



Knightsridge Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter – November 2020



Safety Routines

Thank you for supporting our arrangements for a smooth start and end of the day for our children. It is lovely to see children coming into school confidently and greeting members of staff in the playground with a friendly 'good morning'. It is also pleasing to see so many independent children leaving school at the end of the day and walking home responsibly. Our doors will open at 3:05pm and 12:15pm on Fridays for our Primary 1 – 4 classes 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. **If your children are late in the morning, after 9am, please ensure that you contact the school office to make us aware and ensure that they come to the office door and not to the class doors.** The new gate and path opposite the EYC and Primary 2 class is now open. This should be used by Primary 1, 2 and 3 parents, this will help to ease congestion at other gates and help to keep everyone safe.

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 numbers or email addresses so that we can communicate and share information with you.

Vision, Values and Aims

I would like to thank you for your kind wishes and congratulations on receiving an OBE from the Queen for Services to Education. This award is very much for all of us who work tirelessly to support our children to ensure they receive the very best experiences in school/nursery. My thanks go to our committed and hard-working staff in the school and EYC as well as the many partners who work with us and to you all who play a significant role in your children's lives.

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 and I thank everyone for celebrating our achievement.

Children in Need

In previous years we have supported the **Children in Need** charity and will continue to do so again this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to have a whole school event however, teachers will be planning fun learning activities throughout the morning of **Friday, 13th of November**.

Donations will be collected in similar way to our Macmillan charity collection where children placed their donation into buckets at our school gates. The donations will be quarantined before being counted the following Monday.

We will send out information next week with further details and arrangements.

Reciprocal Reading

This session we are focusing on teaching reading comprehension skills through the approach of reciprocal reading. Reciprocal reading has four strategies we will be teaching –

- ✓ **Predicting**
- ✓ **Questioning**
- ✓ **Clarifying**
- ✓ **Summarising**

Each of these strategies plays an important part in helping children to understand what they are reading. These strategies can be applied to fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be creating short videos and information to accompany each strategy, starting with prediction. Please look out for these as they will be emailed to you and posted on class blogs and our website. Please talk to your children about the strategies when reading together as this will help to support their understanding of the story.

Communication with School

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