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Knypersley News

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26th November 2021

Diary Dates

3rd December 2021

Year 4 Forest School Parent Engagement—Letter sent home

6th to 9th December 2021

Christmas Nativity Week

13th December 2021

Christmas Lunch

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.

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

It has been a super busy week at Knypersley this week! The children have enjoyed learning about a different geographer per year group as part of Geography Week. And the corridors have been filled with the sound of children learning the words to the songs for their Christmas Performances—very exciting!

We were also very honoured to be asked to open the new Biddulph Aldi—our Community Kids once again made us very proud! On top of this we had Olympic Gold medallist Joe Clarke in school to deliver a virtual assembly, sharing his inspirational story of his canoeing success. We've shared a few photos on the back page in case you missed our post on Twitter.

Once again we'd like to thank you for your continued support at this difficult time. Our cases remain high, but they are steadying off which shows the impact of our risk assessments and your support. Please continue to remain vigilant to limit further spread.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Rourke, Mrs Egerton and all the Knypersley Team xx



Attendance

Busy Bees	100%	Class 5	85.0%
Caterpillars	100%	Class 6	95.2%
Class 2	86.9%	Class 7	99.2%
Class 3	N/A	Class 8	100%
Class 4	99.6%	Class 9	93.5%

Week Commencing 15th November 2021

Whole School Attendance 94.6%

School target — 96.5%

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

Message from Early Years Team



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 know someone that would be interested in attending please ask them to book their place by emailing admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

We also still have some places available for our nursery for a January 2022 start.

If you would like your child to join us in January or know a parent/carer who may be interested, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

We start week 2 of the school dinner menu next week.



Sponsored Events

Your child has taken part in their sponsored events throughout the day today. Please help us to raise lots of money by donating what you can. So far we have raised **£485.00**.

You can also use the following link to donate on line

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/knypersley-st?utm_id=60&utm_term=mxAQpKjGW

Celebrate Good Times!

Achiever of the Week

Busy Bees	Lucas Morris
Caterpillars	Hollie-Mae Ball
Class 2	All of Class 2
Class 3	Sienna Taylor
Class 4	Buster Murfin
Class 5	Harper Stanier
Class 6	Mia Hepworth
Class 7	Lydia Capon
Class 8	Oliver Goodwin
Class 9	Alexis Willcocks

Congratulations

Knypersley Rockstars

This week Rockstars can be inspired by others!

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

Nursery	Cleo Powell & Evelyn Johnson
Busy Bees	Isla Bosson
Caterpillars	Ruari Rock
Class 2	Amelia Woolliscroft
Class 3	Neo Harrison
Class 4	Archie Reynolds
Class 5	Toby Gayle
Class 6	Ava Mountford
Class 7	Ellie-Mae Cowdrey
Class 8	Harley Whiting
Class 9	William Roberts



PTFA AGM Meeting

We would like to say a massive Knypersley 'Thank You' to all our parents that attended our virtual PTFA meeting on Tuesday.



We would like to introduce the following parents who have kindly volunteered to oversee the running of our PTFA going forward.

Mrs Reeves—Chair

Mrs Mosson and Mrs Spencer—Vice Chair

Miss Porter—Treasurer

Mrs Taylor—Secretary

We have pencilled in lots of exciting events over the coming year to raise lots of money for our school—watch this space for more details!

The PTFA support our school in so many ways and we would like to say a big thank you for this.

Author of the Week

Class 2	Henry Griffiths
Class 3	Freddie Vaughan
Class 4	Lexi James
Class 5	Sam Bloor
Class 6	Hattie Chaddock
Class 7	Ashleigh Elliott
Class 8	Charlie Griffiths
Class 9	Emily Simpson



House Points

Congratulations to Water

Fire	300	Water	314
Air	289	Earth	268

Keep up the good work everyone!

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

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

Children In Need



Thank you to all of our Knypersley family for your kind donations for Children in Need last week.

The children had so much fun and we can now announce that as a school we have raised **£309.40**.

Thank you for all your support at this difficult time.

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 6th 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 reduced from our previous years for each performance 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 has been sent home with your child today.

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



Grandparents Singalong

It is with great disappointment that we have decided to cancel the grandparents Singalong for this year.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but feel that this is the right decision at this time.



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.

The cost of the trip is £10 per child which can be paid on ParentPay. 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.

Mitchell Arts Centre

Dates for your diary...

- 10th December **Nursery 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.
- 17th December **Years R-4 Panto visit**



