



Knighly News

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Knights Enham Junior School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 3rd October
Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th October
Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th October
School Photos

Friday 20th October
INSET DAY

Monday 30th October
First day back

Thursday 21st
December

Last day of term



Houses of Parliament

On Monday 25th September the year 5/6 school councillors were given the fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

The children and staff were given a fully guided tour of the Houses of Parliament which offer a unique combination of one thousand years of history, modern

day politics, and stunning art and architecture.

Tour highlights included visiting; Westminster Hall, Norman Porch, The Queen's Robing Room, The Royal Gallery, The Prince's Chamber, The Lords Chamber, The Commons Chamber and St Stephen's Hall. Everyone had a great day out learning about politics

and how decisions are made. They all came away with lots of ideas to bring back to our school council meetings and they were a credit to themselves and the school showing exemplary behaviour at all times.

We look forward to working with all school councillors over the course of the year.



Year 5 Planetarium



We were really excited this term to welcome the Winchester Science Centre to our school hall! They took over the whole hall with a giant black dome which we had to climb into. Once inside the dome, we had three amazing presentations which were projected onto the dome's ceiling. The first presentation was shown live by the guide and was all about the stars and planets that we could see from Andover! We were even able to zoom in on one planet that we would be able to see without a telescope.

The next presentation showed us all the constellations in the sky and how these related to all the different star signs. We had no idea that this was where horoscopes came from! After this, they showed us an amazing story of fictional humans living on the moon that visited the earth – we travelled through canyons, rose up through volcanoes and hid from earthquakes!

We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and loved having the chance to be up close with planets and stars. This has really helped our writing as we have written space poems and continuing to learn many interesting facts in our topic lessons.



Good school attendance gives your child the opportunity for success and helps develop skills for life. Your child should attend school every day, unless there is an unavoidable cause like illness. Missing school damages a child's learning and their grades. Missing school regularly could affect your child's chances in life, for example, their ability to get a job or a place at college or university.

Children should never miss school for reasons like shopping, birthdays or to wait in for a delivery. You have a legal duty to ensure that your child attends school every day and is on time. There are 38 weeks in the year when schools are open, and 12 weeks when families can take holidays. Head teachers can only authorise a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. If your child takes unauthorised holidays, has excessive undiagnosed sickness, is persistently late or we have no information as to why they are not in school, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Hampshire County Council could impose sanctions including: You could face a penalty fine, You could be subject to legal action by Hampshire County Council that could result in a fine of up to £2,500. If your child has an unauthorised absence, such as taking holidays during term time, reoccurring lateness, or persistent absence for any reason other than certified illness, the school will refer the matter to Hampshire County Council for consideration of a Penalty Notice and/or Prosecution in the Magistrates' Court which may lead to a criminal record with a maximum fine of £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.



Why are Penalty Notices issued? Parents/carers commit an offence if a child doesn't attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school (unauthorised). In some cases unauthorised absence may result in prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced Penalty Notices as an alternative to prosecution. If paid within deadlines a Penalty Notice does not require a court appearance, but still aims to improve attendance.

How much is a Penalty Notice? £60 per parent/responsible adult, per child if payment is made within 21 days. £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

When will they be used? A Penalty Notice will only be issued when 'unauthorised' absences have been recorded.

If I get a Penalty Notice and don't pay, what happens? You have up to 28 days from receipt to pay the Penalty Notice in full. If full payment is not received within this time Hampshire County Council is required under the Act to commence proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the original offence of unauthorised absence by your child. If proven, this can result in fines of up to £2,500 and/or a range of disposals such as Parenting Orders, Community Sentences and imprisonment. If a parent is found guilty of the aggravated offence of failing to secure regular attendance, the parent will receive a criminal record.

KEJS Book Bulletin

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A New Year of Reading

Welcome to the first *Book Bulletin* of the new academic year! This is where we can update pupils and parents about the exciting reading activities taking place in the *KEJS Library*.

Each week children will have the chance to borrow a book from the *KEJS Library*, to enjoy in the classroom and at home. Thank you in advance for reading daily and making sure books are always brought to school. I will be coming into classrooms every week, awarding prizes to the children that have returned books and read at home.

We think reading at home is a great way to learn new ideas and relax after a busy day. Have Fun!

Mr Parkinson (Discovery Federation Library Manager).

Thank you to everyone that took part in this year's *Summer Reading Challenge*. Lots of pupils helped the *Animal Agents* solve the mystery at *Andover Library* and it was great to see so many medals and certificates in assembly. We hope children have been inspired to continue reading this term!



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Come to the Reading Café

Reading Café is open in the *School Library* from 8.15-8.45am and 3.00-3.30pm. Available to children and their families, it's a great chance to have fun with books.



School Library Online

To learn more about the *School Library*, please visit our Website:

www.kejs.org/school-library
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There are plenty of book suggestions, games to play and top-tips for reading at home!

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Together We Achieve

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web:-
www.kejs.org**

Break-time snacks

We try to promote healthy eating in school and so we ask children to bring in fruit or vegetables as a snack at play-time. **Crisps, sweets and biscuits are not permitted.**



Uniform

We would like to start by saying a big thank you and well done for making such a great and smart start to the new academic year. Please continue to wear full uniform to school including school shoes not trainers please. Also it is important that correct PE kit is worn and in school on the correct days.



Clubs

We offer a range of clubs at school which run throughout the school year. If you have signed up to a club please be prompt each week and let the teacher running the session know if you cannot make it for any reason.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Mirs Pomphrey/ Miss Jones	Lunch time
Tuesday	Dance	Lauren Miss Tarran	3:15—4:15
Tuesday	Upper School Netball	Mr Smith	3.15—4:15
Tuesday	L/S Football	Stow Sports	3:15—4:15
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mr Smith	8:00 am
Wednesday	Upper School Digital Leaders	Mr Mullen	12:30—12:50
Wednesday	Art & Craft	Mrs Cameron & Mrs Nielsen	Lunch drop-in
Wednesday	Games Club	Miss Wells	Lunch drop-in
Wednesday	Chatter Books	Mr Parkinson	3:00—4:00
Wednesday	Cooking club	Mrs Lobb	3:15—4:15
Thursday	Lower School Digital Leaders	Mr Mullen	12:50—1:10
Thursday	Zumba	Mrs Cassidy	Lunch drop-in
Thursday	Cooking Club	Mrs Hampton	3:15—4:15
Thursday	U/S Football	Stow Sports	3:15—4:15
Thursday	Martial Arta	Mark Dixon	3:15—4:15
Friday	Chess Club	Mr Smith	Lunch drop-in