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# Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

19th November 2021

## Diary Dates

26th November 2021

Flu Vaccination Reception to Year 4

26th November 2021

Sponsored events

3rd December 2021

Year 4 Forest School Parent  
Engagement—Letters home today

6th to 9th December 2021

Christmas Nativity Week

11th December 2021

Christmas Lantern Parade-cancelled

13th December 2021

Christmas Lunch

14th and 15th December 2021

Grandparents Singalong

16th December 2021

Termly Reports Sent Out

17th December 2021

School Visit to the Pantomime

Holiday lists and important  
dates have all been updated and  
are available on our website.

Please check our website  
and twitter for more news,  
dates and updates through  
the week at  
@knypersleyFirst or  
ww.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

[www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)

Calendar page

Good afternoon Knypersley! This week has been tough for parents, children and staff, particularly for those families affected by COVID and those working from home. We have pulled together as always and arrived at the weekend with smiles still on our faces. Thank you everyone, your support is much appreciated.

As a school we have moved to the 'supportive controls' measures on our risk assessment which can be found on our website under the COVID tab. Numbers remain high in school, so we ask that you continue to remain vigilant and support us by getting a PCR test if you have symptoms. We are also asking that you use lateral flow tests daily with the children to help to identify positive cases in asymptomatic children.

In other news, we have noticed lots of children with spots today! :-)  
Thank you so much for your kind donations towards Children in Need. Our Just Giving page can be accessed via the link on Twitter if you have not had chance to donate yet and would like to. We will announce the total that we have raised on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe, Mrs Rourke, Mrs Egerton and all the Staff at Knypersley xx



### Attendance

Busy Bees	98.6%	Class 5	89.3%
Caterpillars	97.1%	Class 6	98.0%
Class 2	97.0%	Class 7	93.8%
Class 3	96.8%	Class 8	98.5%
Class 4	98.6%	Class 9	99.3%

Week Commencing 8th November 2021

Class Busy Bees and Class 4 with 98.6%

Whole School Attendance 96.2%

School target — 96.5%

## Reception Open Morning



Unfortunately due to a rise in cases in school, we have sadly taken the decision to postpone our Nursery and Reception open morning for our new parents.

We have set a new date for our open morning and this will now take place on Thursday, 13th January 2022 at 9.30am.

If you would like to book a place for this visit then please email [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)

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



## Knypersley Virtual PTFA AGM



We will be holding  
our PTFA AGM on Tuesday  
23rd November at 6pm on  
Teams.

If you are currently a member  
of the PTFA and wish to join us,  
please email  
[admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)  
so that we can email you the  
link to the meeting.

## Celebrate Good Times!

### Achiever of the Week

Busy Bees	All of Busy Bees
Caterpillars	All of Caterpillars
Class 2	Leo Buyuckepal
Class 3	All of Class 3
Class 4	George Donnelly
Class 5	Alfie Monticelli
Class 6	Freddie Monticelli
Class 7	Niall Hughes
Class 8	Scarlett Baker
Class 9	Rosie Wood

Congratulations

## Knypersley Rockstars

**This week Rockstars say 'No' to bullying!**

Thank you so much for making Knypersley the best place to be!

Nursery	Poppy Beresford & Grace Jones
Class 2	Anthony Douglas
Class 4	Freyja Byrne
Class 5	Summer Bullock-Cowan
Class 6	All of Class 6
Class 7	Elliott Johnson
Class 8	Fletcher Galley
Class 9	Evie Mosson



## Author of the Week

Class 2	Ibrahim Yasin
Class 4	Matilda Siegertsz
Class 5	Lewis Lally
Class 6	Daisy Dutton
Class 7	Oscar Booth
Class 8	Sam Chandler
Class 9	Toby Dickenson



### Sponsored Events

Last week your child should have brought home a sponsor form and letter to give details of the activities that each class have voted to complete on the morning of 26th November.

The activities for each class are as follows...

Please support us as best you can to raise lots of money for our PTFA.



Our just giving page is now live ready for your kind donations  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/knypersley-first?utm\\_id=60&utm\\_term=aJ2xGmBNN](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/knypersley-first?utm_id=60&utm_term=aJ2xGmBNN)

Early Years	Sponsored Singathon
Year One	Sponsored Walk
Year Two	Sponsored Circuits
Year Three	Sponsored Penalty Shoot Out
Year Four	Sponsored Run

### House Points

#### Congratulations to Water

<b>Fire</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Air</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>Earth</b>	<b>202</b>

Keep up the good work everyone!

### Staffordshire County Council Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Department for Education have funded winter holiday activities and a food programme. It's free for children aged 5-16 years old who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

If your child is eligible Staffordshire County Council will write to those parent/carers with a unique code to register your interest.

Registration will go live on 29th November at 7pm and will close once eligible places have been filled.

To avoid disappointment you will need to register and book via [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

### Proposed Admission Arrangements for Knypersley First School 2023/2024

The Children's First Learning Partnership would like to hear your views on it's proposed admission arrangements for our school for 2023/2024.

We would like to confirm there are no changes proposed to the admission arrangements and that we are merely consulting as it has been some time since we heard your views.

Your opinions are important to us and we are keen to hear views before they are formally approved.

The consultation will close on 6th January 2022.

A full copy of the proposed admission arrangements are available on our website.

Any comments should be sent to Mrs N Smith, Knypersley First School, Newpool Road, Knypersley, ST8 6NN or via email [office@childrenfirstlp.org.uk](mailto:office@childrenfirstlp.org.uk)

### Children In Need



The children have enjoyed lots of fun activities today supporting BBC Children in Need.

Congratulations to our winners of the raffle prizes. So far we have raised £298.40 from our fundraising. We would like to say a big thank you for your continued support.





## It's time to mention Christmas!

### Christmas Performances

We are pleased to inform you that we are hoping to be able to invite you to watch our Christmas performances this year! They will be performed



during the week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Again, sorry to mention it, but this will depend on covid cases nearer the time. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter as keeping everyone safe is our priority.

To keep us all safe, we shall be putting on two performances of each play, these will take place as morning, afternoon or evening performances. Numbers will be limited for each performance to 120 and two tickets will be allocated to each family.

Nursery and Reception will be performing **Wriggly Nativity**

Year 1 will be performing **Mary's Knitting**

Year 2 will be performing **Prickly Hay**

Year 3 will be performing **Baubles**

Year 4 will be performing **Christmas Extravaganza**

Further information about the arrangements for each performance will be sent out soon with a reply slip to request tickets for your chosen performance. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

- Monday, 6th December **Year 4 Performances**-2pm and 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 7th December **Nursery and Reception Performance** -9.30am
- Tuesday, 7th December **Year 2 Performance** -6.30pm
- Wednesday, 8th December **Year 2 Performance** 9.30am,
- Wednesday, 8th December **Nursery and Reception Performance**-2pm
- Wednesday, 8th December **Year 1 Performance**-6.30pm
- Thursday, 9th December **Year 1 Performance**-9.30am
- Thursday, 9th December **Year 3 Performance**-2pm
- Thursday, 9th December **Year 3 Performance**-6.30pm



### Message from Biddulph Town Council

It is with great sadness that we have taken the decision to cancel the **Altogether Singalong Parade** on 11th December.

Government guidance has been revised regarding the running of events and due to the this a number of events that had been planned have now had to be cancelled.

Stringent Covid measures were put into place but even with this in mind we don't feel able to mitigate all the risks.

Following on from this decision the school have also taken the decision to cancel the **Lantern Workshop** that we had planned on the 26th November.

We apologise for this and thank you for your support.

### Christmas Raffle!

On Friday, 3rd December we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for items that can be used in our Christmas hampers.

Raffle tickets will be sold at our Christmas performances for a chance to win!

We kindly ask for the following items...

Early Years-sweets

Years 1 and 2-chocolates

Years 3 and 4-bottles

Thank you in advance!



### Its Pantomime time! Oh yes it is!



Exciting news! We will be having a special treat on the last day of term this year, as we will be visiting **The Mitchell Arts Centre** to watch **Dick Whittington**.

Letters will follow next week. The cost of the trip is £10 per child which can be paid on ParentPay from today. Please remember to click to give your permission for your child to attend.

We would also like to give a huge 'Thank you' to our PTFA who have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the coaches.

The Mitchell Arts Centre

### Dates for your diary...

- 10th December **Nurse and Reach for the Stars Christmas Visit from a Magician**
- 13th December **Christmas Lunch**—Menu has been emailed via ParentPay and needs to be pre-ordered no later than the 8th December.
- 14th and 15th December **Grandparents Singalong**
- 17th December **Years R-4 Panto visit**





# Knypersley First School

NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN MORNING!

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

## BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

## SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

## HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite: the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time: this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**