



Dragon's Roar- December 2023 a



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a long and busy term we would like to thank the children, staff and parents who have helped make the first part of our year so successful. We feel sure the great start we have had will prove to be a springboard to more success in the New Year!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas Productions. We were very proud of the children for singing their hearts out and giving excellent performances. We hope you enjoyed the productions as much as we did!

We would like to thank our school community for all the extra support you provide your children at home - the difference that a few minutes of reading or times tables practise makes at home, is quite astounding.

All the staff and Governors at KPNS wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all of our best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Mr Cresswell, Mrs King and Mrs Holmes

## Changes to the staff team

We have a few changes to the staff team after Christmas:

- Mrs King will start her maternity leave ; we know you are all wishing her every happiness with the arrival of new Baby King! To cover her maternity leave, Mrs Holmes and Mr Cresswell will be working extra hours at KPNS and Mrs Westie, the Deputy Headteacher at Crossdale, will work at KPNS for 2.5 days per week. Mrs Westie is joining the team temporarily as she has done lots of work with Mrs King and can continue our work on phonics, writing, curriculum and all other aspects of teaching and learning – the shared approaches we have across both schools make this a natural fit!
- Miss Ingliss will start her maternity leave - we know you are all wishing her every joy with her new arrival! Mrs Gerrard, who is well known to all EYFS parents, will cover the maternity leave.

-Mrs Morgan, an experienced teacher who has worked at Crossdale in the past, will be covering Mrs King's teaching role in Y6 on a Wednesday afternoon.

-Miss Adams has been working with us, as a TA, for a few weeks in Key Stage 2, and we are delighted that she loves the children so much that she will continue with us after Christmas!

-Mrs Lees has reduced her role at KPNS due to ongoing health issues.

## Achievers of the Term!



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*The following children were awarded 'Achiever of the Term' for this Autumn:*

*Year 6- Gracie*

*Year 5- Leo*

*Year 4- Dolan*

*Year 3- Hugo*

*Year 2- Lacey*

*Year 1- Sergey*

*F2- Claire*

*F1- Grace*

*Well done to them, we are very proud of each of them.*

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## Attendance Award.



Well done to Freyja in Year 2 who won our attendance award this term; superb attendance!

Every half term, each child who has had an attendance level of 95% or above has their name put in to the 'spinning wheel' and a winner is picked; a Smyths or Amazon voucher is the prize on offer! 95% has been chosen as the minimum figure to take into account illnesses that children may suffer from during that half term period.

You will have received a text informing you of your child's attendance from September to the current date. If we can support with any attendance concerns you may have, then please do contact school.

## Children in Need!



In November, the whole school took part in Children in Need. We completed the 1000 BEARpee challenge and managed to raise £107. 10. Well done to everyone, we know that money will make a big difference for Children in Need.

## An Update from the Friends of KPNS



Wow! What a great start to the school term we have had! Our fabulous Friends have been super busy arranging movie nights, discos, Christmas Fairs and much more. The amazing Christmas Fair raised £1100 in just two hours!! Thank you for all your support , it means everything.

If you are wondering where the money raised goes, then we're sure the children will tell you all about it tonight once they have been to the Panto at Loughborough- the Friends paid for every child to have a ticket. Additionally, you may have noticed that last week two sets of basketball posts went up on the back playground. These have already been put to good use at breaktimes and the children will be using them as part of their PE lessons too. The courts will be marked out in the new year once the ground dries up.

The Friends have lots of super events planned for 2024 and they can't wait to see all the children and families there.

It's Peter PanTASTIC!



**Whole School Panto visit Wednesday 20th December (PM)- LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL TERM!**

What a way to finish the school term! We had the most incredible time at the Peter Pan this afternoon and we are now fully in the Christmas spirit! The children were impeccable and made us all so proud. Thank you to our Friends of KPNS for buying a ticket for every child- these are the moments which they all truly remember.

Christmas Top of the Pops!





Last week the children put on a super performance of 'Christmas Top of the Pops!' To see some of the photos, click the link. [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - They were Top Of the Pops!](#)

## Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 4th of January- All children return to school for Spring Term.
- Tuesday 23rd of January- FoKPNS Movie Night (Y1-Y6)
- Friday 26th of January- Year 2 Class Assembly
- Week Beginning 5th of Feb- Children's Mental Health Week
- 6th of February- Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th of February- Year 3 Class Assembly
- Friday 9th of February- All children break up for Half Term
- Monday 19th of February- All children return to school for Spring 2



Click on the link for school holiday dates for the next academic year: [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Term Dates](#)

**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**