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Dear Families,

At KWPS, we firmly believe that the strongest outcomes for children are achieved when school and families work together within our school community, it really does make a huge difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child can be the best they can be.

'Belong, Believe, Be the Best You Can Be'

School Council Representatives

I am delighted to announce our new School Council members: Amelie, Ivy, Riley, Sergio, Brooke, Jack, Theo, Oliver, Jacob and Alisa. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward and spoke confidently about why they wanted to represent their classmates. Being a School Councillor is an important responsibility. Our representatives will help to share pupils' views, contribute to school improvement and help make positive changes across our school community. I know they will do an excellent job because they have already demonstrated leadership, responsibility and a genuine desire to make KWPS an even better place to learn. Congratulations to all of our new School Council members!

Outdoor Play Project

Our exciting outdoor play project is beginning to take shape, and the children are already enjoying the new opportunities available to them. Please take a moment to talk to your child about playing respectfully with others, sharing equipment fairly and tidying away equipment when they have finished. To help us keep everyone safe and ensure equipment remains in good condition, children must not use the outdoor play equipment before or after the school day.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child brings a bike or scooter to school, it must be put away carefully and tidily. Unfortunately, several bikes and scooters were left across the playground today and had to be moved and tidied away. From now on, Key Stage 2 pupils should store their bikes and scooters in the designated space between the staffroom and the cricket club.

Reading at Home

Reading at home remains one of the most important things parents can do to support their child's education. Regular reading helps children to develop vocabulary, improve comprehension, build confidence and support learning across all curriculum areas. Even just a few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference. Alongside reading, children should also be learning their WOW words and spellings at home each week. Regular practise helps children become more confident readers and writers.





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Take 10 to Read – World Mental Health Day

To mark World Mental Health Day on 10th October, we are encouraging families to join the National Year of Reading's Take 10 to Read initiative. At 10 o'clock on 10th October, why not take 10 minutes to enjoy reading together? Whether it's a favourite storybook, magazine, comic, audiobook or newspaper, reading can help us relax, boost our mood and take a break from the busy day. Research shows that children who read for pleasure benefit from improved wellbeing, greater confidence, stronger academic achievement and healthier lifestyles. Encouraging a love of reading from an early age can help children feel happier, more successful and more connected to the world around them.

Open Day Success

Our recent Open Day was a huge success. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families into our school. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with families commenting on how amazing, warm and friendly our school community is. As Headteacher, this made me incredibly proud. I was especially proud of our Rowan Class tour guides, who represented the school brilliantly. They were polite, confident, knowledgeable and truly demonstrated what it means to be the best they can be.

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you telephone the school absence line as soon as possible. Prompt communication helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for.

Ordering School Meals

Please can all parents ensure that school meals are ordered for the upcoming half term. We continue to have children arriving at school without meals having been ordered. This creates significant difficulties for both the office staff and our catering team. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure meal choices are submitted in advance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from the EYFS Team

If your child brings a snack into school, please ensure that it is a piece of fruit. Alternatively, parents can order snack through Parent Pay. Please note that biscuits, cakes and chocolate items are **not permitted** at snack time. If children bring in unhealthy snacks, it will be returned to you at home time and a piece of fruit will be offered at break time. Thank you for helping us promote healthy eating habits with our youngest learners.

Young Voices Opportunity

We have three additional places available for Young Voices. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in an unforgettable musical experience, performing as part of one of the largest children's choirs in the world. If your child is interested in taking up one of these remaining places, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



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Reminder - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we want all children to know that there is always someone who will listen and help. If your child is in KS2, please ask them about their helping hand.

Breakfast and After School Club Reminder

For the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, parents and carers **must sign children in and out** of Breakfast Club and After School Club. This procedure helps us ensure that every child arrives safely and leaves safely with an authorised adult. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

ANOTHER request from Mrs Pye

Please complete the consent forms as requested on Class Dojo by Mrs Pye. Still only 90 of our families have completed them so far.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ga8U6bj0qF>

Rowan Class Journalists: Mason and Amelia

On Tuesday we had our Open Day and lots of parents came in to see our school. It was great to see so many new friends! Maple Class have been doing freeze frames in English to show feelings and emotions of different characters. In Cherry Class, the children have been performing their Iron Man dance in their PE sessions, it looked so fun! Willow Class have been making their own switches to create electrical circuits in science. It sounds exciting this week in Cedar Class, they have been making clay tiles and focusing on their pattern designs. Apple Class have been improving their drawing skills by walking around the school and drawing what they can see. What a busy week!

Class with the best attendance: Cedar Class will receive the attendance reward this week

Class with the most Dojo Points: Elm Class, well done! They will have five minutes extra play time on Monday.

Above and Beyond: Rowan Class Tour Guides

Stars of the Week: Dolly Waite, Bobbie Rowlands, Beatrice Brown, Polina Kolosova, Luna Painter, Aurora Wright, Mason Hall

Thoughts for the weekend... *'True beauty is not about how you look but about being kind, helping others and doing the right thing every day.'*

Dates for your diary

13/10/26 - Hockey Festival (Y5/6)

22/10/26 - Halloween Disco

23/10/26 - Finish for Half Term

2/11/26 – INSET day





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3/11/26 – Tempest Photography

6/11/26 – Book Fair begins

17&24/11/26 - Bikeability

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J. Smethurst

