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Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

17th December 2021

Diary Dates

4th January 2022

School Reopens to staff and pupils

13th January 2022

Reception Open Morning—9.30am

8th February 2022

Safer Internet Day

9th February 2022

Young Voices Concert-
POSTPONED

Week Commencing 14th
February 2022

Faith in Focus Week

18th February 2022

Finish for Half Term

28th February 2022

Inset Day

1st March 2022

Pupils return after half term

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

www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

Calendar page

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

"Well I wish it could be Christmas everyday!"

It is the end of a very busy term and we would like to thank you for all your help and support, we couldn't do it without you!

We've been super festive all week with our delicious Christmas lunch, naughty elf tricks, and fun filled Christmas parties. We even had a surprise visit from the big man in red too!

We've had an amazing time at the Mitchell Arts Centre today for the pantomime. The children were impeccably well behaved and a fabulous time was had by all.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all of our parents, carers, children and staff a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2022, Mrs Rourke and Mrs Egerton xx



School re-opens to staff and children on
TUESDAY 4th January 2022 at 8.45am.



Attendance



Busy Bees	98.0%	Class 5	98.0%
Caterpillars	94.4%	Class 6	94.3%
Class 2	96.5%	Class 7	100%
Class 3	96.3%	Class 8	100%
Class 4	97.5%	Class 9	97.6%

Congratulations to Class 7 & 8 who have achieved 100% attendance for the week!

Week Commencing 6th December 2021

Whole School Attendance 97.3%

School target — 96.5%

Thank you for your support with attendance at this difficult time. Well done everyone!!

Recent guidance suggests we may well return in January to a hugely challenging rise in cases of covid, by which time the Omicron variant will be dominant source. This variant spreads quickly. With this in mind please keep a look out for emails and texts on Monday 3rd January, just in case of any changes to our outbreak management plan and day to day routines.

Meanwhile, we know the following actions can prevent the spread and effects of covid:

Wearing a mask, being fully vaccinated including a booster jab, good ventilation, thorough cleaning, handwashing and the use of hand sanitiser, social distancing and also following the 'catch it, bin it kill it' advice when using tissues.

If your child has covid on 3rd Jan and will not therefore return on 4th January please can you

email admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk so we can begin to gain an up to date picture of cases. Similarly, if your child tests positive over the weekend (18th and 19th Dec) please can you email us via the same email so that we can inform all close contacts. Please do not email your homework emails as they will not be monitored.

We start week 2 of the school dinner menu in the New Year.



Reminder about Parentpay

As we now approach the end of this term. We would like to give a polite reminder about any outstanding balances on your child's ParentPay account.



If we could encourage that any outstanding balances are brought up to date as soon as possible it would be appreciated.

Celebrate Good Times!

Achiever of the Week

Busy Bees	Logan Clowes
Caterpillars	Sienna Williamson
Class 2	Ethan Wilcox
Class 3	Harrison Durose
Class 4	All of Class 4
Class 5	Jay Morris
Class 6	Isabelle Baskeyfield
Class 7	Ellie-Mae Cowdrey
Class 8	Oscar Harrison
Class 9	Hollie-Mai Tilstone

Congratulations

Knypersley Rockstars

This week Rockstars spread the love of Christmas!

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

Nursery	All of Nursery
Busy Bees	Jasmine Jones
Caterpillars	Emilie Broughton
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



Author of the Week

Class 2	Amelia Woolliscroft
Class 3	Polly Shufflebotham
Class 4	All of Class 4
Class 5	Henry Parker
Class 6	Nel Wright
Class 7	Amelia Jacques
Class 8	Scarlett Baker & Izzi Daniels
Class 9	Lisa Giles



Emailing Staff over the Festive Period



We have now reached the Christmas holidays and all our Knypersley family are in need of a well earned festive break.

Staff will now be closing down their emails until they return on the 4th January 2022. We would kindly ask that you only email the office should you need to report a positive Covid case, any other queries will not be dealt with until we all come back to school.

I hope you understand that this festive break is needed and thank you for your continued support over this busy and again difficult time.

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

From the 10th January 2022 when the children return after the Christmas break Year 1 children will swim every Monday afternoon. So please ensure they have their swimming kits with them every week.

House Points



Congratulations to Earth

Fire	192	Water	199
Air	229	Earth	232

Keep up the good work everyone!

PTFA Meeting



We will be holding our next PTFA meeting on Thursday 13th January 2022. Further details will follow when we return after Christmas. Our PTFA wish all our Knypersley family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Important Young Voices Announcement



We understand that during the rising tension around the Omicron variant and the outlook for January that there are questions being raised regarding Young Voices 2022.

As always, our priority here at Young Voices is the health, both physical and mental, of our children, teachers and the families who attend our concerts. It is therefore our decision to postpone all of our concerts to Spring/Summer 2022.

We tried so hard to give this every opportunity to go ahead but we had to make this decision in the end and as a result we would also like to apologise for not being able to make the call any sooner.

We are currently working hard alongside our venues to make sure all of our original dates can be accommodated within this new timeframe and we will be in touch early next year with your new concert date. All ticket orders will be transferable and remain valid for these new dates and t-shirt orders will continue to be processed as usual.

Reception Starters 2022

The applications for Reception places in September 2022 will open on 1st November.

Applications can be made online - www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Please ensure all applications are made by 15th January 2022 and your child will receive an offer of a reception place on National Offer Day 18th April 2022.

All the information you need about the admissions process within Staffordshire is available on our web pages. Please feel free to share this information with any prospective parents.



Children First Learning Partnership

Autumn Update 2021



Our multi academy trust has been busy this term helping our schools to keep all 1323 children and 190 staff safe, happy and well supported.

This term we have:

Given back to all of its schools over £210,520 to spend on items such as IT, their buildings, staff training or other capacity adding projects.

Provided headship capacity to Knypersley First School and Castlechurch Primary to make sure both schools continue to develop and grow.

Provided a wide range of training and coaching to our leaders and governors.

Completed a full financial audit with flying colours – well done to our Chief Finance Officer Mr Howard and his office teams!

Supported many staff in all of our schools to work together, moderating, attending network meetings, supporting or just simply providing advice, opinions and supportive messages- this is an absolute strength of our MAT. *"Leadership and training opportunities provided by the MAT have enabled me to share good practice, enter in to professional discussions and learn from other knowledgeable practitioners. As a result, I feel I have developed as a leader and in turn teaching & learning practice has too."* Amy Walker (maths and science leader).

Submitted 4 substantial CIF bids (2 for Castlechurch, 1 for Kingsfield and 1 for Oxhey) for further heating, roofing and electrical work totalling over £2.5 million pounds!

Provided a £25,000 CFLP capacity improvement bid to Oxhey- this allowed the school to improve the capacity of its ICT infrastructure in order to be able to provide a high quality computing curriculum.

Collaboration
Honesty
Inspiration
Leadership
Democracy
Respect
Equality
Nurture

Provided a well being package for all staff.

We hope you find this information useful in getting to know how our multi academy trust works. If you would like to find out more please visit www.childrenfirstlp.org.uk. If you feel you would like to join our director team please email ceo@childrenfirstlp.org.uk.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas we look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Mrs A Rourke CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership.