



19th July 2020

Dear Parents

I must begin my final newsletter of this academic year by saying a **heartfelt thank you to every member of our school family**. These have clearly been unprecedented times. Together we have faced many challenges and although we have often been working in isolation, in many ways we have never felt closer to our school community.

I have been blown away by the creativity of our parents who have supported their children so amazingly well during the last 3 months. It has been lovely to see the wide range of skills and activities that our children have enjoyed in addition to their home learning. Thank you so much for doing such a wonderful job!

I am so proud of all our pupils, both the children who have come into school and adapted so well to the `new` version of school life and the children who have continued to work hard at home. Please tell them how brilliant they have been.

Thank you to all our Governors for their support and advice with all the risk assessments and planning this term.

Finally, I must say a huge thank you to my staff who remained so positive in the face of so many changes and challenges over the last 3 months whilst also managing their own families! We have had lots of lovely comments about how supportive the staff and school have been – thank you so much – it means such a lot.

Goodbye and Good luck to Our Leavers

I am so proud of our Y6 class, both those in school and those still working from home, who stayed so positive right to the end. Clearly, the current circumstances curtailed many of our traditional Y6 leavers` activities. Despite this, they entered into everything we could provide with enthusiasm. I am delighted that we managed to access a photographer who produced a `class` photo even though every child`s photograph had been taken separately. Thank you to the parents who brought their child in so that every single member of our Y6 class could be on the photo. Even though it rained on the final afternoon, the children still enjoyed a socially distanced party on the field. Thank you to Mrs Lewthwaite for the time and planning she put in to making everything as special as possible.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils every happiness and success in the next stage of their education. They should be so proud of all that they have achieved during their time at KWPS. We will miss them next year but hope that once life is back to `normal` they will be able to pop into school to visit us. I`d also like to say a fond farewell to their families, some of whom have been associated with our school for over 14 years. We will miss you but would love to welcome you back to some of our PTFA events.

Transition

Thank you to everyone who joined in our transition zoom calls. Please don`t worry if your child didn`t get chance to join us, as we have added videos to our website of the class teachers in Years 1-5 reading a story, so your child can still familiarise themselves with their new teacher. These can be found under `Learning`, `Year Group` then `What Are We Learning` sections. We have also added a transition video to the 2 year groups with the biggest transition: Year R to Year 1 where Mrs Culshaw and Mrs Coxon have shared

information for parents and then photographs for the children; Year 2 for Year 3 where Miss Fiddler and Mrs Eccles has shared information and photographs for the children.

These videos are something your child may wish to watch towards the end of the Summer holidays in preparation for their return to school. I will also send detailed `guidelines` at the end of August about the return to school which I would be grateful if you could share with your child.

End of Year Reports

As I mentioned last week, the teachers have prepared end of year reports for all our children. Thank you to all the infant parents who popped into school to collect them on Friday. School will be open all day on **Monday 20th 10.00am – 4.30pm and Tuesday 21st from 9.30 – 12.30pm** if you are able to pop into collect your child`s reports. It will be lovely to see you. Any reports not collected will be posted home.

School Uniform

We have been informed that the uniform shop in Kirkham is now open from 9.30am – 4.00pm for general purchases. If customers need to exchange or collect any items, they can do so between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. They will be opening 5 days a week from Monday to Saturday (Closed Tuesdays ,Sundays and Bank Holidays). In August they will be open on Tuesdays too. They are encouraging those who are NOT new starters, to order online if this is possible. Their website is www.ualonline.com.

School ties will be available to purchase via ParentPay and we will notify you via text when this is available.

School Dinners/ParentPay

In September, school dinners will be in a packed lunch form. However, we will be offering a hot or cold choice each day and of course there will be gluten free and other allergy options. Mrs Clarke will be adding the menu to ParentPay during the Summer and will text parents when they are able go online to choose and pay for their child`s dinner.

The Summer Holidays - Useful Contact Numbers for Support

I will not be checking my emails as regularly during the holidays, however we do want you to be able to access support if required. Therefore, at the bottom of this newsletter is a list of emergency contacts. This list will also be added to our website. Please do reach out for the support if you feel you need it.

Holiday Sports Camp

There are a number of holiday camps running this Summer, the details of which were included in last week`s newsletter, 13th July which is available on the website under HT letters.

Arrangements for September

We are intending to open to all our pupils from **Wednesday 2nd September** and are currently in the process of finalising the risk assessments. I will email details about the timings and guidelines for parents and children towards the end of the holidays. We are hoping to be able to offer B & A club from **Monday 7th September** but we are not yet in a position to confirm this. We will do so via email as soon as we are able.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish all our families a happy and healthy summer. Thank you so much for all your support this term and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

With very best wishes

Rhiannon Jones



Useful Contact Numbers

We have gathered a list of useful contacts – please don't hesitate to reach out to any of these organisations if you feel you need support:

❖ Fylde Food Bank – 07724679473

Fylde Food Bank can provide food parcels for your family if you are experiencing financial challenges. These parcels need to be collected.

❖ Fylde Children and Family Well-being Service 01253 741122

You can self-refer to this service and they are able to support you with a whole host of challenges including dealing with your child's challenging behaviour, finances and domestic abuse.

❖ Fylde Council- (01253) 658658

Any issues regarding housing give Fylde Council a call and they will be able to support you.

❖ Shout – Text SHOUT to 85258 (no cost to text)

Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 crisis text line – this is a place to go if you're experiencing a personal crisis, unable to cope and need immediate help.

❖ Benefits Help Line- 08000556688

Experiencing financial difficulties or need to apply or amend a benefits claim, the Benefits Helpline can support you with this.

❖ MINDS MATTER- (01253) 955943

If you are feeling anxious or depressed Minds Matter can offer support and guidance.

❖ Women's Aid- (01253) 596699

If you feel like you are experiencing any form of Domestic abuse, physical or emotional, Women's Aid can support you.

❖ Dental Help Line- (01253) 306378

For any dental emergencies or to register with a practice.

❖ Non-Emergency Services- 111

Advice for non-emergency medical issues

❖ Local Police Number- (01772) 614444

To access your local policing team for non-emergency issues.

❖ Children's Social Care- 03001236720

This is another option if you are concerned about the welfare of a child.

❖ CASHER -The Child & Adolescent Support & Help Enhanced Response 07810 696595

If you are concerned about the mental health and welfare of a child, CASHER can support you.

❖ Inspire- (01253) 724710

Inspire will support you with any drug or alcohol dependency.

❖ Young Minds 08088025544

If you are concerned about your child's mental health you can contact the parents helpline Monday-Friday 9.30am -4pm or text YM to 85258 or email www.youngminds.org.uk

❖ NSPCC 08088005000

For adults concerned about a child.

If you can recommend any other services do let us know and we will add it to the list