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Sad news

You all should have received a letter on Tuesday sharing the very sad news that Nabeel, from our Reception class, sadly died over the Christmas holiday. A copy of the letter is also on the school website and highlights the warning signs of Meningitis and Sepsis. A timely reminder for us all. The family have asked for your thoughts and prayers for Nabeel at this difficult time. The teachers all spoke to the children yesterday about this and the children showed amazing compassion and respect. As the shock subsides, we will be thinking as a school community about what we want to do next to remember Nabeel. I am working closely with the LA Psychology team who are supporting staff and pupils. All children have a 'need to talk' pegline in their classes that they can use whenever they need to talk, about anything. If you need to talk, please contact the school office and speak to a member of SLT.

Teacher to Parent

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

This is already proving to be a HUGE success. There has been high engagement already with lots of online payments. 😊

We can also use this system to send you text alerts and reminders as well as sending letters via email. If you have not yet given us your email address, to avoid missing out please see the office to update your information on the school system.

Your invites for the celebrations assemblies mentioned overleaf will come electronically!

Class Dojo

Get online with the Class Dojo app and see what your child is getting dojo points for. You will receive a code shortly (if you haven't already) to get signed up. It is a great way to aid that conversation when they get home.. Rather than the 'what did you do at school today?'... 'nothing' that parents are faced with!

DATES & OUR WEBSITE

All dates are on our new look website. Please take a look around the website as there is lots of useful information there.

Twitter and Facebook

Please make sure you follow us on Facebook and twitter to see daily updates on learning across the school. #stayinformed

Parent Governors

The parent Governors you chose to represent you were;
Mark Durkin
Sandeep Sangha

Miss Charles and Mrs Goulding are launching a **PTA** in the Spring term. If you would like to join them, please attend an initial meeting, to be held at the Infant site on Monday 22nd January at 3.45pm. If you are interested, but this time is inconvenient, please email agoulding@kestrelsf.leicester.sch.uk



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'Be the best you can be'

Resilience. Compassion. Respect. Curiosity

New Year is a great time to reflect upon what has gone and set goals for what is ahead. This is the same at school, as well as at home. During our inset day on Monday, all staff were learning about character behaviours and a new behaviour policy that we will be rolling out this term. Although behaviour is excellent at Kestrels', we want children to **'be the best they can be'** and create learners for life with transferable skills for secondary schools and ultimately jobs that perhaps don't currently exist as they will be in the future!

'Be the best you can be' continues to be the school ethos and this fits perfectly with our desire to create **RESILIENT, CURIOUS, RESPECTFUL and COMPASSIONATE** individuals. These are the 4 characteristics that all stakeholders decided upon as key features for happy and successful children at Kestrels' Field. You will hear these terms discussed a lot during this term; on the newsletter, in assemblies and hopefully from your children.

All children from Reception to Year 6 can now earn Class Dojo points. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher this week to let you know the log in details for this and you can download the app to follow your child's progress. When your child is awarded 100 dojo points, you will receive **an invitation** to come a celebration assembly the following week to see your child receive their badge for their lanyards they now own. When your child has earned the 4 coloured badges they will earn another 100 points to trade these in for a 'character badge'. This badge will be awarded based on the area of strength that they have shown in their dojo points (either compassion, resilience, curiosity or respect). Over your child's school life they will aspire to achieve all 4 character badges. Those who do will have the opportunity to become a school ambassador in Year 6 and earn a Kestrels' Field tie to wear to represent the core values of the school. Any new arrivals and all children at this point will start in a way that will allow them the chance to achieve the ambassador role in year 6.

Alongside all of this positive reinforcement, we have also evaluated the need for restorative justice to support children who have made a mistake. There are visual systems in your child's classroom whereby their peg will be moved to different points to encourage them to make the right decision and to 'reflect and repair'. Golden time on a Friday will now be on a sign up basis and children will choose their 'golden' activity for the half term. They will be able to choose a new activity each half term. If they have reached the 'choices' stage on the consequence system, they will spend their golden time reflecting on the repairs they need to make. We hope that all children will strive to keep their golden time and will cherish this enrichment opportunity.

We look forward to seeing all of you at a celebration assembly on a Monday morning between now and the end of the year to celebrate your child's first 100 dojo points. Please talk to your child about the core characteristics over the coming weeks as they learn more about them.

There is a presentation on the school website, that I have challenged the children to share with you 😊