this position.

We now hand over to the capable hands of Mr Daniel Whitehouse and Mrs Natalie White your new Headteacher and Deputy Head and wish them good luck for their future at Knights Enham Junior School; they are very lucky to be joining such a lovely school.

If we don't see you before the end of term we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Please keep safe during the Christmas break – the new term starts on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher & Lawrence Britt – Interim Headteacher

***** COVID DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS *****

Please see the **attached letter** which gives details of what parents need to do if their child develops symptoms and tests positive during the Christmas Holidays. We are asking you to contact the school if this happens in the first few days of the holidays so that we can alert parents of children in that Bubble to help protect families and the community.

Christmas lunch day.

Children may wear Christmas jumpers to replace their school one. They should wear their usual uniform otherwise.

Christmas Performance

Following feedback from Parents, we have decided to make the bubble Christmas performances available for a short period as opposed to a single live stream. This will allow parents who are working to watch their child's performance. These videos will be available to watch on **Thursday and Friday only**. Private links to the content will be sent. If you have concerns about your child appearing on the video then please let the office know as soon as possible.

Sadly we have received complaints concerning the behaviour of some children on the way home. Children have been seen running across the roads and being unkind to other children. If your child walks home unaccompanied please talk to them about the safe way to cross the road and the correct way to behave. We have spoken to the children whose names have been reported to us already

Term ends on Friday 18th December at the usual pick up time for each Bubble.



Christmas Post

The Christmas post box is now closed for the year. Due to Covid restrictions children are not able to bring any more cards into school to deliver to their friends. All existing post will be delivered to classrooms at the end of the week after a period of quarantine.

We appreciate for a lot of our families things are financially very difficult at the moment.

If you are need in support in anyway, please contact Jenn McIlwaine, via the school office or work mobile 07395130225. Jenn can access financial support for families in need, regardless whether they are in employment or not.

*All enquiries, of course, will be dealt with confidentially.
Please don't worry or struggle we may be able to help.*

Knights of the week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our 'Knights of The Week' for last week!

Addison, Millie-Sue, Bronti-Lei, Alfie, Carly, Isabelle, Ellis, Abbey, Erynn, Crosby, Renee, Edward, Phoebe & Farrah.