



Knebworth Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 9th November 2018

Value this
half term
Enthusiasm

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and the inevitable count down to Christmas! The Senior Leadership Team had the pleasure of holding a second open morning for prospective parents today. Once again, it was lovely to see lots of new as well as familiar faces. We have a real community ethos at Knebworth, when we welcome a child we welcome their family as well. We would like to say a big thank you to the members of staff and Louis, Lucy, Maddie, Scarlett, Jessica, Jayden, Lydia and Xue-Rui who were fantastic role models.



Wow! Thank you to all those generous families who donated to our shoebox appeal. You are going to make somebody somewhere very happy this Christmas!

Another thank you has to go to Mr Williams for continuing to provide a range of excellent musical enrichment opportunities for our children. In particular, the children enjoyed their recent experiences at a recording studio where they were able to sing in a professional arena.

Next Friday 16th November is a FOKS MUFTI day where FOKS are asking for donations of chocolate/bottles for the Winter Fair. As it is also 'Children in Need' next Friday and the children can come to school dressed in something spotty on this day and bring a small donation for the charity if they wish. At the end of the school day FOKS will also be running a cake and book stall where all the proceeds will go 'Children in Need'.

Following on from the successful workshops on Bullying delivered by Rony Ford. Feedback indicated that parents would like some more information on Protective Behaviours and strategies for developing resilience. Therefore, we will be running two identical workshops on Thursday 6th December in the school hall with timings of 9:30am and 2:30pm.

I am pleased to announce that just before half term we made some internal appointments. Miss Bains and Mrs Maynard will both be stepping up to Acting Deputy Headteachers. Miss Bains will continue to be responsible for EYFS and KS1 and Mrs Maynard will continue to be responsible for KS2. Mrs Rix will be taking on Inclusion Manager and is also stepping up to Assistant Headship. We are an extremely fortunate school to have such expertise within our staff and we all wish them well in their next stage of their careers.

As you are all aware it is Remembrance Sunday on 11th November. In school, we are going to mark the occasion with a poppy display and a special assembly on Monday. I will be attending the local service in Old Knebworth to represent the school. It would be lovely to see as many families there as possible.

Kind regards,

Natasha Laskey and the School Leadership Team

Awards and Achievements

House Points:

Aschil: 35

Bulwer: 44

Eudo: 62

Lytton: 46

E-Safety

The Children's Commissioner has produced a report called 'Growing Up Digital', which argues children need 'resilience, information, and power' to be 'citizens and not just users' of the Internet. It is a fascinating and challenging report. Please visit the link below.

https://app-t1pp-cco.azurewebsites.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Growing-Up-Digital-Taskforce-Report-January-2017_0.pdf

Notices and Reminders

Image consent forms - all children came home with image consent forms before half term. Thank you to those parents who have returned these so promptly. Please can we ask that these are **returned to school ASAP** so we can update our records accordingly - (documents attached if you don't have them). Thank you.

Year 2 Nature - As part of their new Art topic, the Year 2 teachers would like the children to bring in leaves, sticks, conkers, stones etc. if possible. Please could the children bring these into school on Monday 12th November ready for their artwork on 14th November. Thank you in advance.

Scholastic Book Fair - The children came home with Book Fair leaflets this week. The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 22nd November to 29th November from 3:15 to 4:00pm each day in the entrance area. Please come along and support this book fair as for every book sold the school receives rewards vouchers which can then be spent on additional books for our library. Thank you.

FOKS Winter Fair - Will be held in school on Saturday 24th November from 11:00 - 3:00 pm. The school Choir will sing at 1:00 pm. (Please see attached flyer)

Key Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2018

Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable

15th November: Year 6 Copernicus Class Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm

16th November: Children in Need - as it's MUFTI day the children can come to school dressed in spots!

20th November: Drama Club Shakespeare Rehearsal (1:30-5pm) and Performance (7pm) The Grove theatre

22nd November – 29th November: Book fair in school in the entrance area

22nd November: Year 6 Pegasus Class Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm

27th November: Reception to Year 5 children Flu Vaccination

27th November: Year 5 Afternoon Tea to Neighbours at 2.30pm

30th November: Occasional Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Please note the Christmas show dates below and add these to your diary!

6th December: Protective Behaviours/Resilience workshop for parents in the school hall 9.30 and 2.30

10th December: Nursery Christmas Show at 11am

10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

11th December: Reception Christmas Show at 2pm

12th December: Year 1 Christmas Show at 2pm

13th December: Year 2 Christmas Show at 2pm

17th December: Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert at St Martins Church at 1pm

Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Martins Church at 2.15pm

19th December: Christmas lunch in school

20th December: Christmas Pantomime for EYFS and KS1 - thank you to FOKS for the funding of this wonderful experience

21st December: **END OF TERM – School finishes at 1:30pm**

7th January: Children return to school.

FOKS DATES

FOKS play an important part within our school life and raise much need funds to continue supporting our children across the curriculum. Please help to support them at the events below.

16th November: Mufti Day - Please provide donations of Chocolates/Bottles for the Winter Fair. It is also **Children in Need** so children may come to school dressed in spots!

20th November: Bags to school in

23rd November: Y2 Cake Sale

24th November: Winter Fair - 11:00 - 3:00 pm. Choir will sing at 1:00 pm.

7TH December: Mufti Day - Christmas Disco

2.15-3.00 Nursery/Reception

3.30-4.45 Y1 Y2 Y3

5.00-6.15 Y4 Y5 Y6