

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term which has been more like October than June for these first few days. Hopefully the good weather will return and we will be able to get outside more.

We are entering an extremely busy half term at KPS. Over the next few weeks there are a lot of events and activities for the children to be involved in. Please look at the diary dates to see all the different events / activities that are taking place. I am sure many of you will be supporting many of these up and coming events, to which you are most welcome.

In a few weeks time children will once again be competing in the annual sports day. Activities take place all day, with the races taking place in the afternoon for parents etc. to come and watch. Although all children participate they volunteer for the event that they want to be part of, this means that children are not forced to join in with anything that they do not want to. The fun will start for parents at 1.15pm on the school field weather permitting. Please do not arrive before 1pm as we are unable to accommodate you on the school premises as the children are outside on their lunch break. The children can come to school on that day in their sports kits wearing their team colour and with a water bottle please. The children will be preparing for this annual event over the coming weeks in school so please can you ensure that PE kits are kept in school.

Week commencing 10th July will see all children move up into their new classes with their new teachers. They will spend each morning for that week with their new class. They will come into school as normal, go to their present classes to order lunch and be registered and then move to their new teacher/class. Due to the increased pupil numbers we are needing to reorganise some classes and will need to make more mixed classes in September especially lower down school. I can assure you that when deciding on classes for your children we consider lots of things extremely closely and that children are not placed in a class without a lot of very careful consideration. All classes will be mixed ability and teachers will work together throughout the year to ensure that no child misses out on anything. The new children who start school with us in September will also be in school during this week.

Well it has also come to that time when we need to say a few goodbyes. After a very long and dedicated service to teaching Mrs Jones has decided it is time to retire and have a well deserved rest. She will still be around school at times helping out and covering classes when needed. I am sure that you will want to wish her well in her retirement.

Miss Clamp and Miss Scarlett will also be leaving us as they will be coming to the end of their apprenticeship with us. We wish them both well as they move onto pastures new.

Miss Jewkes will be saying with us to train as a teacher and will be working alongside another member of the teacher staff.

It has been drawn to my attention again that we have a lot of parents and children without prams using the school drive. Please do not use this way either for entry on to or exit from school premises without a pram. This rule is in place for both your child and your safety.

As you may have noticed Mr Goodison is in the process of removing the gazebos from the playground. Please can you and your children stay away from these areas during this time. The playground is having all furniture removed from it in the hope that during the summer holidays the front playground will be resurfaced.

Thank you for your continued support.

H. Otley

Beetle Drive

PTA have organised a family fun event for Friday 16th June AT 6.15pm.

The beetle drive is suitable for all ages and is a little bit of fun. Test your artistic skills and your quick dice throwing. See how competitive you become wanting the other team to throw quicker. Tickets are on sale at the school office at 50p per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Diary Dates

7th June	Class Giraffe, Zebra and Meerkat visit to Civic in Barnsley
8th June	Class Cheetah Transition Day at Dodworth Methodist Church
12th -16th June	Year 1 phonics screening
15th June	Group of Year 6 to 'Build it' Challenge
16th June	PTA Beetle Drive
17th June	Dodworth Garden Party Choir singing 3pm
19th—23rd June	Bikeability Year 5 children
19th June	Class Cheetah—Fashion Enterprise Day
20th June	Year 4 and 5 winning Music Enterprise Teams to represent school at Barnsley Schools event at Holiday Inn
21st June	NO AFTERNOON CROSSING PATROL
22nd June	Class Leopard to Elsecar Music festival
22nd June	Class Cheetah Post Primary Careers and Education Day
27th June	Y1-6 Sport's day parents from 1.15pm on school field weather permitting
28th June	Class Zebra and Meerkat Sport's day 9.15am on the school field
28th June	Class Giraffe Sport's day 10.30am on school field
28th June	Class Gazelle Emmanuel Church
29th June	Class Gazelle and Cheetah Horizon College to watch 'Hairspray'
3rd July	Class Gazelle Enterprise Activity Afternoon
3rd July	Class Cheetah Barnsley Bowl
4th July	Bags to School collection
7th July	Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am. Doors open 9.15am
10th—14th July	Transition week in school for all year groups
18th July	Literacy Games day for Year 2 to 6
21st July	Break up for Summer
5th September	Children return

