

Knollmead News

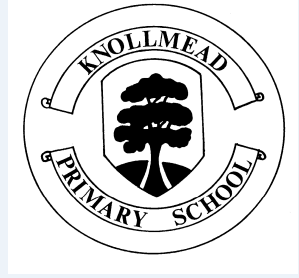
Knollmead Primary School

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From Mrs Dwyer

As we move towards the close of another school year and my second full year as Head of Centre at Knollmead Primary School, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support. We have made great progress again and it has been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents, carers and the local and wider community which reflect the growing confidence in our school. We are hugely proud of the children who are a real credit to our school and to you as parents and carers.

We are celebrating fantastic results this summer. The Year 6 pupils' results in reading, writing and mathematics are the highest ever for the school and reflect their incredible hard work throughout the year. In terms of progress, the key stage 2 results now match the high level that has been set at key stage 1 and in reception over recent years. With national averages surpassed at all thresholds, the Knollmead children have excelled this year in their learning. We are particularly pleased with our KS2 higher standard results for reading, writing and maths which combined are 26% compared to 9% nationally.

The work year on year to improve the quality of education is evident in your children's success and is testament to their hard work and the skill and dedication of all the staff.

It is a joy to see happy children every school day, achieving and succeeding every step of the way. This year, we have increased the number of school trips, clubs and performance opportunities, strengthened our support of children's emotional well-being and resilience and worked very hard to ensure that academic success reaches new heights. Our high-quality partnerships with various organisations provided opportunities for our pupils to enrich and extend their learning outside the classroom. We have worked with many partners including the Coombe Academy Trust, our local Cluster group, Kingston Music Service, Surbiton Rotary Club, The Royal Shakespeare Company and the Maths Hub to name but a few.

We have been truly amazed at all the compliments from members of the public about the exemplary conduct of our children on external visits and also regarding sportsmanship of children in tournaments and festivals. They are a real credit to us all. Our attendance figure continues to rise and we look forward to achieving our goal of 97% next academic year.

We have been very grateful to parents who serve on the Knollmead Friends Association. Their help and support in running activities such as the Christmas and summer fairs and present wrapping activities have been much appreciated and have had a positive impact on the success of the school.

On behalf of the Knollmead Primary School staff, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We wish all the very best to staff leaving us and thank them for their commitment to the school and their relentless focus on making sure your children have the very best education. We also wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future – we hope they look back at their time at Knollmead with fondness and happy memories.

Finally, I would like to wish both Mr Tan and Mrs Kearns every success as they take up their new appointments in September.

Mrs Dwyer

Farewells and Hellos

As always the Summer Term is the time of the year when we bid farewell to some of our staff and this year is no exception.

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff who are moving onto new and exciting opportunities in September; Miss Harris, Miss Emerton, Miss Underwood, Miss Mearing, Mrs Ridley and Mr Sharif.

We are sure that you will join us in thanking them for all their hard work and wishing them the very best in their new positions.

We are delighted to welcome the following members of staff for September; Miss Doyle (Class Teacher), Miss Jackson (Class Teacher), Miss McRae (Class Teacher), Miss Richards (Class Teacher) and Mrs O'Neill (Office Manager / PA to Headteacher)

We are looking forward to working with all the new staff members of the Knollmead team.

End of year Picnic and Bubble Parade

On the last day of term we will be having an end of term picnic on the field (weather permitting) from 12.20pm, and at 12.45 pm we will bid farewell to the year 6 children with a bubble parade. All parents are welcome to attend. **Please bring some bubbles to share with your children.**

We strongly encourage you to bring a picnic with you to share with your child and to cancel any prebooked meals for that day via Parentpay. Please note that Pabulum will provide a special sandwich lunch for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for all those children in Years 3 to 6 who are entitled to a free school meal. The advertised hot meal will still be available for every child who we have a booking for on that day to enjoy with their friends and family at the picnic.

Please remember that Knollmead is a nut free school

Mufti Day—Wednesday 19th July

To celebrate the last day of term children are invited to come into school in mufti to help raise funds for a school minibus. Suggested donation £1.

Goodbye Ms Painter

This summer we also say goodbye to Ms Painter who has been a member of the Knollmead community since September 1995. Ms Painter has led and developed the Hearing Impaired unit at Knollmead for many years and her work and support for these children has been immeasurable.

We wish Ms Painter all the best for her retirement and thank her for her dedication to Knollmead over the years.

'Wheels' Week

Following the positive feedback we received from the children about last year's 'wheels' day, the children have decided that they would like to repeat the activity this term. Each class will have half an hour on their wheels in the playground supervised by their class teacher. To take part in this activity the children will need to bring their own equipment with them to school.

Children must bring a safety helmet if they wish to cycle, and a helmet and knee and elbow pads if they wish to use roller skates. Children are allowed to bring in a bike, a scooter or a pair of roller skates for this activity. NO SKATEBOARDS will be permitted.

Monday 17th July: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2,

Tuesday 18th July: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Please note your child can only take part on the day allocated to their class.

Attendance



The classes with the best attendance last week were Sapphire and Emerald both with **100%**

The whole school attendance (Years Rec – 6) for last week was **95.9%**

Our target attendance is **97%**. Please help us to improve the children's learning by bringing them to school every day if they are fit and well.

Reminders

Reports—End of Year reports for all children have been sent home. Please do complete the comment box and return it to the school.

Lost Property -This is in the playground from Monday 17th July. Please make sure you have a good look through as any remaining items will be thrown away during the holidays.

Medicines—Please don't forget to collect any medicine held in school for any children who are leaving at the end of term.

Last day of term—Don't forget that school finishes at **1.00 pm** on the last day of term.

Fame the Musical!

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July, Year 5 and 6 took part in their end of year performance of Fame the Musical. Over 60 children spent weeks preparing costumes, making props and rehearsing their lines. On both of the nights, the children shone, showing a huge amount of talent. All the adults involved are incredibly proud of the children as they worked so hard to put on a performance that the parents were truly inspired by. Well done to all those that took part and thank you to all the parents who provided the costumes for the performance.



Albany Waterfest 2017

Albany Waterfest 2017 at Albany Outdoors promises to be bigger and better than ever!

Taking place on 2 September at Albany Outdoors. You will have the opportunity to have a taste of our most popular activities for only £5.

Everyone is welcome. There will be unmissable watersports fun for adults and children (over 8 years old), plus family entertainment for all, a BBQ, music and competitions throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy a free taster session between 10.30am to 3.30pm:

- Stand-Up Paddleboarding
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Raft building

All equipment is provided and you'll be in safe hands with our trained coaches. Changing rooms and showers available.

For more info: www.kingston.gov.uk

Thank you! Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered their time over the last year. We have appreciated your help with accompanying children on trips, helping out either by the swimming pool or in the swimming pool and listening to many of our children read. We are so grateful for your help and support as without this some of these activities would not be able to take place.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 17th July—Wednesday 19th July

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Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Tuesday 12th September

No clubs or swimming lessons

Ofsted Parent meetings (3.20 pm and 6.00 pm)

Year 6 Leavers Service followed by afternoon tea (2.15 pm)

Year 6 Leavers Disco (6pm)

End of Term Picnic (12.20 pm) and Bubble Parade (12.45pm)

End of Term 1.00 pm

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Years 1—6 return to school (8.45 am)

Existing Nursery children return to school (8.45 am)