



KILLIGREW NEWS

14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that you will be able to join us for the Y1-Y6 Book Looks that are taking place today and next Friday. Parent teacher consultations meetings are taking place during the w.b. 7th February.

In order to keep you as involved as possible about your child's time in school, teachers will soon be using 'Marvellous Me', an app to share news with you about your child's learning.

We will send you a letter containing the details about how to sign up next week.

*You can find out more at:
<https://marvellousme.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Parent-Walkthrough.pdf>*

We have included many general reminders in the first newsletter of the term.

Kindest regards,

*T.Mylotte
Head teacher*

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Cooper who has joined our teaching team. She is mainly teaching in nursery and is covering PPA in the infants.

We look forward to seeing Miss Norris in a few weeks' time when she starts to recover from a badly broken leg.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has donated high quality second hand books in the past few weeks. It is much appreciated.

Parent Governor Election

Mrs Liz Jellows has been elected as the new parent governor.

Student Teachers

We welcome Ms Agebuyi, a PGCE student teacher who will be working in Parakeet class until mid-June. We also welcome Ms Small, a BEd student teacher who will be working in Bluejay class until March.

Covid

Children aged 5+ who are testing daily as close contacts, who receive a positive lateral flow test result for Covid will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

You can read the guidance in full at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results> This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK.

People with symptoms (even if they test negative using a LFD) should still book a PCR test at www.nhs.uk/gettested

Covid Absence

If your child is not able to attend school because of a COVID related reason, please let us know before school as we will set work on Google Classroom for them. We aim to set this by 12pm that same day. After the first day, the class teacher will set work and all work submitted will be acknowledged and marked. For Early Years, work will be set on Google Classroom but handed in on Tapestry.

Of course, there is no expectation to complete this work if your child is unwell, or you are too unwell to support them (if they can't work independently). However, we are keen to keep setting work as we cannot anticipate when the COVID pandemic will end, and we are aware that children may have to have more time off school than in pre-pandemic times. It also makes it easier for the child to return to their learning when they are back in school as they know what the rest of the class has been working on.

Communication

If you have any questions or want to pass on any information regarding your child, their class teacher is the first person to contact. It is always best to try to speak to them at the end of the day when they have more time. It is best to avoid Wednesday afternoons as we have a staff meeting straight after school.

The teachers can usually resolve any issues but if having met with them the query has not been resolved you may contact the Key Stage Leader via the school office:

YN-Y1 Mrs Wicks
Y2-Y3 Mrs Digweed
Y4-Y6 Mrs Holmes
SENCo Mrs Pita

If you need further help, you may like to make an appointment to see Mrs Morley. I am usually at the gate at the beginning or end of the day if you would like to speak to me.

Safeguarding

Schools have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are their pupils. The Children Act 1989 places a clear responsibility on schools to ensure that they work together with other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. The local authority requires head teachers to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse which includes non-accidental injury, physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. As a result, if concerns are raised within school we have a legal obligation to report this to Children's Services.

We have a school Child Protection Policy and a copy of the Hertfordshire Area Child Protection Procedures which are available for parents to view. I am the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' for child protection and am happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have related to child protection policies and practice. Mrs Wicks, Miss Norris and Mrs Morley are the deputy 'Designated Safeguarding Leads'. In line with our child protection policy, all adults working in school undergo a thorough vetting procedure, including an enhanced DBS check.

Information Sources

Parent Forum reps asked about where to find key sources of information.

Website-most information can be found here. www.killigrew.herts.sch.uk

The weekly newsletter is the main source of general information and dates are updated on a weekly basis.

Email is used for any urgent matters, letters and details about clubs and trips.

Twitter shows what the children have been learning in school.

Google Classroom is used by teachers to remind parents about things happening in their class and homework.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory. Despite Covid, the usual rules on attendance continue to apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

This means that we cannot authorise term time holidays or time off for birthdays or family celebrations.

Here is the link to our attendance policy.
<https://killigrew.herts.sch.uk/download/attendance-policy/>

Nursery Places

We are now accepting Nursery applications for September 2022. Here is the link to further information:

<http://www.killigrew.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Parking

Just before Christmas, there was an increase in the number of parents dropping children off in West Avenue and the surrounding roads.

Please do not enter East Close or park on the road junctions as this makes it difficult for families to cross the road safely.

Please may we remind you to avoid parking over or blocking residents' driveways.

Please consider parking on the service roads on Watford Road and walking the short distance to school.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to extra help. Please see below for information about accessing free school meals for your child.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Dates for the Diary 2021-22

(Any changes/additions to the previous week will be highlighted in yellow.)

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January	INSET Day (school closed)
Thursday 6 th January	Children return to school
Friday 14th January	Y1-Y6 Book Look (A-M)
Thursday 20 th January	Y5 Stem Centre Visit
Friday 21st January	Y1-Y6 Book Look (N-Z)
Wednesday 26 th January	Y1 Victorian Day School nurse visiting Y6
w.b. 7 th February	Place2Be Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 8th February	Goldfinch Parent Teacher consultation meetings
Wednesday 9 th February	Parent Teacher consultation meetings (not Goldfinch Class)
Thursday 10 th February	Parent Teacher consultation meetings
Friday 11th February	Dress to Express for the future (more details to follow) Author/tortoise visit
14th-18th February	Half term (school closed)

Thursday 10 th March	Y4 Rye Meads trip
14 th -18 th March	Y6 residential school journey
Thursday 24 th March	Y3 Roman Workshop trip
Friday 1 st April	Last day of term (finish one hour early)
4th-15th April	Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer Term 2022

Monday 18 th April	Easter Monday (Bank holiday school closed)
Tuesday 19 th April	Children return to school
May	KS1 SATs
9 th -12 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 16 th May	YR screening checks
Tuesday 17 th May	YR screening checks
Thursday 26 th May	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 27 th May	Occasional day in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee (school closed)
w.b. 30 th May	Half term (school closed)
w.b. 6 th June	Y1 phonic screening check
	Y4 multiplication check
w.b. 13 th June	Y4 multiplication check
w.b. 20 th June	Y4 multiplication check
Wednesday 20 th July	School finishes one hour early for the summer holiday
Thursday 21 st July	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 22 nd July	Occasional Day (school closed)