

Knights Enham Junior School



Newsletter

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Welcome Back and A Happy New Year.

I hope you have all had a good Christmas break, the children certainly seem to have had a fun time and have returned telling us about the fun they have had.

The New Year is sometimes a time for changes and at Knights Enham there are going to be a few changes this term as we work to ensure that your children get the best possible educational opportunities and we ensure we meet the needs of all the children in the school.

The children will no doubt come home and tell you about some of the changes they have noticed. As the term progresses we will be introducing other improvements and I hope to keep you up to date with these through the weekly newsletter.

This week we are introducing a new timetable which means some of the timings of the day will change. Please see below in the newsletter for details of this.

I will need the support of all parents to help improve the school so I hope you will take notice of the reminders in the newsletter and ensure that children attend regularly and punctually in correct uniform and with the required equipment.

There will be other ways that you can help your children and I will be outlining these as the weeks progress.

Please remember if you have any concerns please come into school and talk to me I will be happy to meet you.

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

Changes to the timetable

These changes are purely operational and will improve the flow of the school day.

Assembly Monday to Thursday has moved to 10.15

Friday assembly will move to 2.30.

Morning break for the whole school will be at 10.30 – 10.45.

Lunch will be at the earlier time of 12.00 which will mean that the upper school children will now go into eat around 12.25.

We have planned this to give the children more equal morning and afternoon learning sessions.

This is for your information and so that you can talk to your child when they come home talking about the changes.

Please note that for some classes PE days and library sessions have changed.

PE days

Dover - Monday & Thursday

Leeds - Monday & Thursday

Warwick - Wednesday & Thursday

Windsor - Wednesday & Thursday

Highclere - Tuesday & Wednesday

Edinburgh - Tuesday & Wednesday

Arundel - Monday & Tuesday

Balmoral - Monday & Tuesday

Library days

Dover - Monday

Leeds - Monday

Warwick - Tuesday

Windsor - Tuesday

Highclere - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Edinburgh - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Arundel - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Balmoral - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

New term reminders

All children need:

- a PE kit in school, this includes a tracksuit/leggings and a sweatshirt as well as plimsolls or trainers for outdoor work. This need to be kept in school at all times. Spare socks for girls who are wearing tights and a hair band for those with long hair are also needed.
- a water bottle to be brought in to school on a daily basis. This should only contain plain water. Squash and flavoured water is not permitted.
- a warm coat for playground wear during the cold weather.
- all items of school uniform, PE kit and other equipment to be marked clearly with the child's name.
- that no jewellery may be worn in school apart from one pair of stud type earrings. In line with Hampshire Health and Safety regulations these need to be removed for PE lessons by the child or parent (before PE or before school).

Mobile Phones



If you were lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas, please do not forget to pop into the office to update your contact details or the details of any of your emergency contacts if they have changed.

Attendance and punctuality

Government guidelines are clear concerning school attendance and in particular term time holidays.

Please note that I will not authorise holidays unless for exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately cost or a birthday celebration are not reasons under any circumstance. Please note unauthorised absence – not just for holidays – will incur a penalty notice and a fine. Absence during the statutory assessment period in May will also mean an automatic fine.

School doors open at 8.45 and close at 9.00. All children should be in their classroom and ready to begin the day by 9.00. Lateness is also recorded as unauthorised absence. Make a new years resolution to be on time for school.

Birthday Sweets and Treats

We have a growing number of children with allergies in the school so I would ask you not to send in sweets or other treats on your child's birthday for the rest of the class. It is difficult to monitor which children are able to have them and can lead to disappointment if a child is not permitted to have the treat. Please keep these for birthday parties when parents can monitor what their child is eating.



Service Children

We receive a small amount of additional funding for children whose parents are in the armed forces.

We are required to make a return to the DfE next week and want to ensure that we have the correct names.

If you are a forces family please can you let the school office know by Monday either by popping in or by sending a note with your child which they can deliver to the office for you.

Thank you for your help with this.

Celebration Assembly

Please note that celebration assembly will now be held on **Fridays at 2.30 pm**. Parents are as always welcome to attend.



Tissues Request

It is the coughs and sneezes time of the year and we are getting through a lot of tissues as many children don't seem to have their own. We would be very grateful for any boxes of tissues that can be donated perhaps donate one box from a 2 for 1 offer. If you are able to spare a box please give it to your child's class teacher or leave at the school office. Thank you in advance.