

# Kilnwood Vale Primary School

## Newsletter

### 30 November 2020



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you all for your continued support this term, we all appreciate how well everyone has adapted to the changes, and hope that despite the school not being open to parents with our normal events such as parents workshops, class assemblies and parents evenings, that you still receive information regarding the wider school community and learning taking place. This month's newsletter is just a snapshot of some of these things taking place.

We continue to adapt to the changing restrictions and want to flag up to all families the changes as we move forward from the National Lockdown into Tier 2 within the locality. Please check out the Government website for full details. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Take care and keep safe  
Miss Newton



#### Attendance

We appreciate the difficult circumstances for children to have to take time off school, especially during the last 9 months with the additional Covid regulations. However, we always strive for children to achieve at least 96% attendance and the chart below shows the impact of absences over time and the effect on children's progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please contact the school office and ask for Miss Griffin.

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

#### The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good	Worrying		Serious Concern		

#### Welcome

We are pleased to welcome 3 new members of staff to the Kilnwood Vale team.

Mrs Martinkevic



Miss Rhymes



Ms Nieto



#### Children In Need

Thank you for your generosity, an amazing £187.62 was raised for this great charity.



If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please always contact your child's teacher, Miss Newton or Mrs Holman, either in the playground, or via the school office on or email [info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org](mailto:info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org) (office)

## Nursery

This term we have been learning all about Winter, in our topic **"Where does snow go?"** we have enjoyed learning about arctic animals and where they live. We have also been learning about Winter wildlife around us, such as foxes and robins. We have enjoyed creating our own robins using pinecones and paper plates.



We celebrated fireworks night by creating our own colourful firework pictures, as well as creating our own fizzing, crackling and popping fireworks at carpet time!

The children have been learning and exploring the festival of Diwali where we created our own Rangoli patterns using brightly coloured rice, we also used clay to create our own Diya lamps.

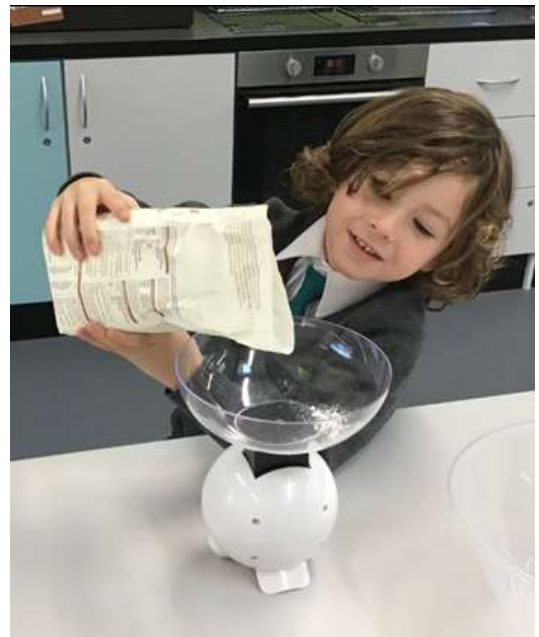


## Reception



Another super half term has gone by for Gruffalo Class and the children should be very proud of all their achievements. The children had great fun manipulating colour through our learning

about Bonfire Night and Diwali and enjoyed finding out about woodland creatures and hibernation through our topic **'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?'**. Gruffalo Class confidently retold the story of The Little Red Hen through our Talk for Writing sessions and baked some delicious bread.



We had spooky fun at Halloween and enjoyed putting our hands in spooky cauldrons, where we could only use our hands to feel what was inside.



What a lovely time we have all had!

**Nursery Reminder:**

Please provide spare clothes for your child and return any nursery clothes that children have borrowed. Thank you

**Spotlight on Safeguarding**

Share these tips with your children to help everyone stay safe online



**8 tips to stay safe online**

- 1 Be nice to people online.
- 2 Take care with what you share.
- 3 Keep personal information private.
- 4 Check your privacy settings.
- 5 Know how to report posts.
- 6 Keep your passwords safe.
- 7 Never meet anyone in person you've only met online.
- 8 If you see anything online that you don't like or you find upsetting, tell someone you trust.

The next couple of weeks will bring Christmas fun into the classroom before we start our new topic *'What Happens When We Fall Asleep?'* in the new year. Look out for the topic web which will be added on Google Classrooms.

**Year 1**

Kipling Class have had a fantastic half term so far learning about London. They thoroughly enjoyed the tea party, their visit from the queen and left as fully fledged princes and princesses!



After Christmas, we will be going back in time to Dinosaur Planet! The children will take on the role of palaeontologists and explore the planet of the dinosaurs. From what they eat, to their structure, this topic isn't one for the faint hearted!



### Admissions for 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to provide school tours. Miss Newton has provided a short presentation on the school and how to apply for Reception places in September. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions document and short photo montage.

<https://www.kilnwoodvaleschool.org/1562/20212022>

Please contact the school office if you require any further support with this process.

### Reminder of pick up and drop off times

- Children should arrive at school within their allocated time slot. 8.30 -8.45 or 8.45- 9.00am
- Children and siblings should remain with their parent or carer whilst waiting for the gates to open and whilst moving around the school site.
- Families should remain 2m apart from other families and use the signage on the floor to support moving around the school and whilst queuing to enter the class.
- If passing another family, please keep to the left.
- Parents and carers are asked to please wear face masks on the school site. Children are not expected to.
- Parents and carers should arrive to collect their children at their allocated time slot. 3.00 -3.15 or 3.15 -3.30pm

### Christmas Holiday fun

Check out the community tab on the school website for links to Christmas events taking place locally.

### Friends of Kilnwood Vale

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Kilnwood Vale who have adapted to the challenges posed by coronavirus restrictions and continued to work hard to raise funds for the school this term.

And don't forget, today is the deadline for getting in your raffle ticket orders to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes! Ordered raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December with the draw taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



### End of Term reminders:

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas cards deadline
- FoKV Virtual Christmas Raffle Draw

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children
- Christmas Dinner.

Please contact the school office to order if your child usually brings a packed lunch. Nursery children who attend mornings only are invited to stay until 12.30pm on this day. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to stay for lunch.

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

##### **End of term, collection times as follows:**

- Kipling class 12.00 - 12.15pm
- Gruffalo class 12.15 – 12.30pm
- Nursery 12.00pm

The children will be having lunch before they leave so if your child usually brings a packed lunch, please make sure to send one in with them on this day.

### Key dates for 2021

#### **Spring Term 2021**

INSET IV School Closed	Monday 4 January
Children return to school	Tuesday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 15 - Friday 19 February
Term Ends	Wednesday 31 March (12.10 collection)

#### **Summer Term 2021**

Children return to school	Monday 19 April
Half Term	Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
INSET V School Closed	Monday 7 June
GLF Training Day	Friday 25 June
School Closed	
Term Ends	Friday 23 July (12.10 collection)

Please also note that term dates for 2021 – 22 are now published on our website.