



Welcome back to Kempston Rural Primary School following what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As a continually growing school it is at this time of the year that we extend a warm welcome to our new staff members; Teachers, Miss Shaw, Miss Rounding, Mr Ashdown, Miss Turton, Mrs Paulson and Mr Jenkins. Teaching Assistants, Mrs Horner, Mrs Rizzo, Mrs McCready, Mrs Curtis and Miss Davidson-Smith. Facilities Manager, Mr Brian Stanbridge.

We also welcome 5 new children joining our school from other schools and our new Reception children who will begin school on Monday 10th September.

Our School Day

Children in Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6. Gates open at 8.45am and school begins at 8.55am. Gates will be closed at 8.55am and children arriving after this time will need to go to the front office to be let in.

School finishes at 3.20pm for children in Yr1, Yr2.

School finishes at 3.30pm for children in Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6.

Children in the Reception classes only. Gates open at 8.25am and school begins at 8.35am. Gates will be closed at 8.35am and children arriving after this time will need to go to the front office to be let in.

School finishes at 3.10pm on Monday through to Thursday.

On Friday school finishes at 1.30pm.

For parents who have children beginning in the Reception class but also have children in another year group, a member of staff will be on duty in the playground so that you can drop off both children at the same time each morning.

School Dinner Money: Cheques payable to Caterlink Ltd. Any cash handed into the Class Teacher must be in a clearly named and labelled envelope.

Cost - £2.15 per day, £10.75 per week, £15.05 for seven Friday Favourites. Half Term cost, £70.95

Healthy Snack – Half Term, £6.60. Money to be in by Friday 7th September.

Free School Meals

If your child has recently moved into Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) you may be entitled to free school meals if you or your partner receive any of the following benefits:

*Income Support

*Income related Employment and Support Allowance

*Income base Job Seekers Allowance

*Child Tax Credit, provided neither you, nor your partner, are entitled to Working Tax Credit, and the joint annual income is below £16,190

*The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

*Asylum Seekers Support under part VI of the Immigration Act 1999

*Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

A link to the Bedford Borough Council Application Form can be found on the school website or can be accessed directly from their website.

Please be assured that any information provided will be treated confidentially.

School Uniform

At the start of a new school I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform policy. Children are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniform until the October half term after which time children must wear their winter uniform only. The winter uniform is worn up until the Easter break. Long hair should be tied back and nail polish should not be worn. The wearing of jewellery such as rings and bracelets is not permitted unless for religious reasons. Pupils may wear a watch but are responsible for its safe-keeping. Please check the school website for up to date uniform requirements; www.kempstonrural.beds.sch.uk.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

28th September 2018

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

Kempston Rural is supporting **Macmillan Cancer** by taking part in 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on Friday 28th September, 9.00am – 10.45am in the school hall.

This is a charity that is very close to our hearts and we would like to raise as much money as possible and therefore ask for your support with providing cakes and raffle prizes. Children in Reception and Year 1 are asked to donate a cake and children in Pre-School

and Year 2 are asked to donate a raffle prize. Cakes and prizes should be brought into school on Thursday 27th September as this will allow all our helpers to set up early on Friday morning. Biscuits and squash will be served to the children during morning break for a donation of 50p.

It is a sobering thought that there are currently 2 million people living with cancer in the UK and statistically one in three of us will suffer from cancer. Macmillan provides support, care and comfort for families and sufferers during what is for most, the biggest fight of their lives.

We look forward to seeing you for coffee and cake in support of Macmillan Cancer.



Christmas Performances

All year groups will perform twice a day at 9.15am and then 2.30pm.

Ducklings – Monday 10th December

EYFS – Tuesday 11th December

Yr 1 – Wednesday 12th December

Yr 2 – Thursday 13th December

Yr 3 - Friday 14th December

Yr 4 – Monday 17th December

Yrs 5 and 6 – Tuesday 18th December

In the next couple of days you will receive information about class topics being covered this term. Please do also visit the school website for up-to-date class news and information about teaching and learning. As a school, we very much value the support that families give our children through daily reading and completing homework regularly.

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th October, 4.00pm - 6.30pm. An appointment schedule will be sent out nearer the time.



Did you know?

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days each academic year.

Medicines in school

Please check any asthma inhalers and/or epi-pens that may be in school to ensure they are still in date.

Please be aware that medicines are not given in school unless a child has a long term medical condition that requires medication at least four times daily. Asthma inhalers and epi-pens are the exception to this rule. If a child is taking antibiotics but is well enough to be in school parents are invited into school to administer any additional doses during the school day.

Please speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns.

Diary dates can be found on the school website and will also be published in our fortnightly newsletter which is also available on the school website.

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in term time have an impact on your child's daily education and are therefore strongly discouraged by the school. Please be aware that any term time holiday will be recorded as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All unauthorised holidays may be subject to a fine as set down by the DfE. Last year our attendance dropped by 1.8% overall due to term time holidays. Ofsted take the view that a school is not doing as well as it should when attendance figures drop and this is such a shame as your children attend a fantastic school.

Children attend school for 190 days each year which leaves 175 days to holiday within. Please help us to improve our attendance by taking holidays during the many school breaks that we do have. Thank you.