

Kilnwood Vale Primary School

Newsletter

14 September 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a pleasure to welcome our children and families into school. Happy children learning and playing has been fantastic to see, alongside welcoming our reception and nursery children. The children in key stage 1 have shown great resilience with new routines in their new classes. We look forward to working closely with all our families over the coming year.

I would also like to wish Mrs Shaw all the best for her maternity leave which she plans to start at the end of this week. We look forward to hearing her baby news over the coming weeks.

Mrs Holman

Our Learning

Kipling Class

The children have had a fantastic and busy first week back at school! They have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and playing with their friends. We have taken part in lots of different PSHE activities to settle us into our new year group and even had our first assembly at Kilnwood Vale! We look forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings. :)



Potter Class

We have had a lovely first week of term. We have been consolidating our grammar and punctuation in English and working hard on our cursive writing. In maths, we have been counting and representing objects up to 100 and in History we have been learning about the first visit to the moon. In Science, we learnt about how germs can spread, using glitter – so that is why they came home a bit sparkly! The children know how to be ready to learn by listening well, sitting well and talking to their learning partner very sensibly. I am so proud of them all for having such a fabulous return to school.



Spotlight on Safeguarding



Please make sure that if someone different is picking up your



child that you inform the class teacher either through a letter or by popping it in their diary. For your child's safety we will not let them go without permission. If arrangements change during the school day we ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure that the message can be passed on to the class teacher in time for the end of the day.

Our Values

Throughout the school day we will be modelling, discussing and celebrating our school values.



Giving
Responsible
Open
Willing
Tolerant
Healthy

This half term we will be focusing on 'Giving' during assemblies.

Uniform and Changeable Weather

The weather can be very changeable at the moment, so please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing for both rainy days (a named waterproof coat), and sunny days (named hat and sun cream or long-lasting cream applied before school) we will be outside in all weathers so they need to be prepared!

Free School Meals

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained, free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following 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 guaranteed element of state 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)

How to Apply?

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits specified you can apply either online <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/> or contacting info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org for a form.

If your Circumstances Change?

If your circumstances have changed contact West Sussex directly as you may need to make a new application For example:

- Your child changes school to a school that is not within West Sussex, in which case you should contact the new local authority and inform West Sussex.

Registering could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free school meals could raise an extra £1,320 per year, per child, for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from Central Government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

The above information has also been added to the school website.

Disabled Parking

A polite reminder to all that disabled parking bays should only be used by those who have a disabled badge on display. Thank you for your support with this.

School Office Telephones

Thank you for your patience regarding the issues with our telephones. Unfortunately, there is still a problem with incoming calls to the school. We will update you once this problem is fully resolved. In the meantime, should you have any queries please email info@kilnwoodvaleschool.org or visit the school office.

Our School Field

Please be reassured that the School Strategy Board, along with GLF, have raised concerns that the work on the field to rectify the problem has once again been unsuccessful. We will update when we have more information.

Important dates

Autumn 2021

KS1 Parent Curriculum Meeting	Tuesday 14 September
KS1 Harvest Assembly	Tuesday 19 October (9am)
Half Term	Monday 25 - Friday 29 October
INSET III School Closed	Monday 1 November
Term Ends	Wednesday 15 December (12.10 collection)

Spring Term 2022

INSET IV School Closed	Tuesday 4 January
Children return to school	Wednesday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 21 - Friday 25 February
Term Ends	Friday 8 April (12.10 collection)

Summer Term 2022

INSET V School Closed	Monday 25 April
Children return to school	Tuesday 26 April
Half Term	Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June
GLF Training Day	Friday 24 June
School Closed	
Term Ends	Thursday 21 July (12.10 collection)