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Weekly Newsletter – 4th September 2020

Welcome Back

It really has been lovely to see all our children back in school this week. We have missed them so much and we were delighted to see so many smiling faces on Wednesday morning, from children and adults alike.

We would like to extend an extra special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope that your child will be very happy here at KWPS.

You should all be very proud of your children, I know I am! Every child, from Reception to Y6, has coped brilliantly with the changes to our usual school routine. They have clearly been well trained in hand-washing (thankyou parents) and have adapted so readily to their new school day! They have also impressed their teachers with just how hard they have worked and their enthusiasm for learning.

What a brilliant start to our new year!

Home/School Communication

Due to the COVID situation we will be providing our weekly newsletter electronically rather than sending home a paper copy. It is our main form of communication with parents and as we need all our parents to read it, we will ensure that it can be accessed in a number of ways :

- It will be emailed to all parents who have an email address registered on ParentPay.
- We will upload it to the school website. (The link to it can be found at the top of the page.)
- We will post it on our Facebook page.
- We will send a notification with it attached to our Schudio app.

We also ask all our parents to download the **Schudio** app which enables us to send out messages free of charge (unlike the text messaging service). **To access this service simply download the 'Schudio' app from the app store and then select our school and allow notifications.**

COVID Update

I must say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and children who have so carefully followed the guidance which was sent out prior to the start of term.

Thank you, too, for being so patient on Wednesday morning during drop off. I was concerned how congested the pavement and more especially the road in front of school were on Wednesday morning but it did seem much better on Thursday and Friday morning. Thank you for your support with this.

To try and keep the congestion to a minimum, we are more than happy for the first session of children to arrive anytime between 8.45am—8.55am.

Clearly COVID-19 is an unprecedented situation for us all and as we are following Government guidance which has been written for schools of all shapes and sizes, there may be changes that we need to make for the safety of your child. Therefore, we will be constantly reviewing our procedures and modifying them as required. We will of course keep you updated with this.

We'd be grateful if children bringing snacks to school could put them in their coat pocket (if they fit in) rather than lunchboxes as this will help to minimise congestion at snack time.

Please can I also remind parents to remain socially distant from the staff during drop off and collection times.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dawn Hankinson back to KWPS following her adoption leave. As I mentioned last term, she will be job sharing the role of Deputy Headteacher and Y2 classteacher with Ms Joy Norris.

As a result of this change, Miss Jane Fiddler has moved to Year 5 and Mrs Clare Eccles is Key Stage 2 Leader.

Class Teachers/Year Groups for 2019/20

Reception	Mrs Chandler and Mrs Culshaw
Year1	Mrs Coxon
Year 2	Mrs Hankinson and Ms Norris
Year 3	Mrs Eccles
Year 4	Miss Banks
Year 5	Miss Fiddler
Year 6	Mrs Lewthwaite

Learning Mentor

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Daryl Rycroft our job share Learning Mentor took early retirement last term. Therefore Miss Stacey Crompton her job share partner, is increasing her days to 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Hayley Pye who has lots of experience of supporting families and children through her previous role as a Family Support Worker will be Learning Mentor on a Friday. In addition to providing emotional support for our pupils, they are also here to help parents or families who may be going through a tricky time. At the moment, we are not able to invite parents into school to talk but please do not hesitate to give them a ring on 01772 682866 phone or email Stacey.crompton@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sc.uk or hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk.

Emergency Contacts and Medical Information

Please could you ensure that all your emergency contacts are up to date. It is vital that we are able to get hold of an adult immediately if a pupil is displaying possible COVID symptoms. If a phone number or any other details need changing, please email the new information to bursar@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk.

We are currently updating our care plans and medical information. Please could you email the office if there are any changes to your child's medical needs especially in relation to allergies.

Home Learning

Classteachers will be sending welcome letters next week with further information about your child's learning routine, both in school and at home.

Finally, I would like to say how grateful I am to my staff for making sure that the children's return to school feels as 'normal' as it can do in the current climate and for their determination to make the enforced changes work.

As I have mentioned previously, this is all uncharted territory but I know that the KWPS family of parents, staff and Governors will continue to work together to provide the very best education and experiences we can for the children in our care.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch 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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