



Friday 10^h September 2021

Good Afternoon

Welcome Back

I am pleased to say that the children have had a very settled start to the term and it has been a great first full week back. The children are enjoying mixing again within Key Stages at lunch times and break times and I will be re-introducing short Key Stage assemblies in the hall, where badges and certificates will be given out again.

I would like to welcome all the new children and parents who have joined Knowsley Village School this year, we have new children not only in Nursery and Reception but also in Years 1, 3,4 and 6.

We have, as always, a busy term ahead and we will keep you updated with dates and events and new things that we are doing. Class letters will provide you with information about what has been taught weekly and homework. There is a lot of information in this first newsletter and information can also be found on the school website. Alerts will be sent via Parent App so please ensure that you sign up to the App to ensure you receive information. Please also sign up to Seesaw for class information too.

This Term's Value

Our value this term is "Responsibility". The children are focusing on all aspects of Responsibility including attitudes, learning and behaviour. I think I am going to run out of reward stickers very quickly!

Class Names

The classes are all linked to the WWF charity and each class has an adopted animal that they support.

Nursery are the *KV Turtles*

Reception are the *KV Penguins*

Year 1 are the *KV Dolphins*

Year 2 are the *KV Pandas*

Year 3 are the *KV Leopards*

Year 4 are the *KV Jaguars*

Year 5 are the *KV Tigers*

Year 6 are the *KV Lions*

Birthdays

I understand that when it's a birthday in school the children like to bring in something for their class. This is not expected but if you do want to, you are able to do this again, but please ensure that anything you bring in is individually wrapped (ie not cakes to cut up) We will hand out the treats to take home, as they cannot be eaten in school.

Attendance

We are supporting the Local Authorities Attendance Strategy of 'Every Day Counts', so unless children are unwell or have symptoms of Covid or have tested positive, children should be in school every day. Please refer to the information letters sent from the LA (which were sent out via parent app and are also on the website) Our attendance target is 97% and we will be celebrating attendance with the children weekly.

Reporting Absences

Any absences can be reported via a telephone call, ParentApp or an email. It is very important that we know the reason why children are not in school and what symptoms they have. The office will make first day response calls if a child is absent with no communication from a parent. If children are unwell or do display Covid symptoms in school, you will be contacted to come and collect them.

After School Clubs

The teachers will be running a variety of clubs again after school. Please look out for letters and return any forms as soon as possible to your child's class teacher.

Bikes/Scooters/Dogs

It is great to have the children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. In order to keep everyone safe, it is important the children do not ride their bikes and scooters inside the school grounds. Currently dogs are not allowed on the playground (unless carried at all times). I do appreciate your support with this as I would not like to impose a complete prohibit of this.

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PE Days

On PE days, children can come in their PE Kits or Sports Clothes. The clothing needs to be suitable to complete physical activities in safety. Nursery and Reception PE days start next week.

Monday:	Year 3
Tuesday:	Reception and Year 4
Wednesday:	Year 6 and Year 1
Thursday:	Nursery and Year 5
Friday:	Year 2

Singing KS1

I am delighted to be able to have a teacher who delivers singing in school on a Wednesday. This half term the singing teacher is teaching Year 1 and Year 2 and will be with another Key stage after half term.

Snack

The children do receive a snack in school for the £1.00 voluntary contribution. As it is voluntary it is not possible to pay it on Parent Pay but snack contribution can be paid weekly or termly. Please put all monies in a named envelope. The contributions received support the school in providing extra resources and activities for school, so all contributions are greatly appreciated

School Lunches

School lunches are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The price of a school meal for KS2, (Year 3 Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6) unless eligible for a free school meal, has remained at the same price at £2.10 per day. This year we will be offering a NEW extra feature alongside the menu, which is a Deli Bar for KS2 children. The children in KS2 will be able to choose and make their own sandwich/wrap filling at the Deli Bar or simply add pasta and salad to their meal menu choice.

Home/School Partnership

Next week a copy of the Schools Mission Statement, Home School Agreement and the Parents Code of Conduct will be sent out via Parent App. I value your support and our partnership in making school a safe and happy place for all.

Robinwood Residential

Year 6 have just come back from a residential trip to *Robinwood*. They have had a fantastic time and were a credit to everyone. A great way to start Year 6. Well Done everyone.

Walk To School Initiative

This is starting up again from Monday and more information can be found via this link <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk>

Thank you

I would like to thank you for supporting the school in keeping it safe for the children and yourselves by arriving at school at the staggard times and leaving promptly from the playgrounds. I am on the main gate in the morning and the children can be dropped off at the gate to avoid unnecessary crowds on the playground. The children especially from Year 3 upwards enjoyed last year the independence of walking in on their own. Thank you also for respecting the measures we have in place regarding parents not coming into school and face to face meetings. We do still want to remain cautious, and therefore Parents Evening this October will take place virtually via zoom.

Communication

Teachers are able to briefly speak to you outside the classroom at the beginning or end of the day, however messages can be left with myself and telephones calls with teachers can be arranged if needed. As always if you have any questions please contact school on 0151 289 5349, leave a message on seesaw or email school on knowsleyvillage@knowsley.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards
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