

Knights Enham Junior School



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a happy and restful half term, despite the terrible weather! The children have certainly returned refreshed and are pleased to be back!

We are returning to more changes around the Coronavirus situation, another national lockdown with everyone being encouraged to stay at home. This time however the children are expected to attend school.

Please see the information concerning Covid management on the school site, we hope all parents will support us in trying to keep the school community safe and healthy.

We were delighted that so many parents were able to take advantage of the parent consultations we held on Zoom before half term. The teachers certainly appreciated being able to 'meet' with you to discuss your child's progress. On the whole the system worked smoothly although I know it was not so easy for some of you. If you did not speak to your child's teacher they will be making contact with you to arrange a time when you can talk.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Breakfast Club

We are still hoping to start the Breakfast Club for working parents however there are not currently enough parents registered for Youth Options to proceed.

We know for the next month parents are unlikely to need this facility but if you think when some normality returns you may be interested in using the club please contact Youth Options directly to register or talk to the school office who can give you more information.



Flu Consent

We are informed that only 72 parents have given consent for their child to receive the flu vaccination. It is more important than ever that we ensure all children are vaccinated this year to prevent a Flu outbreak. To remind you the 'vaccination' is given through a nasal spray and not a needle! It will take place during the school day.

If you have not given your consent online – please see the attachment which gives details of how to do this – please do so as soon as possible. If you are struggling with the system please pop into the school office where they will be happy to help you.

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.

Coronavirus update

The latest advice from the Government has led the Knights Enham Schools to review the risk assessments and school procedures.

From Thursday the country goes into a lockdown again this will mean the same rules that we had in March will apply. Families will be required stay at home, except for specific purposes, people will not be able to gather with people they do not live with and many businesses and venues will again be closed. The difference this time will be that for the time being schools will remain open.

In school we will continue our focus on handwashing and good ventilation in the building. We maintain an increased cleaning regime in the school. Children will continue to learn, play and have lunch in their bubbles. Please remember they need warm coats and their jumpers in school.

We do require parents/carers to help us and would like to remind you of the expectations of parents/carers and all site users:

- Please **follow the one way system** on the site around the school – it is designed to stagger the foot traffic and to keep everyone safe. We realise it is annoying and takes longer but if we are to continue to allow parents to come onto the site then we need you to respect the system. Remember it has changed slightly as the change in weather has meant the grass is getting very muddy. Where it is not possible to implement a one-way system please keep to the edge of the pathway and give way where needed.
- **One adult only** to pick up and drop off children at the beginning and end of the school day and if possible leave other siblings at home.
- **Please socially distance and do not gather in groups** when dropping off and collecting children. This includes by the school gates.
- Please **observe a 2 metre rule** when speaking with staff – remember the end of the day is the better time to have a conversation with your child's teacher; in the morning they are busy welcoming and settling the children.
- Please **do not send your child to school if they are unwell** and have Covid symptoms.
- Please **observe the Government rules concerning staying home** and not mixing households.
- To help limit the spread of the virus, in line with other schools, we would now ask **adults who come onto our Knights Enham site to wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting children.**

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School dinners

Please note that from this half term school dinners will be £2.50 per day. This still represents very good value as the children receive a 2 course nutritious lunch of high quality. The menus remain the same as last half term, we have attached them to the newsletter to remind you.

Please remember to keep up to date with payments as we cannot allow debts to build up and we will be chasing any arrears from before half term.

If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal then please contact the school office in confidence they will be able to do the checks to find out for you.

If families are experiencing any financial difficulties the school can support families through referrals to:

- Andover Foodbank for emergency food parcel.
- Romsey school Community Pantry to receive weekly parcels of food including fresh and frozen to a minimum value of £15 for the cost of £5.

Parents can contact Jenn McIlwaine, Family Support Worker, directly in the playground or via the school office.

Don't forget we currently still plan for the school photographer to be in school on Thursday 19th November. This year we will not be able to take photos with siblings unfortunately.

Knights of the week

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

Jayden, Elena, Mitchell, Emelia, Tallia, Mary, Laila, Romaine, Amelia-Rose, McKenzie, Liam, Brooke, Arwyn, Tau,

Bringing in things from home

Due to Covid restrictions we are currently asking that children do not bring unnecessary items to school.

PE kits should remain in school, lunchboxes and water bottles will come back and forth as will school reading books, library books and homework books.

Whilst other items must remain at home we know that this can be frustrating for children who may want to share something with their teacher or class relevant to their learning or perhaps some new news. If this is the case can we suggest parents take a photograph and email it to the school office on admin@knightsenham-jun.hants.sch.uk. It can be passed onto the teacher who can then talk to the child about whatever they want to share

Term dates

Term ends - Friday 18th December

Spring term begins – Tuesday 5th January 2021

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021