



# Knightsridge Primary School

## Head Teacher's Newsletter – October 2020



### Safety Routines

Thank you for supporting our arrangements for a smooth start and end of the day. It is lovely to see children confidently coming into school and greeting members of staff in the playground with a friendly 'good morning'. I would like to thank the teaching staff who open their class door ten minutes early to accommodate this arrangement. It is pleasing to see so many independent children leaving school at the end of the day and walking home responsibly. Our doors will open at 3:10pm and 12:15pm on Fridays to ease the congestion at the end of the day. If you are coming to collect your child from school please ensure you wear a face covering and maintain 2 metre distancing at all times, this will help to keep everyone safe. Children in Primary 5 – 7 and those who do not have adults collecting them will be dismissed at 3:20pm and 12:30pm on Fridays.

You will know that with any new routines we adopt, there may be the requirement to adjust them to meet the needs of the children or Government guidelines. It is very important that you keep us updated with any change of telephone number or email address so that we can communicate and share information with you. Please register with Parentsportal.Scot if you have any difficulties, please contact the office and we will help you. It is important that you register as this will enable you to update your information electronically and will ensure our systems are up to date with your recent contact detail and therefore you will receive all information.

### Vision, Values and Aims

I am very proud to report that any visitors to our school regularly comment on the positive ethos and the warm welcome they receive from staff and pupils when they visit the school. This is something that we continue to foster and promote at all levels across the school.

You will be aware that our school values are **Kindness, Perseverance and Success**. We demonstrate kindness towards everyone, we persevere when life and learning is hard and we celebrate every success in KPS.

Partnership working is very important to us and we look forward to continuing to build strong partners at all levels. I would like to thank you for the support and encouragement you give your children.

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you all very much for supporting our Macmillan Cancer charity event at the end of September. The children looked the part dressing as "**People who Help Us**", we had many nurses, doctors, police officers and teachers in school that morning! The focus for learning was on medical professionals and people who care for the sick. Teachers emphasised the importance of the role of these professionals and the challenges they face caring for very ill patients. The pupils also learned about the excellent work the Macmillan Cancer charity does to support patients and their families through very difficult times.

Thanks to your generosity we raised £260 for Macmillan Cancer Support. **Thank you all very much!**

### Child Protection

Child protection is an important aspect of our work in school and we, as a staff, have a duty to pass on any concerns that we may have about a child's welfare to Health, Social Work or the Police for further investigation.

This duty however, extends beyond school as we, as members of the public, are required to pass on concerns of a child protection nature that may come to our attention within our community.

To support us all with this process and to offer further information, Lothian Child Protection Committee (CPC) has its own website. The website describes the work of the CPC, advises the public of who to contact if they have a concern about a child and what the agencies do once they receive information. The website contains the contact details of organisations that can help adults deal with their own problems and contains information for children and young people about the child protection process, their rights and where they can get help.

Hopefully people will feel more confident passing their concerns on, knowing what happens once the information is received. The website address is [www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk](http://www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk)

### Communication with School

You can contact us by email at – [wlknightsridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlknightsridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk)



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