



Knebworth Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

8th February 2019

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday, our EYFS children and staff had a wonderful day celebrating Chinese New Year in school. 2019 is the year of the pig! Many children wore red for our celebrations as red is a lucky colour for the Chinese. The children also enjoyed tucking into a feast of spring rolls, noodles and prawn crackers all of which were very kindly donated by Ren-jie's family - such a wonderful, kind gesture for all of our EYFS children. The children loved making Chinese lanterns, taking part in a dragon dance and enjoyed using the Chinese restaurant in their role play areas. Yet again, another wonderful and memorable learning opportunity for our children!

Also, on Tuesday our amazingly talented school choir took part in Young Voices at The O2 arena in London! Young Voices is one of the largest children's choir in the world and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and experience of performing in such an iconic venue. A BIG thank you to Mr Williams and Mrs Andrea for all of their hard work and dedication in the months leading up to this event - your hard work truly paid off! Also, thank you to Miss Bains, Mrs Akers and Mrs Smith for accompanying the children on the day. Please visit our school Facebook page or school story on Class Dojo to see a selection of photographs and videos from the day.

Goodall Class hosted their Class Celebration Assembly on Thursday afternoon and impressed their families with their learning around their rivers topic. They also performed their beautifully choreographed dance on their topic of rivers which was wonderful. Well done to all involved.

Earlier today, our Reception children and their parents took part in a road safety session delivered by Herts County Council. The children really enjoyed learning about how to keep safe as pedestrians and liked the practical elements of the session. Thank you to those parents who attended.

Thank you to FOKS and the parent volunteers who supported Film Night this week - the children really enjoyed the film and the monies raised will be used to enhance the children's curriculum.

At Knebworth, the attendance of our children at school is a high priority. As a school, we do all we can to obtain very high attendance from all our children and we ask that our parents work in conjunction with the school to ensure their child has the highest attendance possible. Please take the time to read the attached attendance letter to this week's parent mail. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Lastly, there is a swimming questionnaire attached to this week's parent mail. This questionnaire is for all parents to complete as we value everyone's opinion.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Natasha Laskey and the School Leadership Team

E-Safety

Please take the time to read the attached factsheet on Tik Tok.

Awards and Achievements

House Points:

Aschil: 59

Bulwer: 56

Eudo: 51

Lytton: 50

Attendance cup goes to: Year 3 Goodall with 100% - Well done!

Silver privilege cards: Year 3 - Lexi & Vigo, Year 4 - Joshua & Caitlyn, Year 5 - Ella & Archie, Year 6 - Liam & George.

Notices and Reminders

Multisports Camp with John McKessick will be taking place from Monday to Thursday during February half-term. The camp will be held at Woolmer Green school. Please contact John directly if you wish to book your child a place. You can contact him on 07747 136 714.

NUTS!

In order to safeguard our children and staff the school has a **no nut** policy.

I cannot express strongly enough how dangerous they are to some of our children and staff who could suffer a severe life threatening anaphylaxes if they come into contact with nuts.

Please, please be vigilant, check all cereal bars for their content, and do not send your children to school with peanut butter, Nutella or nuts of any kind.

Mobile Phones

Please be reminded that mobile phones should not be used on the school premises. This is in place to protect YOUR children.

Car Park

In addition to the near miss at the beginning of the week, we have now had another in the staff car park. The staff car park is strictly for staff only and should not be used by parents at any time of day whether early morning, afterschool club collection, meetings or for dropping off.

Key Dates for your Diary - Spring Term 2019

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

13th February: Year 2 Aztec Day

18th February to 22nd February: HALF TERM

28th February: Year 2 Galileo Class Scootability

1st March: Year 2 Newton Class Scootability

7th March: World Book Day - children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book!

7th March: Year 2 Galileo Class Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

14th March: Year 2 Newton Class Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

15th March: Red Nose Day

21st March: Year 1 Rosen Class Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

26th March: Open Evening 3:30 to 5:00pm - An opportunity to look around the school and look at your children's books/journals

28th March: Year 2 trip to Roald Dahl Gallery

28th March: Year 1 Dahl Class Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

1st April: Year 5 Afternoon Tea to Neighbours at 2:15pm

2nd & 3rd April: Parents Evenings from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

3rd April: Pupil Parliament trip to The Houses of Parliament

4th April: END OF TERM - School finishes at 1:30pm

24th April: 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.

1st March: Year 4 Cake Sale

7th March: FOKS AGM 7.30pm School Hall

15th March: FOKS Mufti Day - donations of jazzy jars for Gala Day

22nd March: Year 3 Cake Sale

28th March: Mother's Day gifts