



KESTREL MEAD

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REMINDERS

Easter Holidays

School closed Monday
29th March – Friday 9th
April

School Reopens

Monday 12th April

Vaisakhi Sharing Assemblies

ClassDojo – Friday 16th
April



We would like to wish everyone who is celebrating during the holidays a very Happy Easter.

We hope you can all enjoy a safe and happy holiday, hopefully spending some quality time with family and friends. Have a restful break.

The children are having their own easter egg hunts in school today and we cannot wait to see the excited fun!

MID YEAR REPORTS

You should have all received a mid year report from your child's class teacher via Dojo. We hope it reassures you of how they have settled into school and the wonderful progress they are making.

SPOTLIGHT ON RSE

As we approach the Summer term some year groups will begin to work on our Relationships Education Curriculum. This is all set out for parents on our website and can be viewed in the policies section here [Policies - Kestrel Mead Primary Academy | Leicester | TMET \(kestrel-tmet.uk\)](#)

In years 4,5 and 6 there are a small number of lessons which parents can opt to withdraw their child from; some parents have contacted me about this and I will be making calls to you at the start of the summer term to follow this up. If you wish to contact me to discuss this you can send me a message via Dojo or call the school office to arrange to speak to me.

Mrs Newnham

Kestrel Virtual Coffee Morning

- Cuppa and chat
- Meet new people
- Themed discussions
- Ideas and Strategies
- Friendly faces

Dates and times to follow, first session we will be looking at wellbeing and behaviours. Alison ☺

Can You Help?

I am on the lookout for a variety of children's clothes 1-12 years. If you are having a spring clear out and have tops, skirts, trousers, coats etc. please contact **Alison** on ClassDojo who will be happy to take these and put them to good use.

Please could you bring into school any outgrown or unwanted school clothing. This will allow us to continue to offer spare clothing to children if needed.



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mental & emotional wellbeing for schools

Since returning to school, we have been practising daily mindfulness with Jo Bradley. She is teaching us to pause, reflect and breathe. Our aim is to equip children with strategies and techniques to help support their mental wellbeing. The children have responded really positively to it and are already implementing strategies in their daily interactions. If you are interested to find out more, there is also a parent section on the website where you can watch and share videos with your family.



Happy birthday to you!



Wow, what a wonderful way to spend a Friday afternoon!

The birthday celebrations were in full swing; dancing, laughing, smiling and of course eating some yummy treats. Who doesn't love cake? The children had a great time celebrating their birthdays with their friends, it was a lovely way to reconnect and spend time with each other. 😊



We can't wait for next term's birthday parties!



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Accelerated Reader

Are you ready to take on the challenge? Do you think you can read 1 million words? Will you hit the target of 10 minutes a day?

After Easter, some of the children at the Juniors will be starting off on their new Accelerated reader journey. We will be encouraging the children to read every day at home and school and take quizzes on the books they have read. This will improve their reading minutes and the number of words they have read.

I KNOW I CAN!
READ FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES EVERY DAY!

10 minutes a day for 1 week	1 dojo for CURIOSITY
10 minutes a day for 2 weeks	1 raffle ticket for a book
10 minutes a day for 3 weeks	1 raffle ticket for a book
10 minutes a day for 4 weeks	A reading bookmark
10 minutes a day for 5 weeks	A certificate

Reading minutes

We are aiming for all children to be reading at least 10 minutes every day. This is calculated by the number of books read, the number of words in them and the quizzes the children take. Here's what will happen if the children hit the 10 minute a day target!

RAFFLE TICKET

10 minutes a day for 1 week

10 minutes a day for 2 weeks

10 minutes a day for 3 weeks

10 minutes a day for 4 weeks

10 minutes a day for 5 weeks

Kestrel Mead Reading Incentives for Minutes

Word count

We want every child to be reading and reading and reading and reading. We know how important being able to read is and the impact this has on children's learning and their wider life. 'The more that you read, the more that you know' sums it up perfectly, thank you Dr Seuss! The number of words read is calculated by the number of words in a book. The more words you read, the more knowledge you have. Here's what will happen when the children reach our word count targets!

I KNOW I CAN!
READ FOR LOTS AND LOTS OF WORDS!

25,000 words	A certificate and raffle ticket
50,000 words	A certificate and reading pencil
100,000 words	A certificate and badge
250,000 words	A certificate and book token
500,000 words	A certificate and hot chocolate party
1 million words	Invite to the Millionaires club, certificate, badge and book token
2.5 or 4 million words	A badge and book token

RAFFLE TICKET

25,000 words

50,000 words

100,000 words

250,000 words

500,000 words

1,250,000 words

Kestrel Mead Reading Incentives for Words

Weekly shout outs

Every week, I will be using my special IT skills to track the children's minutes and word count. I will be creating shout outs each week for the teachers to share with the class and these will be posted on class dojo and added to the newsletter. So keep your eyes peeled, who will be on our first weekly shout out?

Miss Bickley 😊

For those of you not on AR yet...we have an exciting STAR reading challenge launching after Easter.
WATCH THIS SPACE!



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Happy Easter

Egg-Tastic!

So many of you have been busy this week sending in your Easter Egg Design entries. We have loved seeing how creative you have all been.

On Thursday, we looked through all of the entries and choose two winners from the Infant and Junior site. It was so tough to choose just four winners across the school as there were so many wonderful entries! Well done to everyone who entered 😊

The winners of the delicious Easter Eggs were:

Infants

Ryan Somani 4HP

Taylor-Ross Fryer 12RB

Juniors

Mia Thurman Colledge 14LL

Jasmine Kaur 20JS



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Reconnection Hero...

The Easter Bunny has left an Easter egg and is looking this week for who they feel has been the most compassionate and welcoming pupil to the class...

CAN YOU BE THE HERO?

Your teacher will be closely looking out and giving one child who has shown the character behaviours an Easter Egg for them to enjoy over the half term! :)

Reconnection Hero...

This week, each class had a surprise delivery of an Easter egg. Each class teacher had the difficult task of choosing one member of the class as their 'Reconnection Hero'. The teachers' chose their reconnection hero based on who they thought had adapted well to our reconnection curriculum and showed all our school character behaviours. Check out Class Dojo and Twitter to see the winners 😊

Thank you to Tesco for donating the eggs for the children!

#resilience #compassion #compassion #respect