

KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES

8TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Monday morning 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.

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.

Health and Safety Week!

As ever, 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!

Life Education Bus

The children were so excited when I told them that Harold the Giraffe would be visiting them again. Some classes have had their session today with the other classes doing so on Monday. A leaflet giving more information about what each year group covers was sent home yesterday and 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. It was lovely that so many parents popped in to visit the life education bus this morning!

Online safety

During the week we have reminded children about how to keep safe online. There are links to internet safety on our website and we will be putting more information in this section shortly, including our online policy and Acceptable Use of the Internet agreement. As a follow up to last year's online safety training for parents, we will continue to send home the latest edition of the Digital Parenting magazine from Vodafone which always has useful tips!

Healthy Lunch Day ~ Monday 11th September

We have also been looking at the importance of healthy eating and on Monday we will be holding a 'Healthy Lunch Day' when stickers will be awarded to children (and staff!) for bringing healthy packed lunches. The children on school dinners will also earn stickers for eating vegetables, fruit or choosing something from the salad bar too. We will continue to encourage the children to make healthy choices at lunchtime and please **can I remind the Junior children that they shouldn't be bringing chocolate bars/biscuits for their morning snack.**

Extra-curricular Clubs

The children have been taking part in taster sessions for clubs and any letters about clubs running this half-term will be sent out next week to interested children. All clubs (except Ju Jitsu) will start week beginning 18th September.

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 13th September

Next Wednesday, the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school for the 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 13th September

8.45-9.00am on Thursday 14th September

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8.45-9.00am on Friday 15th September

3.15-3.30pm on Friday 15th September

8.45-9.00am on Monday 18th September

8.45-9.00am on Tuesday 19th September

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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**.) **Thank you for your support**

Progress in Reading

As I mentioned in YP last September, reading was one of our key areas of focus on the school improvement plan last year. Thank you to everybody who supported us in this by hearing your child read regularly and enabling them to access Bug Club at home. This, together with the focus on developing high level comprehension skills in school, has had a real impact resulting in a big increase in the reading scores of KS2 SATs and end of year reading tests. We will continue with all the strategies which we put in place during the current year including Bug Club and we would be grateful for your continued support with reading at home. It does make a difference.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

To ease transition between key year groups and in response to requests from a number of parents, 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 4 ~ 2.50pm ~ Monday 11th September

Year 5 ~ 2.50pm ~ Tuesday 12th September

Year 2 ~ 2.50pm ~ Wednesday 13th September

Year 6 ~ 2.50pm ~ Thursday 14th 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.