

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Jasmine, Lillian (Y4), Michael and Robel (Y5), who have all received Headteacher Awards this week.

House Points: This week's winners are:

Godiva		Herbert		Moorcroft		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
16	16	15	15	20	20	19	19

COVID-19:

KSI Isolation: We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 and 2 children (and staff) back following their self-isolation this week. As it is the first time that we have had to close school bubbles, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few important things that will help, if we need to do this again in the future.

Firstly, we must have up to date and accurate contact details ie: phone number, email address and home address. We need to be able to contact parents throughout the year but it is even more important now to ensure that any children self-isolating are keeping well and have appropriate work and equipment/internet access to enable them to work from home.

From October, the government made all schools have a Remote Learning Policy; there is a copy on the website. It is compulsory for children to complete school work at home, if they have to self-isolate due to a Covid-19 positive case. Staff are fully prepared for this and will provide work for all children to complete at home. In the next couple of weeks, all year groups will be taking part in a "virtual" learning day where staff will demonstrate the type of work that the children will need to complete and how to access this (where there is online learning). We are hoping that this will ensure that if any other year groups have to self-isolate, then the children will know how to access, complete and return the work they do at home. Can you please let your child's class teacher know if you don't have internet access at home.

Finally, if you are a single parent and are likely to find it difficult to bring your children to school, in the case of another of your children having to self-isolate, then please consider buddying up with a family who can support you to bring them in. Because our children have already missed so much education, it is important that they are in school and learning with their friends, if they do not need to be absent from school. We have, again, had confirmation that our safety procedures are robust and effective. Despite a very small number of KSI staff testing positive, none of the children did.

If your child or anyone else in your household has COVID-19 symptoms they must not come to school. You should arrange a test through the online portal or call 119. Household members must self-isolate for 14 days unless the test result is negative. If the result is negative they can stop self-isolating.

Hardship Support: Due to the new lockdown, we are aware that families are likely to be affected financially and so we would like to remind you that we can sign post you to support for food banks, if this is needed. We are also able to access funding for other items such as school uniform, shoes or white goods. Please contact Mr McIlroy at school if you need this. The Moat (Family Hub based on the school site) are also able to support and can provide vouchers for food, as well as advice about housing and health. Their phone number is: 02476 978036.

Pause for Thought: The path to success is to take massive, determined action. - Tony Robbins. Will you take determined action? Are you determined to succeed?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Friday 13 th November	-	Children in Need
Friday 18 th December	-	Christmas break
Monday 4 th January	-	children return to school
Thursday 11 th February	-	half term break
Monday 22 nd February	-	children return to school
Thursday 1 st April	-	Easter break
Monday 19 th April	-	children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	-	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 27 th May	-	half term break
Monday 7 th June	-	children return to school
Friday 16 th July	-	Last day of term
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st July	-	Teacher training days (children are not to attend school)

Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher



Attendance for last week:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Current school attendance: 94.6%

The class with the best attendance last week was 3NL with 95.8%

