



## Dragon's Roar- October-18/10/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Half term has come upon us in what has seemed like a blink of an eye. In school, we have had a fantastic start to the year where the children have worked hard and filled the school with excitement about their learning! We have had trips, visitors, virtual author visits and lots more. We have learnt across school about exciting topics and listened to our teachers read us the most marvellous stories during our class story time. We have appointed our new student leaders who are already having a wonderful impact on school. Finally, this week, we have been able to share with you, as parents, all your children's work- We hope you feel as proud of them as we do! We are very much looking forward to Autumn 2 and all the fun that awaits us but**

**in the meantime, we wish you all a very happy half term and we look forward to seeing all the children back on *Monday 4th of November!***

Best wishes,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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## The Keyworth Code





Show Good Manners  
And Respect  
At all Times



Follow  
Instructions  
with Thought  
and Care



## School Website- Friends of KPNS

Our school website is a great place to see what the children have been learning and to keep up to date with school news. We will be helping you navigate important sections of our website in each edition of Dragon's Roar.

### **Where can I find out about the PTA and what events are happening?**

We have a dedicated blog for our Friends of KPNS which we update regularly with information and events which may be helpful to parents. There are lots of exciting things happening over half-term and in the run up to Christmas so please keep eye out.

[Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Friends of KPNS](#)

## National Changes to School Attendance Expectations 2024/2025

Dear parent/carer,

This is a reminder of information sent out in July. We expect to publish our new attendance policy in the next few weeks:

The Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new guidance for schools about managing attendance. They have introduced a new national framework for Penalty Notices and changed the law. All schools across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

### **National Framework for penalty notices**

To provide consistency, the Government have introduced a new framework for penalty notices:

## **What are the two triggers for Penalty Notices?**

### **1. 5 consecutive days of term time leave (holiday)**

- a. Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time leave of 5 or more consecutive school days.

### **2. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**

- a. Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-week period.

Please note: 1 session = ½ day (am or pm)

## **First Penalty Notice**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or poor attendance. The amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days (Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days)

## **Second Penalty Notice - (Within 3 years)**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or poor attendance. The amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

## **Third Penalty Notice and Any Further Penalty Notices (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines are per parent, per child

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may be shown on the parent's future DBS certificate.

## **Payment of Penalty Notices:**

It is important to note that these fines are paid directly to Nottinghamshire County Council. The school does not receive any of the money from the fine.

- Failure to pay the fines may result in court action.
- The fine must be paid in full, there are no payment plans (paying in instalments)
- There is no process to appeal a fine. It must be paid.

When it comes to attendance, our stance is that we *listen, understand, empathise and support – but we are unable to tolerate poor attendance.*

All schools are expected to promote attendance and provide support to pupils not attending regularly. This means that we will raise attendance issues at an early stage, meaning we can offer support to prevent patterns of absence developing. We very much want it to have a supportive relationship where parents/carers work with us to improve attendance.

Ms Garner has primary responsibility for whole school attendance. If your child is anxious about attending school, please contact her ( [jane.garner@equalstrust.org](mailto:jane.garner@equalstrust.org) ) to arrange a meeting where she will be able to explore what support can be provided to help your child to attend school regularly.

### **Parents/Carers reporting absence:**

If your child will not be attending school, you MUST contact the school office and inform us every time. Failure to inform the school will result in the absence being recorded as “unauthorised” which will contribute to the risk of a Penalty Notice being issued.

### **Illness:**

The guidance states that schools may ask for medical evidence if a child is absent due to illness.

### **Term time holidays**

Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Leave of absence requests will only be approved if there are exceptional circumstances. If a request for leave is denied, and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more, then the school is expected to refer the case to the LA. The LA will issue a penalty notice with no requirement for a formal warning to be issued. Please take this new legislation into account when thinking about booking holidays during term time from September 2024.

Kind regards,

Mr. Cresswell

(Executive Head Teacher)

Ms Garner

(Family Link Worker)

## **Is my child too ill for school?**

The information found using the link below should be helpful:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/)





## Year 4 Trip to The Deep!



Last week the Year 4 children went all the way to Hull to visit The Deep. They have been learning about the oceans and how to look after them in their geography lessons. Whilst they were at the aquarium, they participated in a workshop on plastic pollution and enjoyed seeing all the incredible creatures The Deep had to offer.

[Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Y4 went to the Deep!](#)











## News from The South Wolds Academy (SWA)

Click here:

<https://www.southwolds.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=73>



## National Poetry Day!

As you know, we celebrated National Poetry Day as a whole school. All the children across school used the same picture as inspiration for their own poetry. We then published their work in the entrance hall. We hope you spotted it at parents' evening but if not, here it is.



## Handwriting Heroes!



We had our first 'Handwriting Heroes' Week where children worked hard to improve their handwriting and present their work neatly. Our first award winners were:

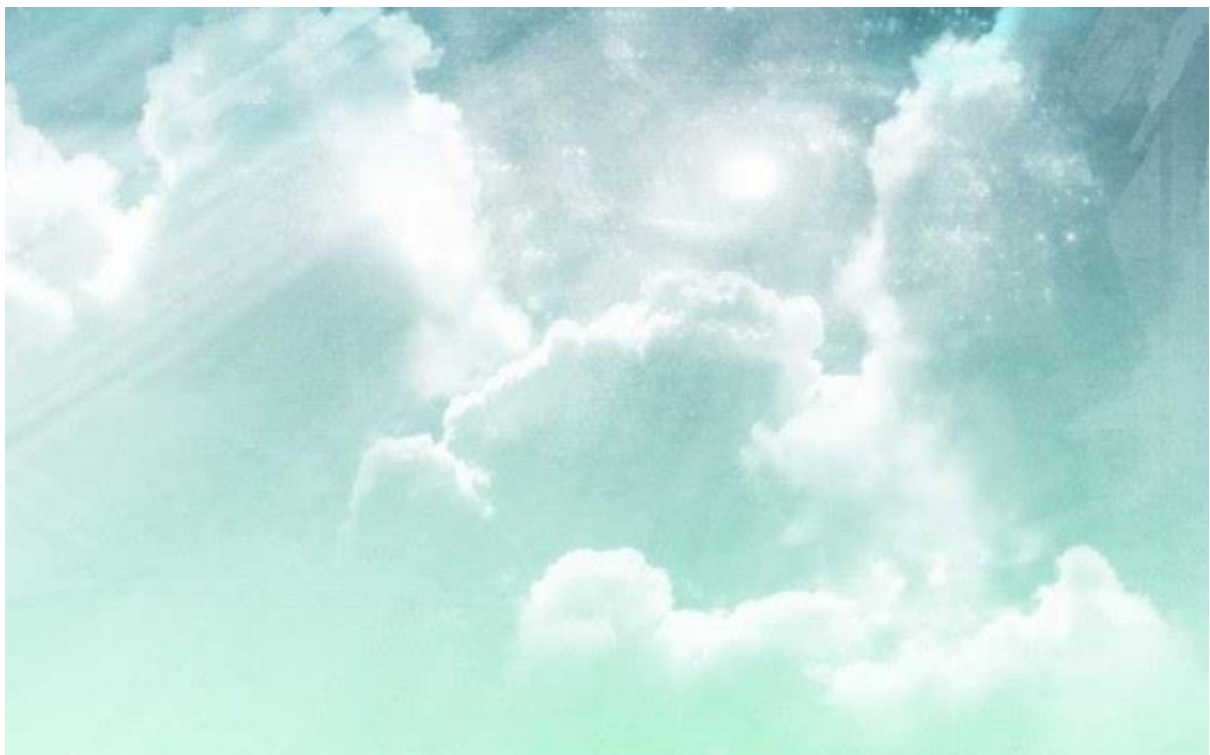
- Year 1-Sienna and Poppy M
- Year 2-Lucie
- Year 3-Isla, Matthew and Harley
- Year 4-La'Ray and Arlo
- Year 5- Leilla, Bea, Katie and Elli
- Year 6- Reece

## Wedding Bells for Miss Hopwood!



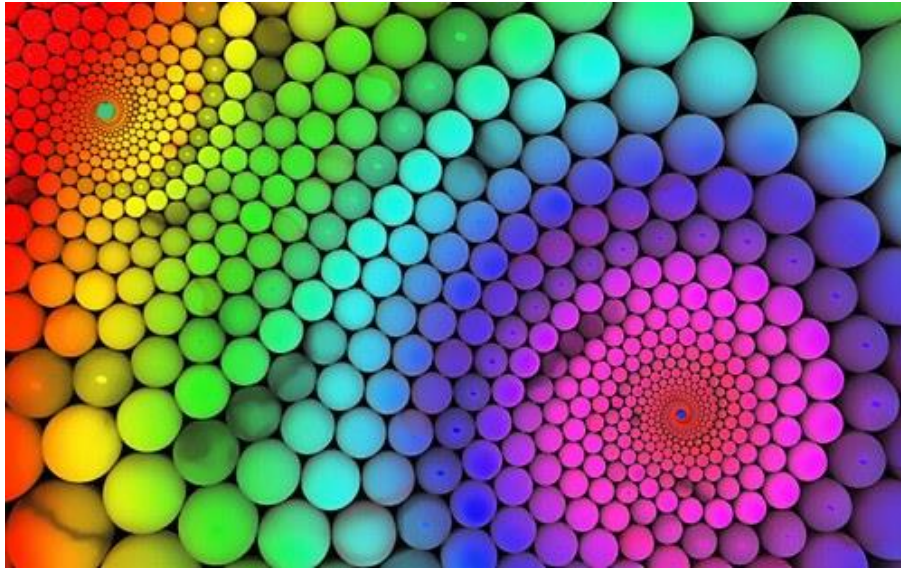
She has kept it very quiet but Miss Hopwood is getting married TOMORROW! We know that all the staff, children and parents at KPNS will want to share their best wishes with her and James. Miss Hopwood will be returning to work as Mrs Storey after October Half Term and we can't wait to hear all about their special day.

## A KPNS Baby Due in Spring!



We are super excited to let you know that Mrs Ahmed is expecting her second child in the Spring. We know you will all join us in sending her love and best wishes for the coming months. We will update parents on Mrs Ahmed's maternity arrangements after Christmas.

## An Update from the Friends of KPNS



**Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:**

- We have been given another Panther's match at discounted rates! [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Another Panther's Match Sponsoring KPNS](#). The last match was such a cool experience- a fantastic way to spend a Sunday afternoon as a family. Suitable for all ages!
- Do you shop in Asda? If so, please read this : [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - If you shop in Asda, Please help us raise funds!](#) WE HAVE ALREADY RAISED £198! As Christmas approaches, we have a great opportunity to cash in!!
- Thank you to all those who attended the Halloween Disco. The children had a great time dancing, singing and eating donuts!! Obviously these events take ALOT of planning behind the scenes. Thank you so much to all those who helped make this event happen.
- Halloween pumpkin competition is HERE! [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Pumpkin Carving Competition!](#)
- Check out our school lottery page. [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - KPNS School Lottery!](#)



## Dates for your Diary



Thursday 17th October- **Year 2 Library Visit**

Saturday 21st of October- **Half Term Holiday**

Monday 6th November- **Children back at school after half term.**

Friday 11th November- **Halloween Themed School Dinner**

Thursday 14th November- **Year 4 Library Visit**

Monday 11th November-**Anti-bullying Week**

Friday 15th November- **Children in Need**

Monday 18th November- **Year 6 Library Visit**

Wednesday 27th November- **Y4 Roman Day**

Tuesday 3rd December- **Flu vaccinations -more details to follow soon.**

Friday 6th December- **School Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm**

Saturday 7th December- **Keyworth Village Festivities Day (Our choir will be singing)**

Tuesday 10th December- **Morning Christmas Performance**

Wednesday 11th December- **Afternoon and evening Christmas Performances.**

Friday 13th December- **Whole School Christmas Jumper Day!**

Monday 16th December- **Whole School trip to the Panto in Loughborough!**

Friday 20th December- **Last day of the Autumn Term.**

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