

15/11/2024



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so it begins... we are entering Winter/ Christmas preparation, this year already feels like it is going by so fast (must be all of the fun we are having together). Next Friday we will be holding our annual Winter Markets, the markets will open from 3:30pm—we cannot wait to see you all there. A huge thank you to the PTFA who yet again have planned and prepared for weeks/ months to ensure the markets are a huge success.

Today a letter regarding Year 1—Year 4 Panto visit has been sent via Arbor and payment has been added to your child's Parent Pay account. If you require support with accessibility please feel free to contact the school.

This week we have welcomed many parents/ carers into school to take part in workshops (Year 2 and Year 4) and to also view our school in the hopes for their little ones to attend in the future. The prospective parents/ carers all commented on the exceptional behaviour of our children and welcoming feeling the school has—we tend to agree!

Thank you for your support with Anti-Bullying week, the children have learnt about respect and celebrating differences and how our unique qualities are a strength rather than a weakness. A huge thank you to our Knypersley Knights and Mrs Jervis who planned activities and a fantastic assembly to increase engagement and understanding for all our pupils (see Facebook for updates from throughout the week).

Next Thursday, (21st Nov @ 9:15am) we will be hosting our second SEND coffee morning—all are welcome. We will be joined by Kate Oliver—EY area SENDco. Please call the school office to book your place—01782 973810.

Finally, I hope you have all enjoyed the launch last week of our School Newsround hosted by our House Captains and Vice Captains. We thought they did an amazing job and cannot wait for many more additions throughout the year.

Thank you all,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley



Important dates coming soon...

22/11/2024

Christmas Markets

WB 25/11/2024

Faith in Focus Week

29/11/2024 Fay's Dance Show—3:55pm

4/12/24

Big Heart Quiz night 5pm-6pm

6/12/24

Year 4 Forest School engagement **Class 8—9.30am / Class 9—1.30pm**

All above dates are taken directly from our school calendar. If you would like to see events past the dates listed above please visit our [school webpage](#)—calendar.

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Busy Bees	92.7%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	94.6%
Class 4	95.6%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	97.2%
Class 7	97%
Class 8	97.9%
Class 9	92.7%



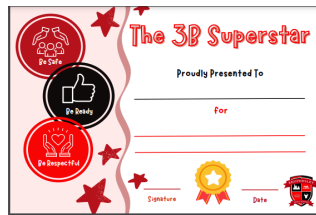
This Week's winner is: **Class 8**

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**
This week, our school attendance was: **95.2%**



Please follow the following link <https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/> to find our school lunch menu.
On our return we will be following **week 3** of the new **Sept-Feb** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations



Class 2- Ayeza

Class 3- Leo

Class 4- Olivia

Class 5- Ava

Class 6- Thea

Class 7- Rio

Class 8- Jenson

Class 9- Jack

Nursery- Rosie

Creative Caterpillars- Milly

Busy Bees- Poppy

Class 2- Oscar

Class 3- Logan

Class 4- Willow

Class 5- Louie

Class 6- Ava M

Class 7- Esra

Class 8- Joshua

Class 9- Payton

Nursery- Isabella

Creative Caterpillars- Ruby

Busy Bees- Isabelle

Class 2- Lily

Class 3- Aria

Class 4- Harper

Class 5- Leo

Class 6- Leila

Class 7- Sienna

Class 8- Ethan

Class 9- Nancy



House Points



Achievements Outside of School...





Knypersley in the Spotlight...

Admission
open for
2025

Reception and Year 4
Middle School Places



The application process for a reception or junior/middle school place for September 2025 will open on 01 November 2024.

The closing date is 15 January 2025.

#WakeUpWednesday

#WakeUpWednesday aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

Relevant to all parents and educators, from early years through to secondary school, our #WakeUpWednesday resources can be accessed both on desktop and via our #WakeUpWednesday app, providing instant and easy access to world-class expertise in the areas they need the most anytime, anywhere.

<https://nationalcollege.com/webinars/wellness-apps>

This week I would like to direct your attention to information regarding Wellness and apps to support with this.

Christmas At Knypersley

Christmas/ Winter events at Knypersley are fast approaching and will begin with our Winter Markets on Friday 22nd November.

We uploaded all key dates and events at the beginning of the school year to our school calendar and encourage you to take a look over them to best support planning.

You will find on ParentPay today Year 1 to Year 4 parents will have received information regarding our annual Panto visit and payment.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for all of their support with events and also with fundraising to reduce costs for trips and special events in school.

Faith in Focus Week 2024

Faith and Focus, is the week commencing **25th November**. Faith in Focus week is a great opportunity for pupils to engage further in the RE curriculum and to build relationships with the faiths in their community. Our overall intent for RE is to recognise uniqueness, be inclusive, engage and inspire, promote aspiration and create citizens of the future. We are looking for any volunteers during this week, who would be willing to share their faith with Knypersley First School pupils, to promote our intended outcomes. If you would be interested in sharing your faith with our pupils, please reach out to Miss Massey via Arbor. This could be coming into school, recording a video message or sharing faith artifacts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Remembrance Day

A huge thank you to everyone who came to represent Knypersley First School on Sunday in Biddulph during the annual Remembrance Day Parade.

We were so very proud of you all, you represented the school fantastically well.



Attendance at Knypersley First School

At Knypersley First School we are committed to working together to ensure all pupils receive the best education possible and to enable them to make progress and do as well as they can. For this to happen, pupils need to be in school to access the valuable teaching and learning opportunities. [Please read our school attendance policy to find out more.](#)

Registration Reminders

	Opens	Closes
Morning	8:45am	9:15am
Afternoon	1pm	1:30pm

(recorded at late)

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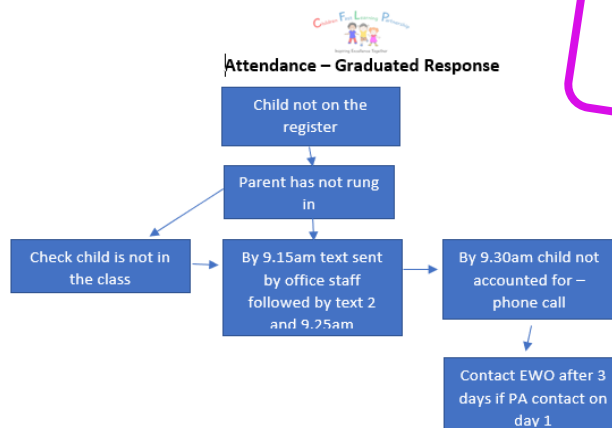
If a pupil is absent from school, we ask parents to:

- Contact the school office by 8:45am on the first morning of absence.
- Reply promptly to any request or inquiry concerning an absence.

If parents do not contact the school on the morning of the first day of absence, a member of the administration staff will try to contact them to find out the reason for absence.

This ensures that the parent is aware their child is not in school enabling the parent, where necessary, to establish that their child is safe. The school may also ask the EWO from VIP Education to establish contact either by telephone, text message or a home visit may be completed. If a reason is still not known after 5 school days, the absence will be unauthorised.

Our attendance system is based upon a graduated response. This response is to ensure you gain notice and support to ensure your child's attendance



Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfES)



National or Above	96.4-93%	93-90%	Below 90%
Letter 5 (sent when back to above National expectation) Pencils End of term certificate	Register inspection Letter 1 home Class teacher 'we miss you texts' Offer support to improve attendance Phone conversation with parent	Letter 2 sent home Continue to offer support Request medical evidence Offer to administer medicine at school Head to ring parents Class teacher sending 'excited for the week ahead/ well done for a brilliant week' text	Letter 3 sent home Referred to EWO Office to share attendance breakdown with class teachers Persistent Absence Attendance clinic Home visit Referral to Local Authority-fines?
Office, Head & Class Teacher	Office & Class Teacher	Office, Head & Class Teacher	Office, Head, Class Teacher & EWO
Improving Attendance (at any point within the cycle)			
Letter 4 sent home (when signs of improving attendance) Postcard for improving attendance			
Head & Class Teacher			

We are proud to be a part of the Raising Little Heroes Campaign...

We are proud to be part of the Little Heroes Campaign here at Knypersley First School. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the children to the Heroes campaign and modelling activities that could be used to support them in understanding the importance of school attendance but also offering advice and guidance on how to manage worries together.

For more information please visit our [school attendance page](#) or the [Little Heroes Campaign](#) site.

Make every day count

Regularly being absent from school can lead to a significant loss of learning opportunities, potentially putting your child at a disadvantage later in life.

- If your child has 95% attendance, which means 9 days off school, it can significantly affect their performance, making it unlikely they will meet the expected standards in reading, writing, and maths.
- If your child has 90% attendance, missing 19 days of school, this can cause your child's academic performance to drop by up to 50%.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which equals this many lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

The Department for Education is introducing important changes regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

The changes to the National Framework for Penalty Notices mean that parents will face stricter rules regarding their child's school attendance.

These changes are designed to ensure children attend school regularly and parents take greater responsibility for their child's education. To find out more about these changes, visit: www.gov.uk



Raising Little Heroes

HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME

SCAN ME



Supporting parents to help their child to attend school every day

Helpful Heroes



Every hero has worries, but together we can manage them.



School attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life. It will also give your child the opportunity to:

- Make friends and improve social interaction
- Learn new things and develop skills
- Increase confidence and self-esteem
- Have better career prospects
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations

Absences

Did you know? Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend school regularly can:

- Struggle to achieve well in exams
- Fall behind in class
- Find it difficult to maintain friendships
- Miss out on important and fun opportunities

What if my child doesn't want to go to school?

Some children are reluctant to attend school or look to their parents to provide them with an excuse. Never give in to pressure to let a child stay off school, it may make things worse.

If you are experiencing problems, talking to your child's school is the best place to start. Don't be afraid to contact your child's teacher or head teacher - communicating is the first step to addressing the issue. Most problems can be resolved once the school is made aware of the situation.

What is the Little Heroes campaign?

We understand that for many families, getting their children to attend school can be a real challenge, and many children face significant barriers.

Staffordshire County Council have launched their school attendance campaign to support and encourage regular school attendance, with a strong focus on emotional health support.

Our Little Heroes campaign focuses the message:

HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME



Around your child's school, you may spot creative Little Hero on display to remind and motivate pupils, as well as sticker charts and certificates to reward pupils that are leading by example and to create a fun and engaging attendance activity in the classroom.

To find out more about the campaign, please visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes

Helpful Heroes

For pupils that are struggling with their emotional health, we have created a 'Helpful Heroes' workbook to understand children's barriers to avoiding school and to help manage their worries through a book full of mindfulness activities, suitable for their age group.

If you feel your child could benefit from one of our Helpful Heroes workbooks, please speak to their teacher.



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160



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+ £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1

Day =

2

Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Exciting Events!

AT KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL

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Designed at Knypersley First School

Order personalised Christmas cards as well as unique gifts and keepsakes printed with your child's Christmas design!

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JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS MARKET

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
3:30PM ONWARDS

The PTFA have been working hard to ensure that the Christmas Markets are a huge success! They would like to share a selection of the stalls that will be participating on the day...

This year there will be 9 independent stalls a few new faces and returning ones to!

Alongside the market stalls will be a wide variety of games, craft activities and many more exciting events!

Stalls will be priced at 50p, £1 or £1.50. Where possible please support staff by having the correct change available for payment. There will also be contactless payment codes available too!

Knypersley's Autumn Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4