

Knights Enham Junior School



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Newsletter

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The first week of term was very positive with the changes to the structure of the day proving successful in terms of ensuring the children's day is more balanced.

The children may have told you on Friday about another change we have introduced – an enrichment session on Friday afternoon. This last session before assembly on a Friday will be a chance for the children to enjoy a variety of different activities including Forest School. Initially they will be with their own class but we hope that later in the year, as the weather improves, we will be able to expand the available options across the school. We want the children to have some fun whilst broadening their experience, knowledge and skills including language.

I am delighted to see the way they have settled back into school life and their learning. This is an important term where we look to see the children make a lot of progress before moving into the assessment period during the summer term. Please remember it is important for children to be in school for them to make progress and we expect all children to attend regularly unless unwell. If your child is absent, parents should phone in each day.

I am aware that some parents may still not be receiving the newsletter, if you know someone who is not seeing the newsletter which will come out every Tuesday, please get them to pop into the office and update their email address.

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

Uniform

Knights Enham Junior School has a simple school uniform which is designed to be everyday work clothes for the children and to give them a sense of pride and identity in the school.

We do expect all children to wear their uniform smartly and correctly.

In the interests of economy and caring for the planet we are always looking to reuse and recycle and therefore have some items of school uniform available in return for a small donation. This includes nearly new sweatshirts. Please ask at the school office.

If you have some nearly new uniform including skirts, trousers and school shoes please can you drop them into the school office. We know children often grow out of clothes before they wear them out and it would be good to be a community that recycles.

Absence reminder

If your child is not well enough to attend school please phone the school office as soon as possible. If it is before 8.00 you may get the answer machine please leave a message.

Please continue to inform the school for every day of absence.

If we do not hear from you we will ring you and the other contacts we have. If we don't receive a response we will make a home visit.

We are required for safeguarding reasons to check on all children who are not in school.

Attendance

**Attendance for week beginning 7 January 2020 97.45%
Well done!**

Celebration assembly

This week we will be slightly changing the format of the celebration assembly. We will still be celebrating 2 Knights from each class but one will be for some amazing work that they have done that week which they will share in assembly and the other will be for keeping the Knights code in some way and demonstrating good behaviour, manners and respect for other children in the school.

We would also like to encourage children to celebrate their out of school achievements and bring in awards and certificates for the sports and hobbies they are doing in their own time. It is important to recognise these achievements, as well as the activities the children do in school. We are constantly amazed by the skills the children have!

Parents are always welcome to attend these assemblies at 2.30pm on a Friday.

Hair Bows!

We have noticed that a some children are wearing increasingly large hair bows to school, these are not part of the uniform. Please keep these for home and parties!

E-Safety

We know that a number of our children received new tablets and games consoles for Christmas. Whilst these devices can be great fun (with many good educational apps and resources available) it is important that children understand the potential risks of being online. The site below provides some useful information for parents on how to keep your child safe online and to talk to your child about being safe online. This is particularly important for our older children whom may be keen to join one of the social media sites.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>