

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Michaelmas term. I hope you all had a great half term with family and loved ones. It's already been a busy week and the start of several more to come. I hope this update gives you an insight into our busy, but wonderful school. We have sent lots of ParentMail forms recently, please check ParentMail regularly and enable notifications so you don't miss out. I'd strongly recommend using the App; this makes it much easier to communicate with us.

Nursery News

Welcome back to a very busy second half of the Michaelmas Term. This week we've started to prepare our 'Festive Songs' ready to sing to the nursery parents and visitors on Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm (more details to follow). Please save the date. Music has also been a feature of our Disco Dough sessions and Music and Movement activities, much fun has been had by all, judging by the laughter coming from the nursery! The children are exploring numbers and shapes along with letter sounds as we continue to learn through play each day.

Poppy Appeal & Kettering Armistice Day Event

Our Year 6s have been manning the Poppy Appeal stall every morning this week. Can I remind everyone that the merchandise should be taken home and the poppies should only be worn during November. Thank you for your generosity and support. Our pupils did us proud this morning at the Remembrance event at Kettering War Memorial. It's truly one of the most moving events of the year and a privilege to be invited to take part.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations are on the 21st and 22nd November. Orchestra, Dance and some clubs will continue on those evenings as normal. Unfortunately, Nature & Wildlife Club and Chess won't be able to happen to allow the teachers to meet with parents.

The School Office will email out your confirmed slots next week and class teachers will be sending you the link to your consultation via your child's Google account if you requested an online meeting. You'll be able to access the consultations via your child's Google Calendar, the link sent to their Gmail account or via Google Meet. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch next week. If you requested a phone call instead, you won't need the meeting link and for those joining us in the real world, please be patient whilst waiting outside rooms.

ISA U11 Football

Our small but elite squad of footballers travelled to Birmingham to compete in the performance midlands tournament. Winning 7 out of 10 games, the boys finished in the top 10! Well done boys.

KSSP Target Festival

Our Year 6 children were exemplary role models at the KSSP Target Festival at KLV. Both shots and behaviour were on point.

Maths Help

Last year, I helped parents with maths sessions, to help you help your child with homework. Here are my Top Tips as a reminder:

1. Don't panic! It's not your homework. Use the 'Maths Guide for Parents', talk to the class teacher. Homework is not worth falling out over! Remember what level of maths your child should be able to do.
2. Practise timetables every day. Try different ways: Supermovers, Hit the Button, Post-it notes.
3. Never say: "Just add a zero.", "Borrow it from next door.", "I wasn't any good at maths either!."
4. Play Games - Monopoly, Battleships, Cards, Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders, Trainline etc.
5. Make Maths Real - bake, geo-cache, measure things, count things. Have squared paper in the house, get some 10-sided dice, use Pinterest to make things, e.g. times tables grids. Finally, buy an analogue watch/clock and never tell your child the time again.

Children in Need - Next Friday

The School Council have decided that next Friday, on Children in Need day, everyone should try and dress up in spotty clothes (or normal non-uniform is fine) and donate £1 to the Children in Need charity. This includes everyone in school, from Nursery to Year 6. Children from Years 2-6 will need to ensure that the clothes they wear will be appropriate for going to the swimming pool. Reception to Year 6 will also be taking part in some SPOTacular activities throughout the day including Pudsey inspired art and BBC Moodboosters led by famous faces digitally. You are invited to take part in a Walk, Talk and Donate Mile at the usual Morning Mile time of 8:20-8:40 (Community Choir will still be happening!). Donations to Children in Need can be made to help those youngsters who are less fortunate. Please send any money for these events into school in a clearly labelled envelope to the Class Teacher. A letter from Mrs Glaves is attached with more information.

Local Tree Planting

Kettering Community tree planting group are planting by the River Ise on 20th November, from 10am-1pm. St Peter's families have been invited to help and take part. Address: 2 Valley Walk, Kettering, NN16 0LY (then walk down towards the river via the footpath).

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A message from Emily, "It's such a great, heart-warming activity to be involved in at the weekend, and if anyone would like to come along, either as an individual or as part of a group then we would very much love that. The sign up link is: <https://bit.ly/tree-planting-2022>."

Please Don't Enter School Buildings

Please can I remind you all not to enter the school buildings unless you're an expected visitor, with a visitor badge, or you're being escorted. The safety and security of our children is our primary concern and it's best practice for adults not to enter toilets, changing rooms or cloak rooms without supervision. Thank you.

Baby Glaves

Finally, it's my absolute joy to tell you all about the expected arrival of baby Glaves in 2023. We send all of our love to the Glaves family and we will all support Mrs Glaves as she goes on her pregnancy journey - the Year 3 children were thrilled when they were told this week!

Don't forget to sign up for the PTA Quiz which is next week and to bring in any Christmas Hamper donations; tickets are on sale via ParentMail and you can buy as many as you like! I look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents on Monday morning from 10am for the Year 2 Class Assembly. Have a great weekend everyone.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher