

Knowleswood Primary School Newsletter November 18



Communication with Parents / Carers

Hi everyone! We wanted to produce a newsletter to keep everybody up to date with what is happening. As you know, we are a new leadership team and we would love feedback about the best and most effective ways of communicating with our families. As always, if you have anything to ask or tell us you are always welcome to talk to one of us. Below in the teaching and learning section are the names of the people you might like to speak to, along with your child's class teacher.

Children in Need

Thanks to your generous donations, we raised £238.39 for Children in Need. All the children looked brilliant and showed us some super examples of 'do your thing!'

Well done everybody!!



School Council

Children from each class from Y2-6 have made their speeches as to why they would make the best school council rep. Results are currently being counted and verified and we will announce the successful candidates soon!

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who completed the online survey. The outcomes were positive and showed us we are successfully developing our school for your children.

What was highlighted are concerns about bullying. We are working hard to embed our **no tolerance** approach to bullying and would be happy to hear any suggestions you may have to support this. It is important that everyone has a clear understanding of what bullying is and how it is defined. The children have taken part in anti-bullying week and had several lessons and circle times devoted to discussing the definition of bullying and how we can prevent it and deal with it.

Bullying UK defines bullying as '*repeated behaviour which is intended to hurt someone either emotionally or physically.*' It is important to remember that children can be unkind when they are feeling frustrated and can say hurtful things but it is only bullying if the behaviour is *repeated* against the same child or children. Please remind your children that something happens that they are unhappy about, they must tell an adult in school in order for us to resolve the issue.

We are committed to ensuring that Knowleswood is a happy and safe environment for every single pupil!

School Grounds

We continue to work with Bradford Council to try to get our field and grassed areas back for the children to use. This situation is incredibly frustrating for us and the children and as soon as we have more information we will let you know.



Teaching and Learning

Our two parents evenings were very successful and we had lots of positive feedback regarding the new routines and rigour we have put into our days. Morning reading and daily phonics are now part of every day routine for every child and our work towards improving reading and writing, as targeted by OFSTED, is in full swing. Hopefully your children are telling you about their learning and progress at school! As always, if you have any questions about this please do ask!



Who to Ask - If you have a question about your child's learning please speak first to their teacher. Teachers are always at the door at the end of the day to speak to or arrange a more formal appointment. Other people you can talk to in school about any issues are: Julie Robinson (Family Support), Clare Cosgrove (Head of School), Laura Horsfall (Deputy Headteacher), Ruth Gavin (Early Years and KS1 Lead), Rob Sutcliffe (KS2 lead) or Gareth Lloyd (SENDCo). Noreen Dunn is our Executive Headteacher and is available for arranged appointments.

Parent/Carer Involvement News

Upcoming courses are:
English level 2 qualification for parents and carers.
Understanding Phonics sessions for parents and carers.
If you are interested in joining either of the above, please talk to Julie Robinson.



Up Coming Events

Christmas lunch - 13.12.18
Christmas jumper day - 14.12.18
Years 1 and 2 carol service - 17.12.18
Reception nativity - 17.12.18 and 18.12.18
Key Stage 2 carol service - 18.12.18
Christmas parties - 19.12.18