



KILLIGREW NEWS

26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for the donations of books and games that several families have sent in over the past weeks-these are very much appreciated. If you have any good quality books that your child has grown out of, we are always happy to receive them!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Kingfishers	97.6%
Peacocks	97.3%
Bluejays	97.1%
Nightingales	96.0%
Cardinals	95.9%
Goldfinches	95.2%
Eagles	94.5%
Macaws	93.8%
Puffins	91.0%
Skylarks	89.3%
Hummingbirds	88.7%
Toucans	88.3%
Firecrests	86.7%
Parakeets	85.0%
Pelicans	84.0%

We have had a lot of illness so far this term but hopefully everyone is starting to feel better now. These are last week's attendance figures-well done Kingfishers!

Here is a link to help children to focus on washing their hands carefully.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>

Taekwon-do Champions

We are so proud that several of our Taekwon-Do enthusiasts were selected to take part in the recent T-UK British Open ITF Taekwon-Do Championships in Coventry. They competed in Patterns and Sparring against students from 23 other TKD schools across the UK.



Timothy (Y6), Benjamin (Y4), Yunus (Y3), Ollie (Y3), and Kyle (Y3) put their martial art skills to good use, taking home silver and bronze medals. Very well done!



Gates

We are making some minor changes to the gate opening times from Monday. At 2:55pm, the gates will be opened for Nursery parents only. All other parents-please wait in West Avenue/Greenwood Park.

At 3:00pm, the Nursery children will be seen out of the side gate (by the KS1 playground) as usual. Mrs Green will unlock the West Avenue gate for any Nursery parents to leave once all of the Nursery children have been collected.

The West Avenue gate will be reopened at approximately 3:10pm for all parents in the main school, quickly followed by the Greenwood Park gate. If you are a Y1 parent, please wait in the main playground until 3:15pm rather than going into the Y1 covered area.

We will review how this works next week but the teachers will, of course, keep your child with them until you arrive.

Speech Cup Final

We were so proud of all the finalists who took part in our Speech Cup competition last week. **(Emi, Willow, Clayton, Sahar, Finlay and Lucas)** They all performed so well and the judges had an incredibly difficult decision to make. A special well done to Willow from Y4 who was the overall winner.

Termly Safeguarding reminder

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 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 them to Children's Services.

Miss Mylotte is the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' (DSL) for child protection and is happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have related to child protection. Miss Norris, Mrs Morley and Mrs Wicks are the deputy DSLs. In line with our Child Protection Policy, all adults working in school undergo a thorough vetting procedure, including an enhanced DBS check.

Killigrew is part of a project that runs jointly between schools and Hertfordshire Constabulary. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of incidents where a child has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that the DSL is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. They also ensure that the school can make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or families who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

Mumps

We have mumps in school. Here is a link to further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/>

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Nursery

On Mondays, the Nursery children go into the hall for physical development skills such as dance. Nursery children do not need a change of clothes, they just take off their socks (or tights) and shoes.

Please send nursery children in wearing leggings or joggers rather than tights, as socks are much easier to take off and put on. They can wear their leggings or joggers for the whole session.

PTA News

Having a clear out this weekend? Remember that Monday 29th January is the last day you can leave any unwanted clothing/textiles in the infant bike shed for a clothing collection. The attached poster shows what items can be donated-any quality accepted. Items will be sorted to be sold or recycled and Killigrew will receive money for every kilo they can re-sell. Please place all school uniform donations separately in the labelled box.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be interested in the following information regarding free school meals for your child. [Free school meals](#)

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Monday 29th January	Deadline for PTA clothing collection
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC number day-wear a number Goldfinches assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th February	Read with your child 8:40am School nurse visiting YR-health checks
Monday 5 th -11 th February	Feel Good Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Firecrests assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 8 th March	PTA chocolate bar sale-more information to follow.
Wednesday 14 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 15 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Monday 19 th -Friday 23 rd February	Half term-school closed
Friday 1 st March	Secondary School allocation day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up)
Friday 8 th March	Eagles assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Saturday 9 th March	Y6 Netball tournament
Monday 11 th March	PTA Year 2 Bake Sale
8 th -17 th March	British Science Week

Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Pelicans assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 22 nd March	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm) PTA non-uniform day (for Easter event)
25 th -27 th March (evening)TBC	Alban Arena Concert-choir & musicians
Wednesday 27 th March	PTA Easter event 3:15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Easter hat parade (children to bring a decorated hat to school) Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2) Last day of term-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm
SUMMER TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Monday 15 th April	Summer term begins
Friday 19 th April 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th April	School nurse visiting YR (health checks)
Friday 26 th April	Kingfishers assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 29 th April	PTA YR Bake Sale
May TBC	Walk to School Week
Friday 3 rd May	Puffins assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday-school closed
Friday 10 th May	Cardinals assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
13 th -16 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	National Numeracy Day
Friday 24 th May	KS2 sports day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May	Half term-school closed
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th June	Y4 multiplication table checks
Friday 7 th June 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Nightingales assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
w.b. 10 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Monday 10 th June	PTA Year 4 Bake Sale
Friday 14 th June	Skylarks assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 26 th June	School photographer-class photos
24 th June-5 th July TBC	National Fieldwork fortnight
Monday 8 th July	PTA Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 11 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 12 th July 9:00am	Infant sports Day Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Friday 19 th July 9:00am	Y6 leavers' assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) End of term for children-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET days-school closed

Term Dates 2024-25 (Next academic year)	
Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET Day (school closed)
28th October 2024-1st November 2024	Half term holiday (school closed)
23rd December 2024-3rd January 2025	Christmas holiday (school closed)
17th February 2025-21st February 2025	Half term holiday (school closed)
7th April 2025-21st April 2025	Easter holiday (school closed)
26th May 2025-30th May 2025	Half term holiday (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September 2025	Summer holiday (school closed)

*Please note that we will add 4 **INSET days** and 1 **Occasional day** (when the school is closed) for 2024-25 later in the year.