

KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES

6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday and we would like to extend a special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope that your child will be very happy here at KWPS.

Welcome to the first edition of this year's Yellow Pages which will once again be coming home every Friday with your eldest child. There is also a copy available to view on our school website.

We have an app hosted by 'Schudio' which enables easy access to key information on the website and will post a notification when the Yellow Pages has been added ~ simply download the 'Schudio' app from the app store and then select our school and allow notifications.

I must say a huge thank you to all our parents for ensuring that the children looked so smart for the new year. We would be grateful if you could check that all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name, including their PE kit please.

It has also been lovely to see so many of our old Year 6 come back to visit us this week ~ looking so smart in their uniforms.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Jane Fiddler to the staff team here at KWPS. She is teaching Y2 for the rest of Mrs Hankinson's adoption leave and already feels a valued part of our school team.

Following Cathy Scholes retirement, Louise Errington has been appointed by LCC as our new cook. She has certainly hit the ground running and the sliced melon that she has added on to the salad bar has proved especially popular this week.

Thank You for an Amazing Donation

At the end of last term we were overwhelmed to receive an incredible donation of £10,000 from two of our Grandparents, Mr and Mrs Gledhill. It has already been put to good use as it has helped to fund touch screens for every classroom which we were in desperate need of. (Our old boards were over 12 years old and were no longer compatible with our computers.) We have also begun to repair and repaint equipment in the playgrounds and are awaiting a quote to re-develop the castle and `grass` area in the Infant playground. On behalf of the children and staff I'd like to say a huge thank you ~ this money will make a real difference to our children.

Health and Safety Week!

Once again we have begun the year with a Health and Safety Week, a chance to remind the children how to keep themselves safe both at home and at school and to promote a healthy lifestyle! The children have looked at lots of different ways of keeping themselves healthy and safe, including online safety, healthy eating, exercise, fire safety and handwashing.

Life Education Bus - Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th

The children were so excited when they found out that Harold the Giraffe would be visiting them next week. A leaflet giving more information about what each year group covers will be sent home on Monday and there is a parental session on **Tuesday 10th 8.55am - 9.10am**. Do feel free to pop in - the van can be accessed via our environmental garden. Your child may well want to chat about what they have learnt at home. We will be following up the topics discussed in school too.

Water

We have emphasised the importance of drinking lots of water this week. All our new Reception children have received a water bottle donated by the PTFA and we have given new lids to all the children who had their water bottle in school. New bottles are available from the office for £1.50. **Please note in line with the National Healthy Schools Policy these may not be filled with juice or flavoured water.**

Please turn over ~ more information on the back.



Book Fair ~ Only 1 Visit This Year from Wednesday 11th September

Next Wednesday the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school for a week. We are aware that this can prove costly to our parents and therefore we have again reduced the number of visits by the Book Fair to only one per year. There will be a wide selection of books on sale with something suitable for every age and interest. If we take more than £600 the school earns 50% commission on every book sold which enables us to continue to update our home readers or library. **A big thank you to everybody** who visited our Book Fair last year. As a result of your support we received over **£900** worth of books to add to the Infant and Junior home readers selection, totally free of charge.

The Book Fair will be held in the school hall at the beginning or end of the following days:

3.15-3.30pm on Wednesday 11th September

3.15-3.30pm on Thursday 12th September

8.45-9.00am on Friday 13th September

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8.45-9.00am on Monday 16th September

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Your child has been given a leaflet containing details of the books on sale. If you are not able to visit our Fair you can still purchase a book by sending the order form, together with the cost of the book, in a sealed envelope labelled **Book Fair** to your child's teacher. (Please make any cheques payable to **Kirkham and Wesham Primary School**.)

Music Update

This term brass and violin lessons will take place on Mondays, woodwind lessons (flute, saxophone and clarinet) on Wednesdays and Wider Opps (Y5) on Fridays.

Kirkham Music Centre

Kirkham Music Centre starts again this Monday here at school. If your child would be interested in finding out more, please ask for a leaflet from the office.

Year 4 and 5 Swimming

Swimming sessions will start next Tuesday (Y4) and Wednesday (Y5) If your child wishes to wear goggles please could you complete a new goggles permission form. These are available from the office.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

To ease transition between key year groups, our Year 1 and Year 3 teachers held their Meet the Teacher sessions towards the end of last term. As a number of parents weren't able to meet with Mrs Eccles then she is holding another session for anyone who missed it and the remaining class teachers would like to invite you to meet them and see your child's new classroom on the following dates:

Year 5 ~ 2.50pm ~ Tuesday 10th September

Year 3 ~ 2.50pm ~ Thursday 12th September

Year 4 ~ 2.50pm ~ Friday 13th September

Year 6 ~ 2.50pm ~ Monday 16th September

Year 2 ~ 2.50pm ~ Tuesday 17th September

If you aren't able to make this time, a letter will be sent home next week from your child's classteacher which will give you further information about the curriculum and expectations for your child's new year group.

Reception's Meet the Teacher session will be held once the children are in school full time. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that we do very much value our links with parents. If you have any concerns about your child or have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in at the end of the school day to see the classteacher.