

KESTRELS' FIELD PRIMARY



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Welcome back!



I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holidays and enjoyed the rather unusually hot British weather ☺ The staff are all rested, recharged and excited to be back.

This newsletter has been printed for you as it has many important dates and pieces of information that you may want to put on the fridge or in a safe space. From next week we will return to our paperless communication to save the planet and some school money that is better spent on resources for learning ☺ I cannot stress enough how important it is that you read the weekly newsletter that is emailed and on the school website as it contains vital information for the smooth running of the school.

Taking time to reflect over the summer, I made a video of just some of the many, many highlights from last year. I will be sharing this on social media and it is on our website. Please take a look, it is full of smiles and a accolade to the wonderful Kestrels' community and how well we all work together.

Traffic calming

You will have noticed the wonderful work that was done over the summer to make the surrounding roads safer. Alongside the traffic calming measures we also need to ensure that we are parking responsibly and safely and using the designated crossings. Please be aware that there are currently no crossing patrollers at either site. If you are interested see the office who will give you the LCC link to apply.



Miss Bickley and Miss Hart spent some of their summer holidays teaching in Sri Lanka and assisting with community projects. Their task was to improve the teaching of English, sharing their enthusiasm and expertise for the greater global education. Well done ladies, you have come back so inspired you are looking to make some school community links going forward. ☺ #respect #globaleducation



Miss Hill (in the infants) spent her summer being a LRTT team leader. She took a team of English teachers to Malaysia with the task of working with the teachers there and upskilling them and sharing new ideas to enhance their learning. It was all rather rural and remote, ask her about having to use a spade ☺ Inspirational and admirable use of a summer holidays. Well done ☺ #improvingteaching



I have a question... who do I talk to??

Headteacher
Mrs Z Simpson

If you have an urgent issue that cannot be raised with the other leaders in this document, or you have spoken to the other leaders and need to discuss this further, please make an appointment through the office.

Deputy Head
Mrs E Newnham

Talk to me about any home issues that make coming to school difficult. I am here to keep all children feeling safe and families supported.

Deputy Head
Mr D Hansen

My role is to ensure that all children are accessing the education that they are entitled to. Talk to me about attendance and any issues that may affect attendance.

Business Manager
Mrs P Davis

Speak to the office about any questions to do with school money, admissions, uniform, lunches, clubs, dates etc. If you need to discuss these matters further you can speak to me.

Inclusion leader (SEN)
Miss N Rowe

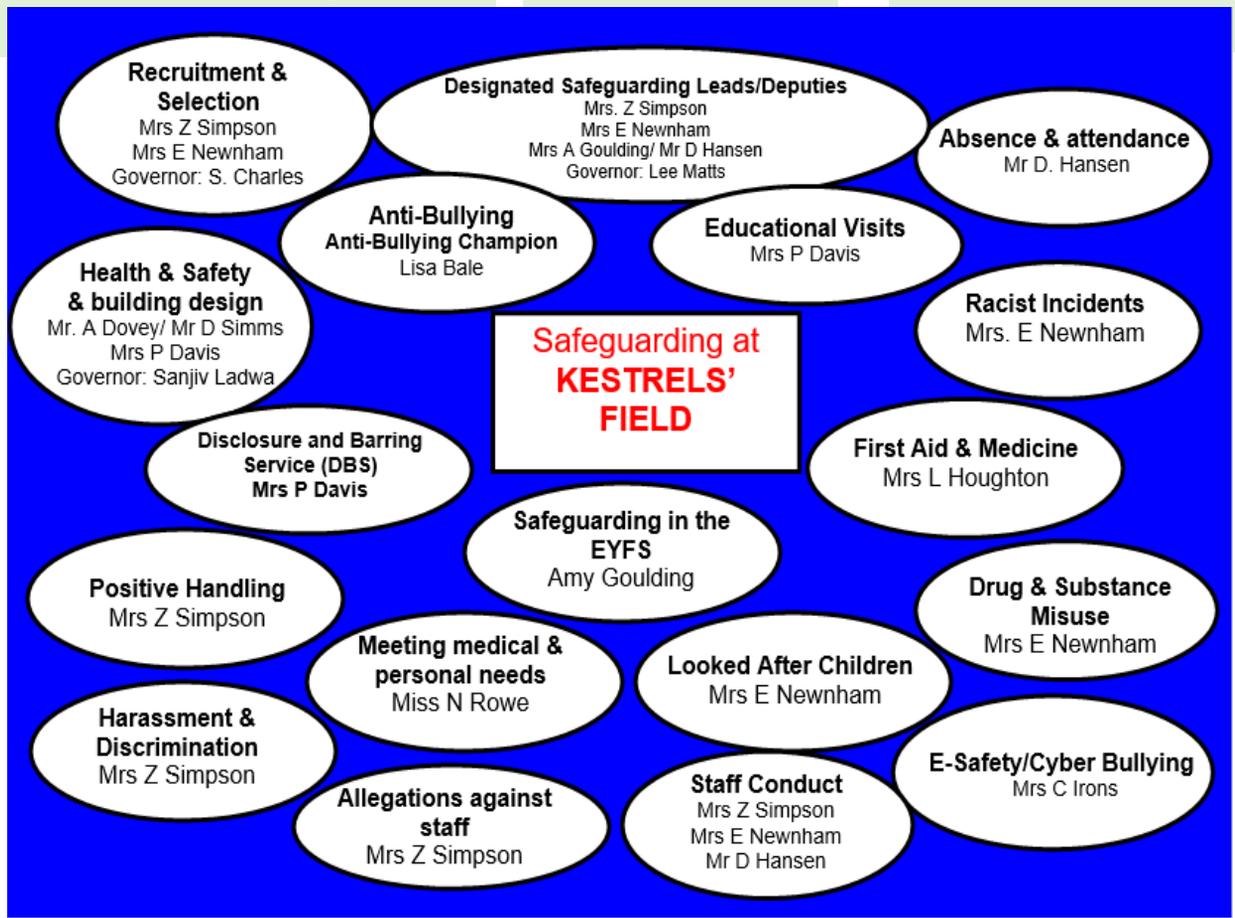
Talk to me about any medical issues that your child may have that impact their learning. I am also the SENCo and my passion is to make inclusive learning for all children.

If you have a concern and have spoken to the class teacher but want to discuss it further, please see your child's phase leader

Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1)
Mrs A Goulding

Phase 2 (Year 2 & 3)
Miss A Rehal

Phase 3 (Year 4, 5 & 6)
Mrs S Prajapti





Class number and name	Year	Class Teacher
Hummingbird	Nursery	Mrs L Bale
1.Swallow	Reception	Miss R Bhayani
2.Chaffinch	Reception	Miss A Elliot
3.Robin	Reception	Miss E Hill
4.Skylark	Reception	Miss A Ismail
5.Blackbird	YR1	Mrs J Vanmali
6.Kingfisher	YR1	Mrs A Goulding/Miss N Rowe
7.Dove	YR1	Miss L Bickley
8.Woodpecker	YR1	Miss S Charles
9.Barn Owl	YR2	Mrs T Pickering
10.Falcon	YR2	Miss P Parris
11.Merlin	YR2	Miss A Bowe
12.Sparrowhawk	YR2	Miss A Rehal
13.Swallow	YR3	Miss S Hart
14.Chaffinch	YR3	Mr T Lorgat
15.Robin	YR3	Mrs B Bhavsar
16.Skylark	YR3	Miss J Gohil
17.Blackbird	YR4	Miss C Haywood
18.Kingfisher	YR4	Miss P Thakkar
19.Dove	YR5	Mrs R Thomas
20.Woodpecker	YR5	Mr T Paciolla
	YR5	Mr D Hansen (AM GROUPS)
21.Barn Owl	YR6	Mrs J Hill
22.Falcon	YR6	Mrs S Prajapati
23.Merlin	YR6	Miss K Nixon (Yr 6 intervention teacher)
24.Sparrowhawk	YR6	Mrs E Newnham & Mrs Claire Irons (AM GROUPS)

On any communications to school – please include your child’s class number and class teacher.

All classes now have bird names to go along with our school name. They grow in size along with the children in each building. They are twinned with a class in the other building and will be doing some cross school work and celebrations with them ☺ Watch our social media feed to find out what we are getting up to....

To stay up to date with your child’s learning you can do the following;

- Follow your child’s class teacher on Twitter and follow the school Twitter and Facebook account.
- Link up with your child on the class DOJO app
- Read the weekly newsletter
- Come to Parent’s Evening and any curriculum drop in sessions (TBC)
- You will receive a termly year group curriculum information letter outlining their learning (coming home next Friday)
- Pop in at the start or end of the day and see what they are up to ☺



Some general reminders...

Nursery admissions

Do you have a child that you would like to join our nursery next year? (September 2019) The admissions window opens on 1st September and is first come first served basis. More information on the website.

Before and after school safety

Before your child enters the school building and after you have collected them at the end of the day they are your responsibility. Please ensure that they are not playing on play equipment unsupervised or climbing on the embankment in the junior site.

Fri-yay stalls

Every Friday, at each building, classes run an enterprise Fri-yay stall. The money raised this term will go towards a class rug which they will choose at Christmas.

Assemblies

Each class will complete a class assembly every year. The dates are on the dates part of this newsletter.

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.

Correspondence

All newsletters and key messages from school can be found on our website and school twitter.

Friends of Kestrels'

We are lucky enough to have a PTA at school called Friends of Kestrels'. They began their amazing work last year but are desperate for more pairs of hands... interested? See the school website for more information and watch social media for the first meeting date ☺

Class dojo

Class dojo points are being transferred to the new classes. Your child will continue to receive dojo points and you will be invited to a celebration assembly once they reach 70. This invitation will come via email. Please keep your details up to date so you do not miss out!

Term time holidays

There have been no changes in Government legislation regarding term time holidays. Whilst all requests are looked at individually, there are only very few situations where we will be able to authorise these requests.

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.

Some new things...

Sports coaches

We have 2 full time sports coaches working across both schools this year having an impact on PE, competitive sport and the health and wellbeing of all children. Many of you will know Joe from Spectrum, we also have a sports apprentice Alantus. All children will have access to them in PE lessons and at the infants at break and the juniors at lunches.

First Aid

You will still receive a phone call home and a yellow form if your child has a head injury or significant injury at school. A minor injury that has been treated will still receive a green slip home (no phone call). If your child has a minor injury that requires no treatment your child will be cared for but no slip will be sent home.



Some reminders from the office

At the infants the office team are;
Miss Lorgat in the morning and Miss Redway in the afternoon (Attendance Officers) with Miss Chouhan (Finance Officer) all day.

The junior office team are;
Miss Miller (Administrative Officer) and Miss Holroyde (Admissions Officer) all day.
They are all happy to help.

COOL MILK

School supplies milk to all children under 5 and those entitled to free school meals.
If your child is over 5 and not entitled to FSM please contact Cool Milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/> to register and make a payment for your child.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Children can only join Breakfast Club if there is availability and a full payment is made in advance, using the online system; please see the office staff to put your child on the waiting list. Registering your child can only happen at the office. At this point the team will notify you of availability and advise you of the cost. We are no longer able to admit children without prior notice.

If this procedure is not followed, your child will be refused admittance; please do not be offended by this, staff are following instructions.

At present, we are full and should you wish to add your name to the waiting list, please visit the school office to do so.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

If your child needs a dose of 'prescribed medication' from the doctor, please visit the school office to complete a form. School will only administer antibiotics that are required 4 times a day; we can only administer 1 dose. If your child is a little under the weather and requires a non prescribed medication ie. Calpol, you may come to school before lunch between 11.45 – 12.15 to administer this.

DINNER MONEY

MUST be paid by **MONDAY** for the following week's dinner or on the first day of return to school. Your child's account must be kept up-to-date and in credit. The office will continue to monitor late payments or non-payments in line with the school's debt policy. **If payments are not met by Monday, this may result in your child will not being able to have a school dinner.** We have added the School's Debt Policy to the website, so please read it as we do not wish to upset anybody.

SCHOOL MONEY

We are a cashless office and we use School Money for payments of dinner, book bag sales, discos, after school clubs, breakfast and trips or for pre set events. Please see the school office if you have trouble logging in or need help.

PAPERLESS COMMUNICATION

School uses Teacher to Parents to send you letters via an email system, we will also use their texting service. This benefits the school, the environment and you by having all the information and letters stored in one place for future use. We hope that you feel this is a positive too.

Letters requesting permission or a signature will still be sent home with your child.

If you think you are not receiving the communication please see a member of the office staff to rectify this.

Please let us know if you change your mobile numbers or email addresses.

BOOK BAGS AND PE BAGS

If you require both or one of these items please make a payment through the online system, no payments will be taken at the office. A member of staff will check the online system each morning and ensure your child receives their bag(s) during the course of the day.



Save the date...

Linked to Class Dojo and our behaviour system, we also have celebration assemblies on a Monday at the Infants and a Friday at the Juniors. You will receive a text notification if your child is being awarded with a badge at one of these assemblies.

AUTUMN TERM 1

Parent drop in to see new teacher- Weds 5th Sep

Year 6 residential trip: Weds 5th – Fri 7th Sept

Class 17 assembly: Mon 24th Sept

Wk beg 24th Sep: **Harvest parcel** delivery to local community

Class 11 assembly: Fri 28th Sept

Class 18 assembly: Mon 1st Oct

Class 10 assembly: Fri 5th Oct

Class 19 assembly: Mon 8th Oct

Class 9 assembly: Fri 12th Oct

Parents Evening: Mon 15th & Tues 16th Oct

Book fair in school wk beg: Mon 15th Oct

INSET DAY: FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER= SCHOOL SHUT

OCTOBER HALF TERM: MON 22ND – FRI 26TH OCT

... although we will endeavour to stick to the dates outlined below, please be aware that they may be subject to change.

AUTUMN TERM 2

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER – Evening DIWALI party

Class 16 assembly: Mon 29th Oct

Class 8 assembly: Fri 2nd Nov

Wk beg: 12th Nov – Anti bullying week

Friday 16th Nov: Children in Need

Class 21 assembly: Mon 12th Nov

Braiswick photographers in school for individual and family photos: Mon 12th Nov

Class 7 assembly: Fri 16th Nov

Class 22 assembly: Mon 19th Nov

Class 6 assembly: Fri 23rd Nov

Wednesday 5th December- Decorations afternoon

Year 2 Nativity – Wk beg 10th December

Wednesday 19th December -CHRISTMAS FAIR

Carols in classrooms afternoon- Friday 21st December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: 24TH DEC 2018 – 7TH JAN 2019

SPRING TERM

School discos: Weds 9th & Thurs 10th Jan

Class 20 assembly: Mon 4th Feb

Class 5 assembly: Fri 8th Feb

Parents Evening: Mon 11th & Tues 12th Feb

FEBRUARY HALF TERM: 18TH – 22ND FEB

Class 13 assembly: Mon 4th March

7th March – World book day dress up

Class 4 assembly: Fri 8th March

Class 15 assembly : Mon 11th March

Class 1 assembly: Fri 15th March – **Red Nose Day**

Fri 29th March- Mums and Grandma’s craft afternoon

Nursery World Poetry Day assembly: Fri 29th March

Wk beg 4th April: Autism awareness week

EASTER HOLIDAYS: MON 15TH – FRI 26TH APRIL

SUMMER TERM

BANK HOLIDAY: MONDAY 6TH MAY

Year 2 SATS: Tues 7th – Fri 10th May

Year 6 SATS: Mon 13th – Fri 17th May

MAY HALF TERM: MON 27TH – FRI 31ST MAY

Class 14 assembly: Mon 10th June

Fathers afternoon (date and time TBC): WC Mon 10th June

Class 3: assembly: Fri 14th June

School discos: Tues 18th & Weds 19th June

Sports Day x3: Wk beg Mon 24th June

Class 2 assembly: Fri 28th June

FRIDAY 5th July: Summer Fair

Year 6 enterprise Leavers party: Thursday 11th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: 15TH JULY – 28TH AUGUST (return date not yet confirmed)