



Federation of Knaphill Schools

Knaphill Lower School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers, Pupils, Staff and Governors,

It's so hard to believe that the end of term is here! It has been a truly amazing term. The children have worked so hard and we are so proud of all of their personal, social and academic achievements over the last year. The end of term Year 2 class assemblies, truly encompassed this, as children wrote and performed in their very own class assemblies. They spoke clearly in their sketches, danced and sang in a performance watched by their teachers, friends, parents and carers. Their confidence, independence and true enjoyment was an absolute pleasure to watch, even if they were somewhat emotional! We wish them all every happiness and success as they continue their learning journey into Year 3.

As the sun finally stayed out for our Key stage 1 and Early Years Sports Days, we were all able to watch the children compete in their team colours. The children behaved impeccably and competed with true sportsmanship as they cheered and supported their peers, celebrating all achievements. A truly enjoyable day was had by all in the sunshine. Many thanks go to Miss Rashbrook for organising the day and to all of the families and friends who came along to support, watch and cheer!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable Summer break and special and memorable family times. We all look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 7th September at 8.45 am.

Miss J. Concannon

The Big Friendly Read

Every Surrey library will once again be giving children aged 4 to 11 years the opportunity to take part in the exciting annual summer reading challenge. This year's national theme celebrates 100 years of Roald Dahl. From the shy and retiring Mr. Hoppy in Esio Trot to the mind-blowing 24 foot giant with superhuman hearing, the big friendly read features some of Dahl's best loved characters enhanced by the wonderful illustrations of Sir Quentin Blake. When children sign up to the challenge at the library from 16 July they will receive their collector folder free of charge and can borrow their first two books. Over the summer months all they need to do is make two more visits to their library and read 6 books in total to complete the challenge.

On each visit they will receive rewards and incentives to encourage them to read more. When the six books have been read, each child will receive a certificate.

For more information, call into your local library, visit the Surrey website or phone 0300 200 1001.





Federation of Knaphill Schools PTA

Many thanks go to the PTA organisers and volunteers for all of their hard work this year, organising events for the families and community of the Federation of Knaphill Schools. All monies raised help to support the schools in providing extra resources and experiences for the children. Their commitment and support this year has been truly amazing! The PTA are always looking for parents to join the committee or just to help out at the odd function now and again. The AGM will take place in September and they very much look forward to seeing you there!

Internet Safety

The parents section of the Think u know website provides information to support parents and carers to understand and respond to the risks their children may face as they grow. It covers a broad range of online safety issues. Please take some time over the summer holidays to explore the website. Research tells us that having a supportive parent or carer can make all the difference in helping a young person learn to stay safe online.

Find it at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



Class Pages on Facebook – Protocol

Facebook is a very helpful media to aid communication and to share information amongst parents in the children's classes. When this media is used correctly, it can be extremely productive, however, Facebook should not be used to vent anger or concerns about the school. If parents have a concern, they should raise this through the appropriate channels by speaking to the Class Teacher in the first instance, then the Year Leader or Head of School, so the matter can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. We do not believe that it is in the best interest of the children or the whole school community to use Facebook for negativity. Thank you for your support in this matter.

May we take this opportunity to **thank** all of our Parent Reps who keep parents and carers up to date with class information and reminders. Your hard work is really appreciated and extremely valuable.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all of our Parent Helpers who have volunteered to come into school to support children and staff over the course of this academic year. If you have any spare time and would like to become a Parent Helper in the new academic year please look out for our invitation letter in September and come along to our Introduction Meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Run to Rio



The staff and children at Knaphill Lower School ran an amazing **5837** miles as part of their Run to Rio challenge. Children enjoyed the extra daily physical activity and despite reaching Rio De Janeiro, they have independently decided to embark upon the return journey home! It was a delight to see how the children encouraged and inspired each other, as they worked together to reach destination!

“Run to Rio has been so good because it makes us exercise more. I loved it because I ran so many laps. It was fun and tiring but it has made my running better!” Callum Mediliage, Seal Class July 2016

Parking

Many of the letters and e-mails I have received over the course of this academic year have been about parents and carers parking inconsiderately, and the use of scooters and bikes on the school driveway and playground. Please can we remind those parents/carers that drive to school to ensure that they park their car in a safe space and be courteous to others. Please take time over the Summer break to think about your journey to school and safe places to park. Free parking is available to families at The Vyne car park and Brookwood Sainsbury's.

Attendance

Knaphill Lower School's attendance target for this academic year was 96%. I am extremely proud to report that we achieved 96% this year! Attendance and punctuality are extremely important if your children are to make the most of all of the educational opportunities at Knaphill Lower School. Parents are reminded not to book family holidays, long weekends or treat days during term time. All holiday dates for the academic year are posted on the school website and our five INSET days for the academic year 2016 - 2017 are listed below. Lets all work together to surpass our attendance target for the next academic year!

INSET DAYS 2016 - 2017

Monday 5th September 2016

Tuesday 6th September 2016

Monday 28th November 2016

Friday 26th May 2017

Friday 21st July 2017



Uniform

During the summer break, please look at your child's uniform to ensure that he/she returns in September in the correct clothing and footwear and that it is in a smart condition. Please also ensure that your child has a **Knaphill Lower School Book bag**, available from our uniform stockists Valentino's at £4.99. Book bags ensure that all school reading books and reading diaries sent home with children remain in good condition, stay clean and dry. Could you also ensure that you child/children have a **Knaphill Lower School** drawstring PE bag with logo, please no ruck sacks or carrier bags. If you have any questions or queries please contact the School Office.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming our new families in September and seeing you all in the new term.



Have a wonderful summer!
Miss Concannon and all the staff at
Knaphill Lower School

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2016



September

Monday 5th September

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th September

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 7th September

Autumn Term begins for pupils 8.45am

Tuesday 13th September

Nursery Induction Talk 2.00 - 2.45pm

Sunday 25th September

PTA Car Boot Sale

Friday 30th September

PTA Quiz Night

October

Tuesday 18th October

Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.50pm

Tuesday 20th October

Parents Evening 5.30 - 8.50pm

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Half-Term (School Closed)

Monday 31st October

School opens at 8.45am

November

Monday 28th November

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

December

Tuesday 6th December

Ladybird Class Nativity 9.45am

Wednesday 7th December

Butterfly Class Nativity 9.45am

Thursday 8th December

Dragonfly Class Nativity 9.45am

Tuesday 13th December

Nursery Christmas Singalong 10.00am

Tuesday 13th December

KS1 Christmas Performance 1.35pm

(Family Members)

Wednesday 14th December

KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am

(Family Members)

Thursday 15th December

KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am

(Adults Only)

Wednesday 21st December

End of Term 1.30pm