



Kineton Green Primary School

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Head Teachers News

BE A LIFE LONG LEARNER

Return to school

From week beginning the 1st June and 8th June we have been really excited to welcome back pupils from Nursery, Reception, Years One and Six. It has been lovely to have them back and we are so impressed with how they have all coped. The most recent updates from the Government say they are now not asking schools to take pupils back from the remaining year groups. In our reopening plan we had planned for such a scenario but this did mean classes going down to a part time basis.

After having worked the new system for two weeks we are now reviewing where we are and what we feel is best for the pupils and feasible to manage logistically. Therefore, at this moment in time we have taken the decision not to extend our reopening to pupils in Years 2,3,4 and 5. We will be reviewing the current offer of pupil places as our key worker group grows and Mr Parry will be looking into what parental interest there may be for child care over the six week summer break.

Key Workers

We are starting to see an increase in requests for places for pupils of key worker parents. Currently we are running 9 bubbles including 2 key worker groups catering for pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 and key workers. In order to plan effectively for the remaining weeks of the summer term please could you email the school office by **3pm on Monday 15th June** if you are a key worker and would like to request a place for the remainder of the term. We will then do our best to accommodate all eligible pupils. We would require evidence from your employer that your job is classed in this category, this could be as simple as an ID badge.

Home Learning

As part of our reopening plan the staff will be continuing to set home learning work via Class Dojo for those pupils still at home, isolating or shielding. A massive thank you to all our parents and carers who have taken on the role of 'teacher,' since lockdown began.

For pupils who have academic inclusion plans I have now asked staff to call parents fortnightly to review your child's progress against their targets and provide further advice and support on how you can best help you child. We hope this will help both parents and pupils manage whilst at home.

Staffing Update

I am very sad to announce that Miss Cooper will be leaving at the end of the Summer term. Miss Cooper has been with us at Kineton Green since she the start of her teaching career and I am sure you will agree has had a huge impact on the school. She has taken the decision to work abroad for a period of time and so we wish her all the very best in her new adventure. We know she will be an amazing asset where ever she goes.

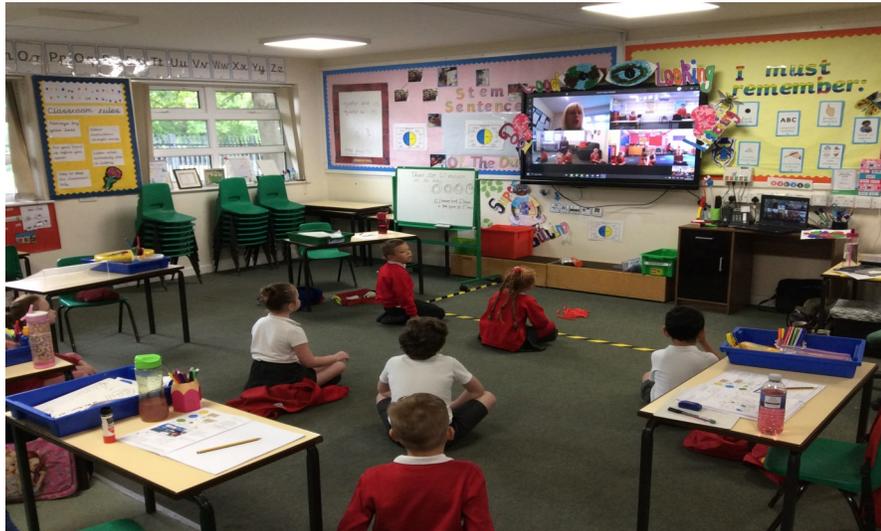
I am pleased to announce that we will therefore be welcoming two new teachers both of whom come from schools outside of Solihull. Mrs Pam Norris and Miss Kate Crowe and both of which are experienced teachers. I am sure you will all join me in making them feel a valued part of the Kineton Green community.



Head Teachers News—Continued

Virtual assemblies and celebration assemblies

Since returning to school we have introduced virtual assemblies with one on a Monday afternoon and our celebration assembly on a Friday morning. It is definitely different but it has worked well enabling bubbles to see each other. We have also been awarding a bee of the week and a gold book award for each bubble.



School Newsletter

We will be starting up the school newsletter again this week which will be emailed out and posted on Class Dojo fortnightly.

End of Year Reports

We will be sending out end of year reports on Friday 10th July 2020. The staff have written their reports based on their spring teacher assessments and primarily the knowledge of the children from the Autumn and Spring Terms. The effort and attainment grade will also reflect this. Reports will be sent out electronically again this year so please could we ask you ensure that the school office has your current email address.

SEND Update

Mrs Markham will be holding SENCo surgeries every Thursday afternoon for parents of children on the SEND register or with inclusion plans. Appointments to speak to Mrs Markham by phone need to be made through the school office. The first surgery will be Thursday 18th June.

BE RESPECTFUL

Coronavirus

It is important that you let us know if you or your family are self-isolating or have tested positive or have been in contact with someone who has. Solihull local authority has the new test and trace system in place who we will need to notify. Please do not send your child into school if have any of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous/persistent cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss of taste or smell

If your child is attending school and has symptoms, please keep them at home and go to the following website to book a test. Please then inform school of the result as soon as possible. <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Polite reminder if a child or a member of staff tests positive in a bubble your child is unable to attend school.

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BE SAFE AND HEALTHY

At this time one of our Five Bees, Be Safe and Healthy has been more important than ever. As a school we are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure we minimise the risk of the Coronavirus spreading within school. The staff and children are a massive part of this and for the children returning we have spent time carefully explaining the use of good hygiene practices including washing hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds and following social distancing practices whenever possible. The children are doing a great job and have been brilliant in following our new keeping safe rules so a big thank you to those of you who went through these with the children before they returned.

BE CONFIDENT

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

I think one of the things we regret, linked to the school closure, is that our Year 6 pupils (for whom it is their last year at primary school) have not been able to take part in all the activities and experiences that they would normally have done as part of their last year here at Kineton Green.

Normally we would hold a leavers assembly and other activities to give our Year 6 pupils a great send off. If all our Year 6 pupils do not return before we break for the summer holidays we will certainly try to arrange an event in the new academic year when the children can all come together (depending on governmental rules that may well still be in place) to celebrate the time they have spent at Kineton Green.

We have been notified that 6th July is a transition date from the secondary schools. We are not aware, as yet, of the arrangements but we believe this will be a 'virtual' transition experience so the children can get a glimpse of the school they will be transferring to, some of the teachers and will know what to expect. You may receive more information before school but if and when we know of any arrangements we will pass them on to you.

In respect to our own transition arrangements, we are looking into creating a video to show our new nursery intake and any pupils new to Reception alongside an information pack giving you as much detail as possible. Watch this space for more details.

We are also mindful that, if all our year groups have not returned before the summer holidays, we are looking into ways that the children can meet (be that virtually if necessary) their new class teachers/classroom for September.

Free School Meals Voucher Scheme

You may be aware that the government have set up a Free School Meal voucher scheme to support families whose children are entitled to free school meals. Each week the DfE are emailing out £15 vouchers, per eligible pupil, who have not yet returned to school. Many families' circumstances have changed during the pandemic and some will now be entitled to claim this important benefit, who previously did not qualify. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits you should apply via the Council's website visit www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm.

Qualifying Benefits:

- ◇ Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- ◇ Income Support
- ◇ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ◇ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ◇ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◇ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ◇ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ◇ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note that children who are attending school are no longer eligible for vouchers and will have a meal provided in school each day.

PTA News

I am very pleased to announce that through the sterling efforts of the chair and treasurer of the PTA they have secured sufficient funding from Morrisons to fund new safety matting to go under the trim trail. A huge thank you and well done ladies!!

Year 6 Hoodies – the ladies have also been very busy organising leavers hoodies for our Year 6 pupils. Though I have included this in the newsletter I believe the order date has now passed.

Gold Book



BUBBLES	W/C 1st June 2020	W/C 8th June 2020
FS2 –Nemo Bubble	Ethan M	Charlie T Bee Award—Laila W
FS2—Dory Bubble	Emily J	Cody McM Bee Award—Finley D
Yr1—Think Tank Bubble		Harry C Bee Award—Martha A
Yr1—Bubble World		Oren R Bee Award—Lucy A
Yr6—Starlords		Sri V Bee Award—Noah C
Yr6—Dynamic Ducks		Jonah M Bee Award—Jasmine C
Key Worker—Bubble Bees	Nikhil G Bee Award—Brandon McM	Lucy C Bee Award—Max W
Key Worker– Busy Bee	Oscar P Bee Award—Daniel C	Lucie W Bee Award—Layla T