

# Knights Enham Junior School



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## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been so understanding whilst we are running without a full staff team at the moment. Parent contact at the counter has reduced as have the number of phone calls at the moment which has been very helpful. Please know that if you have a concern we are still here to help you so please do contact us if you need to. We will always get back to you if you leave a message.

Thank you also to all parents who are helping to keep everyone safe by wearing face coverings, following the one way system and adhering to social distancing.

We are now into December with only a few weeks to the end of term. Mr Pude has put up our Christmas decorations to get us into the mood. Thank you to Vigo Nursery for their kind donation of a Christmas tree which has made the school feel very festive.

Please look out on the newsletter for details of some of the things we have planned for Christmas.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher



## Christmas Dinner



Have you returned the form requesting your Christmas dinner? Lots of people have but if you have not please let us know as the kitchen needs to order in time and we don't want children to miss out. If your child has a free school meal, please just return the form. There is no need to pay. Please let us know as soon as possible. If you have lost the form please ask at the office for another or your child can ask their teacher and we can send one home. Children will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day only.

## Christmas Film Night

We are in the process of organising a Christmas film night in school for each of the bubbles during the **last week of term**. These will take place after school and will include a treat from the teachers for each of the children. Further details to follow soon!

**Monday – Year 3 Tuesday – Year 4 Wednesday – Year 5/6**

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has any of the main symptoms or has tested positive the **whole family** must isolate for the required time.

## Bags2School

We have arranged through Bags2Schools to collect second hand clothing for recycling.

The school will be able to raise funds based on the weight of the clothes we collect.

Please see the accompanying leaflet which has more details



Basically put in any *good quality* second hand clothing in a plastic bag, bin liners/black sacks are ideal.

Bring into school on the morning of Tuesday 15 December when you drop your child off. Look out for the collection point and drop off the bag.

Now is the time for a good clear-out before Christmas so get filling those bags.

Funds raised will go towards a Christmas treat for the children so please get sorting!



## PE Kits

Please note that children change for PE before the lesson and change back into their uniform after the lesson. I have noted that some children are coming in wearing their kit and remain in it for the day. This is not necessary – unlike secondary schools children are able to change in their bubbles in the classroom. Children should be wearing their correct uniform during the day.

Please note children should **not** be wearing trainers to school. Earrings and other jewellery **must** be removed for PE lessons.



## Dinner money debt

We have a few families who have a significant dinner money debt. I would like to remind families that if dinner money is owing we will not be able to give children a school dinner. Parents will need to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. For parents with a larger debt we will support with repayment in instalments. Please let us know if you have any difficulties with payment early on, so we can seek ways to support you. Such contact would be treated confidentially.

Your child has brought home the proofs of their school photographs – we hope you like them.

We think that they will make good Christmas presents that can be sent in the post to people who may have not have seen the children for quite some time.

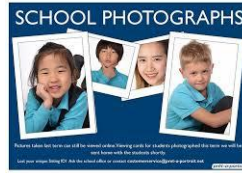
If you decide to order, there are two ways to do this. You can use the envelope we are sending home, fill in the details on the front including the sort of pack that you want and put a cheque in the envelope. Return the envelope to school by **Friday 4 December**. It is important that you do this as the company will be collecting from us and they will not be able to accept late requests through school this close to Christmas.

You can also order direct to the company online. The instructions are on the envelope.

More information is available on the envelope including how to obtain digital versions of the photos and other produces that they sell.

Please note the company cannot provide duplicate proofs if they get lost due to GDPR issues so please look after them.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.



## **Christmas Post**

*Every year the children have the opportunity to use the school Christmas post box to send letters to their friends in school.*

*This year we will have to change the way we do this to ensure we are 'Covid Safe'.*

*The post box will be in the glass corridor this year and children will be able to post their Christmas Cards – which need to be clearly marked with a full name and class (we have a lot of Ruby's and Olivers – some in the same class!) Please also check that family post does not end up in the box as we can't deliver to Grandma!*

*The last day for posting will be the morning of Tuesday 15 December to allow for quarantining. Delivery will be on Friday 18 December.*

*Children will unfortunately not be permitted to hand out cards between friends as this will mean that they are sharing items between homes which is technically 'not safe'.*



## **Punctuality**

We still have some families who are late for school. Please ensure that your child arrives in time to go through the children's entrances into school. Only in exceptional circumstances should children be coming in through the front door. This helps keep us all safe and school open.



## Library News



We hope children have been enjoying the books they borrow from our School Library. Next week will be the last time they can borrow a new book this term. It is important that all books are returned to the library by Wednesday 16th December. This will allow us to stock check all books in school.

Over the Christmas Break, books can still be enjoyed on our FREE ePlatform.

Login details can be found inside children's reading diaries. Follow this link to use the app on a phone, tablet or computer: <https://knightsenham-hantssls.wheelers.co/>

This is an excellent service and a great way for children to access new reading during the holidays.

We will be sending out suggestions of good reads for different age groups before the end of term.

## ***Flu inoculation***

*We are still chasing a few parents regarding the forthcoming Flu inoculation. I am aware that some parents are having difficulties with the online system.*

*Please don't struggle; let us know so we can help you with this.*

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!

**Laurie-Mae, Eliza, Clara, Mikey, Kyra-Lee, Caitlyn, Kaitlin, Daisy-May, Rudi, Luca, Ruby, Maisie, Ruby & Libby**