

Kilnwood Vale Primary School

Newsletter

2 December 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a busy few weeks at school and nursery, and it has been a pleasure to welcome many prospective parents into the school who are looking to join us in September. There is still time to join a tour or ask for help from the school office if needed to complete the admissions application on the West Sussex website.

We also welcomed the Department of Education into our school for the day. They were impressed with the quality of standards across the whole school; visiting lessons and talking to leaders, staff, parents and children.

We were also pleased to celebrate our official opening last week, with representatives from Crest Nicholson, Willmott Dixon, West Sussex County Council, Local councillors, GLF Schools and our School Strategy Board.

Miss Newton



Children in Need

The children had great fun creating the coin challenge, we were amazed how far it managed to go around the school. Totalling £38.42 for Children in Need.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2019	
11 th	Parents Evening by appointment
11 th	Nursery family festive celebration
13 th	2pm School Nativity
18 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
19 th	12.10pm End of Term
	12.15pm Christmas Celebration in the Hall
January 2020	
6 th	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
7 th	8.45am Back to school

Welcome: to Mrs McPherson who is joining the Early Years team this week.



Spotlight on Safeguarding



Terrorist attacks can create a variety of strong feelings, including curiosity, anxiety or fear. It may be that our children and young people have questions regarding the attack in London on Friday. The NSPCC gives tips and advice useful for parents as how to best support young people that are worried about terrorism: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

Christmas Events

There is still lots of fun and learning over the next 3 weeks, and we look forward to families joining in the fun too.

Nursery children will be singing carols and joining in festive activities with their families on the 11th December, between 9.15am – 10.00am and again in the afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

Gruffalo's Nativity will be on December 13th and allocation of tickets will be emailed to parents shortly.

Wednesday 18th is a fun filled day including a lovely Christmas lunch for the children, they can wear a Christmas jumper (with normal school uniform) in exchange for £1 donation to Save the Children.

Everyone is also invited to come along to the hall at the end of term where there will be festive fun and cheer.



Admissions for 2020

We are already planning for next year with admissions opening with West Sussex County Council in October. If you would like to book onto one of our tours or attend the Opening Evening, please contact the school office.

Dates:

Monday 2 December 9.30am

Tuesday 3 December 1.30pm



www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Was your child born between
1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?

If so they are eligible to start
school in September 2020.

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient
and timesaving. If your
application is received after
the deadline of Wednesday
15 January 2020 your chance
of securing a place at one of
your preference schools could
be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday
7 October 2019. If you would like
further advice or information contact:
03330 142 903

Free internet access to apply
online is available at all
- West Sussex Libraries
- Children and Family Centres

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council

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Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2020



Childnet have updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

Friends of Kilnwood Vale



Thank you for all the hard work, time and generous donations that go into making all the events such a success.



Children and staff had great fun breaking the rules, enjoying cakes from the sale on Friday and hosting the tombola raffle at the Kilnwood Vale residents Christmas Fair.



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