



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we only have a week left before our half term break. I am so proud at how all the children have settled into their new routines.

We are still unable to have parents on site so will be unable to have our usual parents evening in November. However, we will be arranging for telephone calls with staff and parents. I will be sending out details next week and you will be able to book a time slot for a telephone call.

After half term the children will be able to have a hot meal in the form of a hot grab bag. The children in EYFS and KS1 will be able to choose a hot meal option. The children who currently have free school meals will also have a hot meal option. In addition, we are going to be able to offer for children in KS2 to purchase a meal from school. They will need to pay for the week in advance and select their meal, more information on this will go out next week.

Mrs Rowlandson, the new Headteacher from after half term came to school yesterday and was able to meet staff at the beginning of the day and some of the children who came in at the Year 3, 4 and EYFS gate. She is very much looking forward to joining the team here at Knutton.

There have been a few concerns raised regarding the pavement access during morning drop off, please could I ask that you try to keep to the hedges and railing when lining up to avoid congestion. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Celebrations

We are continuing to have our whole assemblies virtually. We do still keep experiencing some technical difficulties to the amusement of the children.

Effort of the week:	Freya, Skylar, Dylonn, Emily, Amelia, Furkan and Lacey
Good to be Green:	Layla, Kane, Lacey, Lola, Maisy, Charlotte and Miley

Communication:

We will continue to email and text information out to you all. There will be very few paper copies of letters sent home. Please do check our website regularly and the section learning if you click on this you will see classes listed. This is an easy way to click on your child's class for up to date information. Our EYFS team will be sending out regular newsletters to all the parents in Nursery and Reception to keep you up to date with everything that is happening in the setting. We will also be using our twitter to celebrate the children's work.

Illness:

Please do contact the school office if your child is feeling unwell and we can advise on any action needed. Should your child become unwell during the school day, the office will contact you to collect your child. Please ensure we have the correct / update contact details for yourselves and any other emergency contacts you have given us.

Diary Dates:

23 rd October 2020	School closes for half term
3 rd November 2020	Children return to school
Week begin 16 th November	Parent teacher phone calls. Details to follow.
18 th December 2020	School closes for Christmas holiday
5 th January 2021	Children return to school

Our School's Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSEVERANCE:

Our School Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for our school,
Let peace live here.
Let the rooms be full of happiness.
Let your love be all around,
As we also love one another,
Love all people,
And love life and living.
Let us remember,
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.
Let us shine together in your name,
Amen.

Safeguarding and Support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Contacting the School:

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School link worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office. Please note the office opens from 8.30am. **You can also text us on 07786 208450.**