

Knights Enham Junior School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We have finally come to the end of the academic year and what a year it has been!

I am quite sure when the children started in September no one could imagine the year ending in the way it has. The children however have been amazing and showed so much resilience, adapting to the changes as they have gone along and continuing to smile and enjoy school.

Last week we were pleased to see the Year 6 children for their special 'graduation' moment and as they leave us to move on to their secondary schools we wish them good luck and ask that they remember their time at Knights Enham with happy memories.

For the rest of the children – those in school and those at home I hope they all have a good summer break and, especially the children of the key workers who have been in school throughout the lockdown period, a good rest as well – they have worked hard. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school in September.

A big thank you to the all the staff - classroom, office and premises - who have worked very hard throughout the lockdown, working through holidays; also adapting to the ever changing circumstances.

As we look towards September please see the letter accompanying this newsletter from the Chair of Governors and remember to look out for information concerning the school reopening at the beginning of September. At the moment we expect all children to return from 7th September with a, hopefully, normal school routine!

On behalf of the school staff I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy summer break.

Sally Harvey – Interim Headteacher

Term starts on Monday 7th September.

Please look out for a letter with more details at the beginning of September.

INSET Days

The governing body has approved the following school closure days for In Service Training next year.

Thursday 3rd September 2020, Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021, Monday 7th June 2021 & Friday 23rd July 2021

Staff Welcome Videos

Staff members have created videos for the children in their new classes to help them get to know them before school returns in September.

Year 3 (September 2020)

<https://youtu.be/TbYKDAVRwxs>

Year 4 (September 2020)

<https://youtu.be/8FDefl4WOj0>

Year 5/6 (September 2020)

<https://youtu.be/v1LQJX4TnC8>

The teachers cannot wait to get to know their new classes properly in September!

School books

A recent stock check has identified nearly 700 books missing from the library – this equates to approximately £7,000 and does not take account of any reading books that children have at home.

Please look hard and return any books you have at home or if you have been contacted please arrange to pay for non-returned books or to replace them. We are currently looking at a very depleted library and this will impact on all the children going forward.

Dinner money owing?

A number of families still owe dinner money from before the lockdown period. We have not been very good at chasing this in the past and going forward we will not be allowing families to accrue debt.

If you still owe please can you contact the school office and arrange to pay, even if it is by instalment, as the school cannot afford to carry such losses as it impacts on the quality of educational provision we can offer all the children.

HOME LEARNING

The holidays are here and there is no official home learning to be set. All children have a pack from their new teacher to keep them busy. We would ask that children keep up their reading and remember there are all sorts of games that can be played that involve maths and spelling skills which help children to practice and ensure they remain proficient in the basics.

Please don't worry, or let your child worry, about being behind when they return to school, every child in the school and in fact the whole country will be in the same position and we have plans in place to support and help children catch up and close the gaps. We will all be working together on this. We are just looking forward to having a full school again and seeing all the children, especially those we have not seen for a very long time!