



# Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

18th December 2020

We made it! What a weird and wonderful term.



I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to our Knypersley Family. The staff have adapted and taken on all the changes with gusto and enthusiasm, I am so proud of them all. The children have all worked so hard and made amazing progress despite everything going on around them. They have adapted to the new rules and routines and always seem to have a smile on their faces. Lastly to all of our parents and carers, you have all been so supportive during this. Some of the encouraging emails and messages that the staff have received from you have been so thoughtful and heart felt and it means such a lot to them.



We wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas with your families. Relax and enjoy yourselves. We look forward to seeing you in January. Let's hope that 2021 is a better year for us!



### Knypersley Rocks!

This week's Knypersley Rockstars are.....

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Nursery               | All Nursery Children         |
| Busy Bees             | All of Busy Bees             |
| Creative Caterpillars | All of Creative Caterpillars |
| Class 2               | All of Class 2               |
| Class 3               | All of Class 3               |
| Class 4               | All of Class 4               |
| Class 5               | All of Class 5               |
| Class 6               | All of Class 6               |
| Class 7               | All of Class 7               |
| Class 8               | All of Class 8               |
| Class 9               | All of Class 9               |



### Rockstars spread the love of Christmas

Mrs Goodyear's Rockstars: all the wonderful staff at Knypersley. You have been amazing keeping spirits high throughout the festive period. The children have enjoyed themselves despite the changes! Thank you x

### Reporting positive COVID cases over Christmas

Please can you be aware of the procedures regarding the reporting of any positive COVID cases over the Christmas holidays.

If your child tests positive **up to and including Wednesday 23rd December** you must let us know as the school will be required to provide assistance in identifying close contacts and advising others about self – isolation, this is because your child may have been infectious whilst in school. Therefore, we will remain on call and will be monitoring our emails regularly and ask you to let us know as soon as a positive result is confirmed. You can do this by using the email address [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)

If your child tests positive **AFTER Wednesday 23rd Dec** we ask that you follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. By using the app or going to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youre-contacted-after-testing-positive-for-coronavirus/>

### Attendance

Busy Bees	98.6%	Class 5	100%
Caterpillars	100%	Class 6	100%
Class 2	99.3%	Class 7	96.5%
Class 3	99.3%	Class 8	98.3%
Class 4	100%	Class 9	95.9

Last week's winners Caterpillars, Class 4 and Class 5 and Class 6 with 100%

**FANTASTIC AND WELL DONE**

Last Week's Whole School Attendance – 98.8%

School target — 96.5%



### Attendance

We have decided that due to the unprecedented challenges we have all faced this term it was unfair to provide 100% attendance awards. Overall, the children have done an amazing job attending every day that they possibly could under COVID restrictions. Thank you for your support, understanding and well done to all of the children for doing so well this term!

## Smart Uniform

Smart school uniform will close on **Saturday 19th December 2020** and we will reopen on **Wednesday 30th December 2020**.

Wednesday 30th December: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Thursday 31st December: 10:00am - 3:30pm

Friday 1st January: CLOSED

Saturday 2nd January: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Normal opening hours will resume from Monday 4th January 2020.

Monday - Friday: 09:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday: 09:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday: CLOSED

## Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please apply by completing the form attached to the FSM letter on our website or by clicking the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.asp>



## Celebrate Good Times!

### Worker of the Week

Busy Bees	All of Busy Bees
Creative Caterpillars	All of Creative Caterpillars
Class 2	All of Class 2
Class 3	All of Class 3
Class 4	All of Class 4
Class 5	All of Class 5
Class 6	All of Class 6
Class 7	All of Class 7
Class 8	All of Class 8
Class 9	All of Class 9

### Achiever of the Week

Busy Bees	All of Busy Bees
Creative Caterpillars	All of Creative Caterpillars
Class 2	All of Class 2
Class 3	All of Class 3
Class 4	All of Class 4
Class 5	All of Class 5
Class 6	All of Class 6
Class 7	All of Class 7
Class 8	All of Class 8
Class 9	All of Class 9

## Congratulations

## Have you applied for a place for Reception in 2021?

If you have a child that was born between 01/09/2016—31/08/2017 then they will be starting Reception in September. You need to apply for their school place via the portal even if they are already in our nursery. All admission information can be found here:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

## Exciting news!

Tune in to Radio Stoke on **SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER** between 3pm and 5pm to hear **Knypersley singing Christmas songs!** Thank you to **Den Siegertsz** for organising this wonderful opportunity for us!



## Parent Pay

In line with our debt policy please ensure balances on ParentPay are cleared regularly. If debt exceeds £20.00 you will no longer be eligible to use our facilities until paid e.g. before and after school club and school meals. Our debt policy can be found on our website: <http://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/policies>

If Santa is kind enough to bring any of the parents a new mobile phone for Christmas then please update the office with your new contact details.



## Homework bags and reading books

There feels real uncertainty around schools in January, so as a precaution we have sent home homework bags with books. Can I urge you to check that you can log into teams and your child's email address please.

Fingers crossed we won't need anything!

Staff will be turning their 'out of hours' email responses on tonight. If you need to contact the school please use [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk) or [associate@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:associate@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk).

Many thanks for your support.

We start week 1 of the school dinner menu next week.

