

# Knights Enham Junior School



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## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The House system that was introduced just before we closed for the lockdown in March is becoming very much part of the school with the children earning House points for their learning and their behaviour; especially for demonstrating that they are keeping the Knights Code.

Last week I was delighted to announce the election of House Captains and Vice Captains as well as Sports Captains and their deputies to lead the four Houses that we have in school – Porchester, Carisbrooke, Wolvesey and Donnington; continuing the castle theme. The Year 6 children who applied for the roles had to make short videos which were shared with the rest of the school so the children knew who they were voting for.

We hope that these responsibility posts will be able to act as ambassadors for the school and will help to organise activities for their Houses as well as encourage the children to earn even more house points!

Mr Britt and I are currently working with the new Headteacher and Deputy Head to share information concerning the school and ensure a smooth transition in January. Please see the introductions from Daniel Whitehouse and Natalie White in this weeks newsletter. They will both be in school over the next few weeks getting to know the school so look out for them and do say hello they are looking forward to meeting the children and their parents.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

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.

## Message from Mr Whitehouse Headteacher from January 2021



*I am delighted to be able to write to you and introduce myself as the new Headteacher in January of Knights Enham Junior School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Harvey and Mr Britt.*

*In 2016 I was appointed as Deputy Headteacher of Shipton Bellinger Primary, prior to this I spent 6 years as a Deputy at Shakespeare Junior School. Being a father of two, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new head to start! I am pleased that Mrs White has been appointed as Deputy Head and we are both extremely excited about the journey ahead.*

*The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.*

*As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. Hopefully, in the near future I will be able to invite parents in for an informal coffee morning. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, chat to me and other members of staff over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. Watch this space! You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your children whilst they are members of our school family. In January, please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will be outside before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and next term.*

## Message from Mrs White the new Deputy Headteacher



*I am very excited to be joining Knights Enham Junior School in January. I have been Deputy Head teacher at Owslebury Primary School for the last eight years and have taught the year 5/6 class.*

*Prior to this, I taught for ten years at a large junior school in Basingstoke which, in many ways, is very similar to Knights Enham. I live near Winchester with my husband, teenage son, cat and my lockdown chickens!*

*One of my roles within the school will be the Inclusion Lead. I will ensure that as a team, the school staff and myself will work with you to provide the best educational opportunities for your child. I am really looking forward to meeting you all soon; if you see me on the playground, please do come over and say hello!*

## Clean Hands

We continue to insist on a high standard of cleanliness in school and the children wash or sanitise their hands several times a day during this Covid time. We have noticed that several children have very long fingernails that gather dirt underneath very easily. In the interests of hygiene please can you check your child's nails and ensure they are cut short so we can ensure that they are kept clean so we can avoid sharing germs.  
Thank you

School photographs will be taken this **Thursday**. Please send your child in clean smart school uniform.

## Knights of the week

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

**Riley, Tommy, Marcus, Taylor, Sophia, T'Mia, Riley, K-C, Clarissa, Ella, Miguel, Macie, Mansi and McKenzie.**

## Flu Vaccination

We are still chasing parents for a response to the forthcoming flu vaccination. We do need an answer from everybody. I am aware that some parents may have lost the original letter and we will be contacting parents we have not heard from and resending the link. Please remember if you have problems with technology and need some help replying online we can always help in school.