



KESTREL MEAD

PRIMARY ACADEMY



18th September 2020



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REMINDERS

Mon 21st Sept:
Class 24 Assembly
8.55-9.25am

Fri 25th Sept:
Class 11 Assembly
8.45-9.15am

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY!

Mon 28th Sept:
Class 13 Assembly
8.55-9.25am



Mrs Simpson
Principal

Talk to me if you have an urgent issue that cannot be raised through the other leaders, or if you have spoken to another leader and wish to discuss this further. You can make appointments to talk to me by phoning the school office.



Mr Hansen
Vice Principal – Infants

You will see me every morning on the school gates. Talk to me if you have any issues that can't be dealt with by the phase leaders. Talk to me about any attendance or safeguarding concerns you have.



Mrs Newnham
Vice Principal – Juniors
You will see me every morning on the school gates. Talk to me if you have any issues that can't be dealt with by the phase leaders. Talk to me about any family or safeguarding concerns you have.



REMINDER

As per Leicester guidance, all parents should now be wearing face masks on the school grounds. Thank you to those who are already doing so.



Miss Hill
Phase Leader – EYFS

Talk to me if you have concerns after you've spoken to your child's teacher in Nursery or Reception



Who's Who in our School Leadership Team?

Find out who you need to talk to if you have any questions or concerns...



Mrs Goulding
Phase Leader – Years 1 and 2
Talk to me if you have any concerns after you have spoken to your child's teacher in Years 1 or 2.



Miss Bickley
Phase Leader – Years 3 and 4
Talk to me if you have any concerns after you have spoken to your child's teacher in Years 3 or 4.



Mrs Hill
Phase Leader – Years 5 and 6
Talk to me if you have any concerns after you have spoken to your child's teacher in Years 5 or 6.



Miss Rowe
Inclusion Leader
Talk to me about any medical issues that your child has that may impact their learning.



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New Class Teachers at Kestrel Mead

We would like to welcome 4 new teachers to Kestrel Mead this academic year. Be sure to wave and say hello if you see them. 😊



Miss Mckee has joined our Reception team in Class 1 Swallow.



Mr Davis has joined our Year 4 team in Class 18 Kingfisher.



Miss Smith has joined our Year 4 team in Class 19 Dove.



Miss Edwards has joined our Year 5 team in Class 24 Sparrowhawk.



JUNIOR SITE SECURITY

Thank you to all parents who have made a difference to Mundesley Road and walked to school since we all started back. The area around our junior building is becoming calmer and we are maintaining the safety we need to for all.

Please can I remind parents not to arrive at school before the times for their children's year groups.

- Year 3 and Year 5 drop off is at 8:40am and pick up is at 3:10pm.
- Year 4 and year 6 drop off is at 8:50am and pick up is at 3:20pm.

This has helped reduce the flow of traffic and people around the school and on our one way system. Children in Year 5 will not be able to wait within the car park in the mornings until the gate is opened by a member of staff. This is for children's safety as cars and deliveries may be arriving in the car park before this time.

Thank you.



Bubble closures and Dojo

An email was sent earlier this week about how we will contact you in the event of a bubble closure. Please ensure that you have read this. Please also ensure that you check Class Dojo on the PARENT PROFILE and you enable alerts from me. This may be important if your child's class is closing.

Kestrel Mead welcomes new Support Staff to their #teamawesome...



Mrs Maddern has joined our Nursery Team as a child-centred TA.



Mrs Begum has joined our Year 1 Team as a child-centred TA.



Mrs Herman has joined our Year 2 Team as a child-centred TA.



Mrs Hassim has joined our Reception Team as a child-centred TA.



Mr Thomason has joined the Year 5 and 6 Team as a child-centred TA.

If your child, or someone who you live with develops one or more symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough and loss of/ change to taste or smell.) of Covid-19 you should take these actions:

- **Most importantly you and your household should self-isolate immediately**
- If you are unclear about the symptoms, go to 111 online (www.111.nhs.uk)
- You should book a test for those who are symptomatic at the available [testing centres](#)
- If you are not able to book a test yet and have, or have recently had, symptoms they must continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the beginning of onset of symptoms (household contacts should isolate for 14 days)
- While self-isolating, you should keep trying to obtain a test
- If concerned about the health of their child, contact 111 or GP for advice
- If they have had a test and it is inconclusive, they should continue to self-isolate and book another test (if within 5 days of developing symptoms)

Next week we will be introducing our new PO who supports Mr Dyson and our new sports apprentice.



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Hi! I'm Alison and I am the Kestrel Mead Family Support Worker.

I come to Kestrel Mead with 30 years of experience working with children, young people and families in nurseries, schools and family homes. For the last 12 years I have supported many families within a Family Support role within Leicestershire.

My role at Kestrel is to provide practical support, advice and information to families in our school community. I can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's education, behaviour, wellbeing and family difficulties... I am also here as someone to talk to if you need it!

I can meet you at school or at your home at a time that is convenient. Support can be for parents, children or the whole family and this could be;

- Promotion of good attendance
- Self-esteem and confidence building
- Promoting positive behaviours & attitudes in school
- Providing information and signposting to services within the local area
- Liaising with a range of external services such as Early Help, social care, Health visitors etc
- Assistance in completing paperwork
- Attendance and support at school or other agency meetings.
- Advice and support in promoting positive behaviours at home & implementing strategies
- Relationship building
- Family sessions
- 1-1's
- Specific pieces of work
- Small group sessions
- Themed events

Advice and support is confidential although concerns relating to safeguarding of children will always be dealt with in accordance with schools safeguarding policy.

Due to Covid-19, home visits cannot take place at the moment, however we can "walk & talk" or meet in somewhere outdoors. If you would like to contact me you can do this by calling the school office.

Alison ☺



This academic year, our **Class Assemblies** will be recorded and posted onto the **Year Group's Class Story** on **Class Dojo**. This will not only allow children to share and celebrate their learning with peers but will also enable parents/carers to watch from home at a time suited to them.

We would also like to highlight here that Class Dojo is a **secure** platform and any content shared will only be seen by parents/carers who have been given access by the school. If you have any questions about this please message either your child's class teacher or Miss Hill.



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HARVEST

Usually at this time we would be reaching out to our community for food donations for **Open Hands Leicester** over the **Harvest** period. However, this year we have adapted the way in which we will support those in need by creating our own online fundraising page on **Just Giving**:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kestrel-mead>



Who are Open Hands?

They are a Leicester charity who have given out more than 21,000 meals through food hamper provision and served in excess of 1,650 hot meals. They've given emergency food provision to many lost and anxious people throughout the current crisis and have met many new people who have not needed their services before. They're passionate about giving families hope and help at a time when some are struggling for the first time. To find out a bit more about what Open Hands has been doing recently and the way they've impacted others please click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/llkfA3yw0AM>

How You Can help...

Next **Friday 25th September** Kestrel Mead Primary Academy are having an '**Autumnal Non-Uniform Day**' to help raise needed funds for **Open Hands Leicester**. Please send your child into school wearing Autumnal colours such as **brown, red, orange and yellow** and simply head over to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kestrel-mead> to make a donation. This money will go directly to the charity and they will use it to purchase food for those in need. **Let's see if we can reach our school target of £800!**

Thank you, Miss Hill 😊 #compassion

Nursery & Reception

A huge warm welcome to our Nursery and Reception children and families this year. It has been lovely to meet you all and although a slightly different start to the school year, the children are feeling happy and settled. Your support during these initial weeks has been invaluable and we look forward to working with you throughout your child's school journey.

Last week, Reception children took home their '**1st Full Week Post Cards**' with their photograph next to our '**Be the Best you can Be**' Kestrel Wings and they were bursting with pride as they left with these. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not yet received this.

We also now have 74% of our Nursery parents and 91% of our Reception parents connected to their child's **Class DoJo page**, thank you to those parents who have connected so promptly and please do speak to your class teacher next week if you are still struggling.

Miss Hill and the Early Years Team 😊

