

# Knollmead News

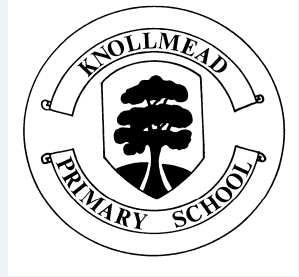
Knollmead Primary School

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## Pr ud to be part of Knollmead

Please see below comments made by Rob Eyre Brook, our Senior School Improvement Advisor, following one of his recent visits. Another great example of why we should all be 'Proud to be part of Knollmead'

'In the four years that I have worked with the leadership at Knollmead, I have seen the school transformed. The stunning results that were achieved in 2017 were matched in 2018 and attainment is set to rise still further. This has been achieved through a relentless focus on meeting the needs of every child, making the school a wonderful place to learn. The quality of teaching is matched by the superb attitudes of the children, who are so very proud of their achievements and of their school.' Rob Eyre Brook, Senior School Improvement Advisor, September 2018.



## Sensory Sensations!

In Sapphire we have developed our 'Growing Area' with lots of different herbs, plants and flowers! The children have explored all the different smells and enjoyed planting new things!

## Compost donations

The Early Years team are also using their green fingers in Nursery and Reception classes. To help their fruit, vegetables and flowers grow they are looking for donations of compost. Please let the class teachers know if you have any you are able to donate. Thank you!

## Yummy School Lunches

Thursday 4th October is 'Favourites Day' in the Knollmead canteen. If your son/daughter doesn't usually have a school meal why not encourage them to try it on this day? There is some lovely food available as you can see from the menu above. Remember that if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 all school meals are free. Please book online via parentpay. If you need any help please contact the school office.

## School Photos

The school photographer will be coming to Knollmead on **Thursday 4th October 2018**. There will be an opportunity for the children to have their pictures taken with their siblings as well as on their own.

All they need to do on the day is stay clean and tidy and smile!



## Building our children's vocabulary

One of our main objectives for this year and coming years is to strengthen, build and develop vocabulary across the school. We would like your help with this and below are a couple of tips (adapted from <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/building-your-childs-vocabulary>) about steps you can follow with your children at home. We hope you find them helpful:

So when introducing new words to your young learner, keep the following four helpful hints in mind:

- First, provide a simple, child-friendly definition for the new word e.g. **Enormous** means that something is really, really big.
- Second, provide a simple, child-friendly example that makes sense within their daily life e.g. Remember that really big watermelon we bought at the grocery store? That was an **enormous** watermelon!
- Third, encourage your child to develop their own example: What enormous thing can you think of? Can you think of something really big that you saw today? That's right! The bulldozer near the park was **enormous!** Those tyres were huge.
- Lastly, keep your new words active within your house.

Over the next few days and weeks, take advantage of opportunities to use each new vocabulary word in conversation. Take the time to share new words and build your child's vocabulary.

You'll be **enormously** glad you did!



## Transfer to Secondary School 2019

Year 6 parents please don't forget that **Wednesday 31st October** is the closing date for applications. We would strongly urge Knollmead parents to complete their applications by Friday 19th October so that we can provide any support ahead of the closing date.

## Go Team Knollmead

On Thursday 20th September a team of Year 2 pupils took part in a Football Festival at Goals. It was their first time playing together and, although they faced some tough opposition in their group, they managed to score many impressive goals and showed great defending skills! It was a fantastic effort from the whole team and lots to work on for the future.



## This week's maths Challenge is...

A box contains 40 cubes.



For every one red cube there are four blue cubes.



2 red cubes are removed from the box.

Some blue cubes are also removed.

There are now 3 times as many blue as red cubes.

How many blue cubes were removed?

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 4th October

School Photographer  
Favourites Day

Thursday 11th October 2018

Year 5 Trip to the British Museum

Tuesday 16th October 2018  
Thursday 18th October 2018

**School closes at 2pm** - Parents' Evening 2.30—5.30  
Parents' Evening - 3.30pm—6.30pm (more information to follow shortly)

Friday 19th October 2018

School closes for Half Term at 3.20pm