



KESTREL MEAD

PRIMARY ACADEMY



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A rare unhappy note.... I am pleased to say that there is some improvement in traffic activity on Mundesley Road and Bessingham Close. However, there are sessions where this improvement is marked and some sessions where this is still unacceptable.

As I stressed in the dojo video, the only way to solve this is parents changing their behaviour. Parents understanding the devastation that would ripple throughout school if there was a member of community hurt or killed on the road. The school is on a cul de sac, there should be no purpose to travel down there. You will get stuck, you will get stressed and someone will get hurt.

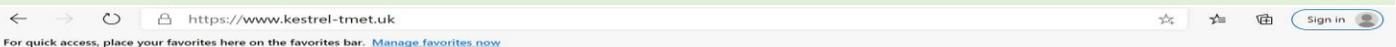
I cannot be a policeman, I am an educator and have to ensure safety of the two school sites and the 700+ families on them, which we do well. It is time for you all to be held accountable and you all to change your behaviour.

You will have seen that the council have been on the roads around the junior site for the last 2 days monitoring the concerns we raised and agreeing actions and changes. There has been a fast council response because the parking at the junior site made social distancing difficult in the area outside of the school grounds.

Thank you to the Chair of the Academy Council, who deals with regular resident complaints, for also attending and giving the voice of the residents and parents affected by this. Please continue to park at Tesco and walk around. It is recognised that the majority of parents respect this request and therefore safety has improved. We will continue to alert the council, who have the power to action this, about our concerns and highlight those behaving badly.

A note from Mrs Simpson...welcome back everyone! ☺ It has been such a treat to see all of the children back in school having fun and learning with their friends. This week has been our character behaviour week with a focus on a different character muscle each day. Ask your children to tell you more about this. Thank you to the majority of parents who are working hard with the school to ensure it fulfils the very robust risk assessment at the start and end of the school day. This newsletter is contains some key information for reference. It's good to be back.... But please don't leave us on Class Dojo as this will be very important to communicate with you and share learning in the uncertain times ahead. You will also use this platform for your homework, to communicate with the class teacher and to see the 'live' learning in your year group. More information is coming on this, but class assemblies will also be pre recorded and put onto Class Dojo whilst we cannot welcome you into the school. #stayconnected

A reminder that everything you need to know is on our website, twitter and Class Dojo. Follow your class teacher on twitter and the school account @kestrelmead..



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Academy Events

If your child has to isolate for 14 days, you can see our remote learning offer on the COVID 19 tab. This was also emailed to parents.



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The **Rainbow** Children

By Gemma Peacock

The history books will talk of now,
That time the world stood still.
When every family stayed at home,
Waved out from windowsills-
At those they loved but could not hold,
Because they loved them so.

Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers start to grow.

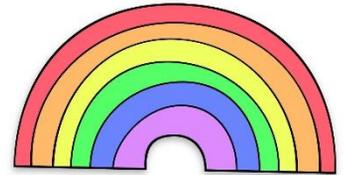
The sun came out, they can recall,
And windows, rainbows filled.
They kicked a football in their yards,
Until the night drew in.
They walked each day but not too close,
That time the world stood still.
When people walked straight down the roads,
That once the cars did fill.

They saw that people became ill,
They knew the world was scared.
But whilst the world stood still they saw,
How much the whole world cared.
They clapped on Thursdays from their doors,
They cheered for the brave.
For people who would risk their lives,
So others could be saved.

The schools closed down, they missed their friends,
They missed their teachers so.
Their Mam's and Dad's helped with their work,
They helped their minds to grow.
The parents used to worry that,
As schools were put on hold,
Their children wouldn't have the tools,
They'd need as they grew old.

But history books will talk of them,
Now adults, fully grown.
Those little boys and girls back then,
The ones who stayed at home.
They'll tell you that they fixed this world,
Of all they would fulfil.

The **RAINBOW** children building dreams,
They'd dreamed whilst time stood still



We had our first virtual assembly today online, it was so good to join together. We focussed on this poem and in particular the final paragraph. We took time to think about the dreams and ideas they had when the world stood still and how they can bring them to life.

BREAKING NEWS

Leicester Local authority are now strongly advising that parents wear a face covering on the school grounds and whilst travelling to and from school. A text has been sent today to parents.





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Our term dates are on our website. There will be no teacher training day in January. We will be reopening to children on Monday 4th January. Here is a snip of when October half term and the Christmas break are. Please be mindful that if you book an abroad holiday you are taking the risk of a 14 day quarantine. If you take this decision it is likely the full holiday (if in term time) and isolation period will be unauthorised. This could lead to a fine.

Amended Term Dates for 2020/2021

TERM DATES 2020-21

Autumn term 1:	
School opens	Tuesday 1 st September 2020
School closes	Friday 16 th October 2020
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October – Friday 23 rd October 2020
Autumn 2:	
School opens	Monday 26 th October 2020
School closes	Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021

Spring term 1	
School opens	Monday 4th January 2021
School closes	Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021
Spring 2:	
School opens	Monday 22 nd February 2021
School closes	Friday 26 th March 2021
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2021

NEXT WEEK: Introductions from our new staff, who is who if you need to make contact with school, our recovery curriculum and what children will be learning about, important dates for your diaries and much more....