

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Our first few weeks after the long summer holidays have been a real pleasure. It has been lovely to welcome all our new 'recruits' who joined us at the start of the year and also to welcome back our existing pupils. Everyone seems to have settled in really well and there is a truly delightful atmosphere of fun, enthusiasm, interest and participation pervading school at the moment. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new Vicar of Knowle Parish Church, Reverend Geoff Lanham, who is already a regular visitor to school.

Some of you have been invited into school already to help support your child with their learning, in particular, Year 3 parents have been showing off their artistic talents and knowledge of Ancient Egypt to very good effect, the evidence of which is on display in the corridors! Year 4 had to hit the ground running as they were leading our Harvest Festival celebrations in Church and also starting up their year-long relationship with Sparkhill Food Bank. It was good to see so many of you at Knowle Parish Church where we were treated to a real display of talent used so well to give a strong, thought-provoking message about the importance of sharing our good fortune and blessings, particularly with those in greater need.

In a couple of weeks, we will be hoping to see you all when you attend our first Parent/Teacher consultation meetings for this academic year. There is much to celebrate and share and we look forward to taking some time to do just that.

Jenny Goddall

School Uniform - A Few Important Reminders

Please may we remind you that Junior children may wear a watch but that Fitbits are not permitted in school. Long hair should be tied back (including boys!) and hair gel and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Thank you for your cooperation.



School Nurse 'Drop-in' Session

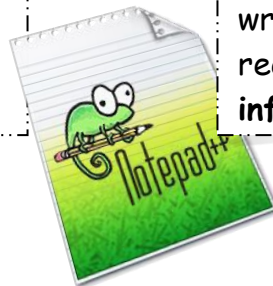
The school nurse will be here on **Monday 14 October** at **2.45pm** for a 'drop in' session if any parents would like to see her - no appointment necessary!

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Reception Children - Milk

If you would like your Infant child to receive milk at school and they have turned 5 years you will need to register with Cool Milk. Please visit www.coolmilk.com


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Absence from School

If your child is absent from school please remember to call school **before 9.30am** on 01564 776209. Please send a note of explanation in when they return to school - a written explanation is always required **even if you have already informed us via voicemail.**

Some Dates for your Diary

Our Nursery Open Day is being held at 9.45am on Thursday 17 October and our Reception Open Day is being held on Thursday 7 November. Please contact the school office on 01564 776209 to book your place.



Labels are for Clothes!

Please could we ask parents to assist us by labelling your child's uniform. It is much easier to reunite lost items if we know who they belong to!

Thank you!



Donations Please!

If you have any shape-sorting boxes or stacking beakers/rings that are no longer used by your children, Mrs Eades would be very pleased to receive them! Please pop your donations into the main office.

Thank you!



Year 4 Visit Sparkhill Foodbank

Some children from Year 4 visited Sparkhill Foodbank last week to learn about the service they provide and to share with them the food gifts that our parents and children donated during Harvest. When we arrived, Les (the Manager) gave us an introduction and told us about the Foodbank. He told us about the food and how to date it with a black marker and then box it up in sections. So we had a go! Then we all worked as a team to package items into bags for individuals and families in need. It felt great helping people!

Nikita, 4S



CCTV

We have purchased a number of CCTV cameras to improve security on the school site. These are trained on the entrances/exits to school and are monitored from the school offices.

Thank you



Reminder

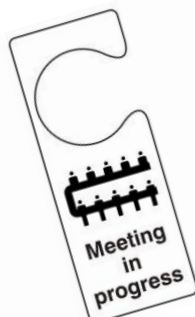
Please could we remind you that we have some children/adults in school who have a nut allergy and therefore we would ask that you do not send your children into school with food or snacks that contain nuts - this includes any after school clubs. Thank you for your co-operation



Staff Meetings

Please note that our staff meetings are held at 3.30pm on Tuesdays therefore teachers are unlikely to be able to meet with parents unless there is an emergency.

Thank you



School Gates

Please note that during the school day the school gates are closed and at going home time the gates are programmed to **open automatically** at 3.00pm.

