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Weekly Newsletter – 18th September 2020

Congratulations to Our New Reception Class

Our new Reception children have enjoyed meeting up with all their classmates and have settled in beautifully during their first week together as a full class. Very well done - they should be very proud of themselves. We all look forward to see them flourish over their next seven years here at KWPS.

Facebook

I know many parents access the Facebook page which we set up during lockdown. It has proved a popular way of communicating with parents and wider families and therefore we are continuing to use it this term. As well as sharing updates for parents, we are intending to include photographs of some of our children's activities.

You have previously been asked to give permission for your child's photo to be included on the school website and in the brochure. However, as Facebook and Twitter weren't directly mentioned on that form, I would be grateful if you could take the time to use the Survey Monkey link we will send out via text later today to indicate if we may use photographs which include your child on social media. Please note we will never include children's names on our posts but do be aware that both the Facebook page and Twitter are open to the wider public.

COVID Update – Testing and Self Isolating

Many of you have struggled to access tests this week and are as frustrated as we are at the current testing situation. Thank you for your patience! The difficulty in accessing tests and the potential long wait for results is impacting on pupils, parents and staff alike. As a result, we have been operating school with a vastly reduced staffing level and I must congratulate the children for continuing to work so hard and with such enthusiasm this week and the staff who have been covering so many different roles to ensure that we were able to remain open and COVID secure.

Over 30 tests have been completed by members of our school community, and (apart from the one positive result right at the start of term which we informed all our parents about), thankfully they have all been negative. Whilst we recognise how disruptive it is for our children and staff to be self-isolating whilst waiting for their test result after such a short time back in school, we are all required to adhere to the Government guidance for the safety of our pupils, families, staff and the wider community.

For individual children who are required to self-isolate, we are trying to minimise the disruption by providing work which is being emailed out by the classteacher. Please do bear in mind that as the classteachers are teaching all day they are unlikely to be able to respond to an email until the end of the school day.

Mrs Coxon and the Year 1 parents have been trialling an online system called ClassDojo to share the home learning and we have received some good feedback about this.

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in our current Year 6, you need to apply online for their secondary school by 31st October. Please note that this is a strict deadline and applications sent after this time will not be considered until all the 'on time' pupils have been allocated a place. This could result in your child not getting the school they want.

To apply please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> and click on the green rectangle which says 'apply online'.

Congratulations to Year 1

We are looking forward to seeing our Y1 children and staff back in school on Monday. Mrs Coxon is so impressed with how hard they have worked at home this week. Very well done to all of Year 1 and their parents who have supported them so well with their learning.

Flu Vaccinations

We have been notified that all children from R to Y6 are being given the option to have flu vaccinations this year. These are administered by a quick spray up the nose and will take place in school on November 18th.

A letter giving more details and a consent form was sent home on Friday. **Please note that the vaccination cannot be administered without parental permission. If you do wish your children to receive it, the form needs to be returned to school by next Friday 25th September.**

Dropping Off and Collection Times

As Year 1 parents and children will be returning on Monday it will become a little busier on Nelson Street. We are more than happy for parents of Year 1 and 3 to come into the playground and stand socially distant on a footstep with your child so the pavement doesn't become too busy.

We are required to keep our class bubbles separate at drop off and collection times. Therefore, if your child is in Year 2, 4 or Year 6 please ensure that they don't arrive at school before 8.50am. Children from these year groups shouldn't enter the playground until the previous class have gone into school.

Thankyou for your support with this.

Class	Drop Off	Entrance Gate	Collection
Reception	8.45-8.50am	Infant Gate	3.15pm
Year 1	8.45-8.50am	Double Gates	3.15pm
Year 2	8.55-9.00am	Infant Gate	3.20-25pm
Year 3	8.45-8.50am	Front Junior gate	3.15pm
Year 4	8.55-9.00am	Front Junior gate	3.20-25pm
Year 5	8.45-8.50am	Double Gates	3.15pm
Year 6	8.55-9.00am	Double Gates	3.20-25pm

Finally, thank you so much for all your support this week. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email: head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk, via messenger on our school Facebook page or by ringing school.

With very best wishes

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