

Knights Enham Junior School



Newsletter

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I delighted to be getting to know more children every day as I go around the school. They are all very friendly and keen to chat about their learning as well as their interests and hobbies outside of school. Please remember we celebrate out of school achievements in a Friday afternoon assembly so send them in with their medals, certificates and badges and come along to see them celebrated.

We are working hard to raise standards in the school and this includes all members of the school community, children, staff, parents and governors having high expectations. High expectations includes attendance and punctuality, uniform and behaviour. Please note the items in the newsletter where I talk about the school expectations and please try to support us as we work together to improve school standards.

Last week a group of Year 5 children represented the school at a singing workshop at Farleigh School. They had a lovely time and were exemplary ambassadors for Knights Enham Junior School, we were very proud of them.

Sally Harvey – Interim Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Inset Days

Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Wednesday 22 July 2020

Parent's Evenings 11 & 13 February 2020

Half term 17 – 21 February 2020

Last day of term Fri 3 April 2020

Summer term starts Mon 20 April 2020

Knights of the Week!

Well done to last week's Knights.

**Jayden, Brooke, Agnius, Abbie, Miguel,
Liam, Claudia, Isabelle, Clarissa, Maisie,
Tyler, Elliot, Luca, Eleanor, Ollie & T-J.**

Uniform

Last week I talked about school uniform which is designed to be everyday work clothes for the children and to give them a sense of pride and identity. I am aware that school uniform rules have been relaxed and not enforced but going forward we will be expecting children to be wearing the correct uniform.

Purple V neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)

Light blue shirt or polo shirt

Black or Grey trousers or skirt no leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Black shoes (not trainers)

Purple gingham dresses for summer wear.

I am aware that many children are wearing trainers and that it may take a few weeks for parents to change this but by the end of term I would expect all children to be in the proper footwear. Please consider this when replacing your child's shoes.

Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

If you have any concerns or problems concerning this please come and see me.

Attendance for week beginning

13th January 2020

95.59%

Snacks

It has come to my attention that some children are bringing unsuitable snacks into school for morning break.

Ideally the children should bring a piece of fruit or a healthy biscuit or bar but I have noticed snacks that are high in sugar including chocolate bars as well as crisps. These are not suitable and children will not be permitted to have these at breaktime; we will send them home.

Please remember that healthy snacks including fruit, milk and bread can be purchased from the school kitchen.

Apart from the impact on health of these unsuitable snacks in terms of obesity and poor teeth we are also seeing children in class on a sugar high which is not good for learning or behaviour.

Thank you for your support with this.

Library News



We hope children are continuing to read and enjoy the books they are borrowing from the school library. Reading at home should be fun, relaxing and is the best way for children to become fluent readers.

Remember that all books must be brought to school daily so the children can read them during the day. Thank you for helping to remind children return their Library books. Weekly reminders are sent home if your child's book is overdue. We expect these books to be returned ASAP and will ask for a payment if the book is lost or damaged.

By looking after the books in the library, children are showing how much pride and respect they have for our school.

Online Safety

There has been an incident, out of school, this week where children sent each other inappropriate messages. We recommend that parents regularly check what messages their children are sending and receiving and at what time of the day. Please remember that there are age limits on all social media apps.

WhatsApp requires that all users are 16+ years.

Chicken pox

We have been notified of several cases of chickenpox and shingles in the school community. If you are concerned, please contact your GP.

Toys and other items

Children are asked not to bring in toys, cuddlies and other items from home on a regular basis as these can get lost or damaged and also prove a distraction in class.

If a child is asked to bring something that relates to their topic or class learning then the teacher will look after it and ensure it is kept safe until the end of the day.