



KILLIGREW NEWS

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that we are nearly half way through this academic school year! You are probably aware that the mid-year Parent Teacher Consultation meetings are coming up just before half term. The booking system opens on Sunday and the admin team are sending out further information to you so get in quickly to book your preferred face to face or virtual slot.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Well done Cardinals for great attendance last week. Kingfishers-another good week for you too!

Cardinals	98.6%
Kingfishers	96.8%
Goldfinches	95.8%
Macaws	95.4%
Pelicans	95.3%
Nightingales	95.0%
Puffins	94.7%
Parakeets	94.6%
Eagles	94.5%
Peacocks	94.3%
Hummingbirds	93.8%
Bluejays	93.2%
Toucans	91.3%
Firecrests	86.7%
Skylarks	77.3%

Eco Council

This year, our Eco Council is working on the RSPB Wild Challenges. Their next chosen challenge was to take part in the RSPB Schools' Birdwatch. Please see the Eco Council's latest newsletter which is attached.

Measles

We have received the following information from the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust.

We are currently seeing outbreaks of measles across England. We know that more than 3.4 million children under the age of 16 years are not fully vaccinated against measles and are at risk of catching this serious and completely preventable disease. For every 1000 children who catch measles, between 1-2 will die. This is a highly infectious disease.

Pregnant women are at higher risk of developing serious complications from measles and should speak to their GP as soon as possible if they have been exposed to measles.

Parents can check their child has had both MMR vaccinations with their GP, on the NHS app or in their child's red book. Catch up vaccines are available via a GP or the School Aged Immunisation Service (details below). GPs, the immunisation service and the school nursing team are happy to discuss the MMR vaccine with any parents who have questions or concerns

*School aged immunisation service contact details admin.imms@nhs.net
Telephone: 01727 732062*

Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Harper who is joining our teaching assistant team next week. She will be working in Y3 initially.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online; this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre has created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents.

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher/myself or Miss Mylotte, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Lockwood, Computing Subject Lead

Feel Good Week

Killigrew is taking part in Feel Good Week 2024 next week. Feel Good Week takes place annually, supporting schools approaches to wellbeing, health and achievement.

This year's theme is, 'Your voice matters.' The children will be participating in a number of activities throughout the week that promote everyone having an opportunity to share and discuss their ideas and opinions.

Please see the attached document for ideas and activities to support your child at home. Look out for photos of our week on our X page (formerly known as Twitter).

Mayoral Visit

Just before Christmas, we were pleased to welcome Cllr Anthony Rowlands, The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City and District of St Albans.



The children learnt that when addressing the Mayor, they should say Mr Mayor or (more formally) Your Worship. They learnt the first Mayor of St Albans was John Lockey in 1553, that Councillor Anthony Rowlands is the 479th Mayor of the City and District of St Albans and that he chairs meetings of the Council, visits places and attends events.

The children were impressed with the mayor's robes and mace but were surprised that he does not live in a palace!

PTA News

Save the Date - Look out for information coming soon about the PTA's Chocolate sale on Friday 8th March and your chance to win a Golden Ticket!

Is my child too ill for school?

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

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=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlleIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
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)
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) PTA chocolate bar sale-more information to follow.
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 19th April 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th April	School nurse visiting YR (health checks)
Friday 26th April	Kingfishers assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 29th April	PTA YR Bake Sale
May TBC	Walk to School Week
Friday 3 rd May	Puffins assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 6th 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 3rd June	INSET day
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14th 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 10th 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 8th 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.