

KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES

7TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday and we would like to extend a special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope that your child will be very happy here at KWPS.

Welcome to the first edition of this year's Yellow Pages which will once again be coming home every Friday with your eldest child. There is also a copy available to view on our school website.

We have an app hosted by 'schudio' which enables easy access to key information on the website and will post a notification when the Yellow Pages has been added ~ simply download the 'schudio' app from the app store and then select our school and allow notifications.

I must say a huge thank you to all our parents for ensuring that the children looked so smart for the new year. We would be grateful if you could check that all your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name though, including their PE kit please.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Maigan Banks to the staff team here at KWPS. She is teaching Y4 this year and already feels part of our school.

Unfortunately Mrs Meaney is not yet well enough to return to work. Therefore, Mrs Wilkinson, a highly experienced teacher will be teaching her days in Y3 from this coming Monday.

We were disappointed to learn that Mrs Brown, our school secretary, had been headhunted during the Summer holidays and made an offer she couldn't refuse. We will miss her but wish her well in her exciting new role. I am so grateful to Anne Matthews who has very kindly stepped back into the office until we are able to make an appointment.

Music Update

Woodwind lessons and Wider Opps ,Y5, will take place on Mondays this year. Violins will remain on Monday. Brass lessons have moved to Tuesdays. Please note that there will be no orchestra this half-term.

Year 4 Swimming

Y4 swimming sessions will start next Tuesday. If your child wishes to wear goggles please could you complete a new goggles permission form. These are available from the office.

Health and Safety Week!

Once again we have begun the year with a Health and Safety Week, a chance to remind the children how to keep themselves safe both at home and at school and to promote a healthy lifestyle! The children have looked at lots of different ways of keeping themselves healthy and safe, including online safety, healthy eating, exercise, fire safety and handwashing.

Life Education Bus - Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th

The children were so excited when they found out that Harold the Giraffe would be visiting them next week. A leaflet giving more information about what each year group covers has been sent home today and there is a parental session on **Monday 10th 8.55am — 9.10am**. Do feel free to pop in — the van can be accessed via our environmental garden. Your child may well want to chat about what they have learnt at home. We will be following up the topics discussed in school too.

Water

We have emphasised the importance of drinking lots of water this week. All our new Reception children have received a water bottle donated by the PTFA and we have given new lids to all the children who had their water bottle in school. New bottles are available from the office for £1.50. **Please note in line with the National Healthy Schools Policy these may not be filled with juice or flavoured water.**

Please turn over ~ more information on the back.



Book Fair ~ Only 1 Visit This Year from Wednesday 12th September

Next Wednesday, the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school for a week. We are aware that this can prove costly to our parents and therefore we have again reduced the number of visits by the Book Fair to only one per year. There will be a wide selection of books on sale with something suitable for every age and interest. If we take more than £600 the school earns 50% commission on every book sold which enables us to continue to update our home readers or library. **A big thank you to everybody** who visited our Book Fair last year. As a result of your support we received over **£900** worth of books to add to the Infant and Junior home readers selection, totally free of charge.

The Book Fair will be held in the school hall at the beginning or end of the following days:

3.15-3.30pm on Wednesday 12th September

8.45-9.00am on Thursday 13th September

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8.45-9.00am on Friday 14th September

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3.15-3.30pm on Monday 17th September

3.15-3.30pm on Tuesday 18th September

Your child has been given a leaflet containing details of the books on sale. If you are not able to visit our Fair you can still purchase a book by sending the order form, together with the cost of the book, in a sealed envelope labelled **Book Fair** to your child's teacher. (Please make any cheques payable to **Kirkham and Wesham Primary School**.)

Building Update—Thank you

School was unrecognisable during the holidays as the heating engineers began the replacement of the pipes and radiators. Although they made good progress, it is a big project and it is unlikely to be completed until half-term. To minimise disruption, the majority of work will be completed after 3.30pm but this may impact at times on after-school clubs. You may also have noticed their container which unfortunately will be in our playground for a number of weeks. We are hoping that it will be worth all the upheaval in the long run as the heating broke down on numerous occasions last year due to the antiquated piping system!

When I came into school a fortnight ago and saw the state of all the rooms, I doubted that we would be able to open a week later. However, thanks to the staff who worked so hard during the last week of their Summer holidays, we were able to open on time. The transformation was unbelievable.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

To ease transition between key year groups, our Year 1 and Year 3 teachers held their Meet the Teacher sessions towards the end of last term. The remaining class teachers would like to invite you to meet them and see your child's new classroom on the following dates:

Year 6 ~ 2.50pm ~ Monday 10th September

Year 5 ~ 2.50pm ~ Tuesday 11th September

Year 2 ~ 2.50pm ~ Wednesday 12th September

Year 4 ~ 2.50pm ~ Thursday 13th September

If you aren't able to make this time, a letter will be sent home next week from your child's classteacher which will give you further information about the curriculum and expectations for your child's new year group.

Reception's Meet the Teacher session will be held once the children are in school full time. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that we do very much value our links with parents. If you have any concerns about your child or have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in at the end of the school day to see the classteacher.