

KESTRELS' FIELD PRIMARY



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Upcoming dates...

ASSEMBLIES

Friday 22nd September

8.45 Class 11 - Harvest

9.00 Class 15 – Harvest

Monday 2nd October

8.45 Class 10- Values

9.00 Class 16 - Values

REMINDER

No school clubs on
MONDAY 25th
SEPTEMBER due to
ALL STAFF attending
Safeguarding training.

Harvest and the community

This year we will be collecting food for our Harvest parcels. A slight change is that these parcels will be delivered by a group of children to elderly adults within our community.

If you know someone who would appreciate a knock on their door, with a lovely food parcel, **please send their name and address into the office as soon as possible.**



Please could children bring tinned produce between **Monday 18th September and Friday 22nd September.**

Please can any fresh produce be brought to school on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd.

The parcels will be delivered during the day on Friday.

FRI-YAY!

A class led stall for 15 minutes after school to raise money for **WET PLAY EQUIPMENT in their classroom.**

15.09.17:

Miss Bowe (Infant)

Miss Rehal (Junior)

22.09.17:

Mrs French/Mrs Naylor' (Infant)

Mrs Prajapati (Junior)

29.09.17:

Miss Bickley (Infant)

Mrs Irons/ Mrs Newnham (Junior)

REMEMBER YOUR 50ps EVERYONE ☺

You may notice that a few 'tweaks' are taking place in school at the moment. If you want to discuss any of these please speak to your child's class teacher or the department leader (on last week's newsletter). Alternatively, catch Mrs Simpson in the playground to discuss these further or come along to the parent forum.

Staying up to date;

- The website
- The newsletter
- Twitter
- Community boards in the infant playground (a second one is arriving and we are looking at where to put it on the junior site.

Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 21st September at 3.30 at the junior building.

The focus of this session will be designing a parent questionnaire. Everybody is welcome ☺

Updated photo permissions letter to be sent home tomorrow. Please ensure that this is returned with a matter of urgency.

Walking whilst Talking Topic...

What has been your highlight of the first week? What would you change if you had a magic wand?



Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is sent in school uniform every day. Hooded tops, or tops that are not red are not acceptable.

Large JoJo bows are also **not** part of the school uniform policy and children will be asked not to wear them.

Parent volunteers

Do you have a passion to improve reading? Have expertise in ICT that you could share with the children? Have green fingers and want to volunteer in the garden?

If yes, we would love to invite you into school. Please talk with your child's class teacher to arrange an induction and find out more! 😊

Walking between schools

Thank you to the parents who have signed to say that children can walk between sites. We will no longer send additional letters about this as we hope it will become a more regular occurrence.

Morning routines

We value your input on learning and know that children often want to share with you their wonderful work. We also know that sometimes you need a quick chat about something. With this in mind, **please feel free to accompany your child into school in the morning for 10 minutes of activities.**

Infants – 8.20-8.30
Yr3/4 – 8.40-8.50

Year 3 and 4 will be welcomed in through their classroom door. Year 5&6 will continue to line up on the playground and be escorted in alone to encourage secondary readiness, but all teachers will be on the playground at the end of the day if you need to catch them.

Birthday sweets

Although we are a healthy school, we encourage pupils to enjoy all foods in moderation. Therefore birthday sweets are fine (as long as none contain nuts). Please provide sweets (or a selection of sweets) that do not contain gelatine.

All 'tweaks' are starting on MONDAY

Community events and dates

As a school we want to engage more with the community. The school council and staff are working hard to create a programme of activities across the year such as school disco's, craft afternoons, school fairs, community celebration evenings and evening performances to further enhance the community links that we have. You will understand that this takes an element of time to co-ordinate and confirm.

A full itinerary of assembly dates, community events and after school events will accompany next week's newsletter. Additional dates may follow but I will always endeavour to try and give as much notice as possible to be inclusive of working parents.

Indoor shoes

Indoor shoes will now be kept in PE bags and used for indoor PE and as a spare pair of shoes if their outdoor shoes are muddy. Shoes will no longer be changed many times in one day. This will give more time for learning.

Lunchtimes

With all research showing that children learn best in the mornings, and with the youngest children having a long afternoon we have slightly adapted lunchtimes.

Nursery will be served dinner at 11.45am
Infants - 12.00 – 1.00pm
Juniors 12.15 – 1.15pm

Cultural celebrations

We value and celebrate all religions at KFP, but are adapting the way we celebrate key events. To incorporate 'learning about the faith' all children will prepare and take part in an assembly around a cultural celebration rather than having a class party. All significant religious days will be marked like this.

Some of these celebrations will also become evening community-orientated events that we would encourage all families of all faiths to attend as part of the Hamilton community. More information to follow.