



Keelham Primary School

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Miss Butler's News Be Kind, Persevere, Succeed.

Thank you !

My main message this month as we happily return to school is to say thank you!

Thank you initially to all the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the school for the children's return and to the care-taker and the cleaning staff who are working daily to ensure the building remains clean and safe.

Thank you to you as parents who have been so responsive and responsible in following our new procedures for drop off and collection and general daily practice. These measures are so important to keep children safe and separate and I hope that we all continue to work together and keep vigilant to prevent infection. **Please continue with the early collection times for the younger children of 2.45pm so that the playground and entrances are clear for the older children to exit.**

Thank you of course to the children who have returned with energy and enthusiasm. The staff and I are so impressed with their positive attitude, their resilience and their eagerness to learn.

I think this smooth start to the term is a testament to the committed teams we have at Keelham and the strong partnerships we have in place. This week we will be welcoming our new nursery families to school and I trust they will quickly feel valued and settled.

Of course as we navigate these difficult times, everyday brings new challenges. We will continue to practice together good hygiene, distancing, bubble working and numerous other safe practices.

If you are in any doubt as to your child's health then please do not send children to school but take the time to really assess any illnesses or colds etc. and please keep in close contact with the school office. I attach a useful quick reference guide for you and a useful symptom tracker can be found on <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Should we have to respond to any issue, then all our practices will be guided by Public health England and the Health Protection Team. Thank you once again.

Keelham Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body are working hard this term to recruit a suitable head teacher to take over from Miss Butler in January 2021. This is an important process for the governors but it is just one of their many responsibilities. Issues of finance, health and safety and building work and of course the curriculum and standards are all of interest to the governors.

They are a very committed group of people from different backgrounds; some parent governors, some local authority and some from the local community, some experienced, some newer to their roles.

This term there are vacancies for new parent governors to join the team. If you are at all interested or you would like to nominate another parent for the position please email the school office or call to discuss the matter further with Miss Butler / Miss Waterhouse or one of the existing governors.



Friends of Keelham Parent's Association (FKPA) – Volunteers needed

Well, we're so glad to be back at school! It was a strange end to last year not being able to celebrate with the usual Summer Fair, and we're certainly going to have to think more creatively this school year given the ongoing restrictions that are still in place! Positively, the Aviva Community fundraising and Co-Op Community fund added £4,000 to our fundraising efforts last year and so has filled any financial voids the pandemic created for the FKPA. Last term we were able to fund the Year 6 Leavers' hoodies and a keepsake gift, ice-cream Friday for those children attending school, and framing of 2 pictures created by a local artist for the school to represent the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

Annual General Meeting

As we are now in a new school year, we have scheduled the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and this year it will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 1930. **One of the key agenda items is to elect people into roles for the coming year. To enable the FKPA to operate we need the following roles to be filled:**

- Chair- Vice Chair- Treasurer (and vice Treasurer)- Secretary-General Members

All of these roles need to be filled for the FKPA to operate and we are therefore urgently seeking active members to join the Association and interest from anyone who would be willing to undertake a specific role. Whilst we only have a small handful of active members, all parents, guardians carers and teachers are automatic members of the FKPA (Friends of Keelham Parent's Association) and membership can extend to any person over the age of 18 wishing to offer appropriate support or help and who is accepted by the committee as a member. If you undertake a role, you will receive a comprehensive handover and support and it would be great to see some new faces with some fresh ideas. There is overwhelming evidence that parent participation in education helps our children do better in school, and it's pretty compelling. It's not uncommon for parents to feel unsure about getting involved with the FKPA, there's an assumption that you'll be expected to commit large chunks of time to the school, but that's not the case. Any help you can provide is very much appreciated, and in return you'll receive a huge sense of satisfaction and a new group of friends!

If you're keen to know more or are interested in undertaking one of the available roles and/ or getting involved please email Joanna at fkpaschool@gmail.com

The AGM agenda will cover: Review of last year's events ..Accounts review and sign off ..Election into roles ..Planning for 2020/2021 Due to the government restrictions, we'll be holding this via Zoom. Details below:

[https://zoom.us/j/96271325019?](https://zoom.us/j/96271325019?pwd=cVFibW5NS0o2bkNCV1FpMVRPM2hEdz09)

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Meeting ID: 962 7132 5019

Passcode: 548008 THANK YOU FKPA

After school sports club and PE.

Reminder please that **PE kits** need to be worn all day on the following days for each class this half term:

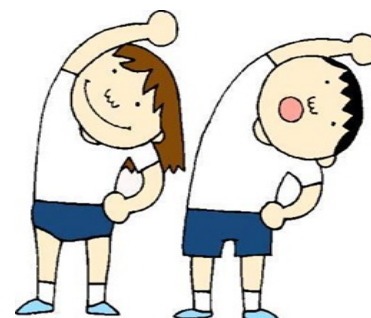
Monday year 5-6 Pioneers

Tuesday year 3-4 Discoverers

Wednesday year 1-2 Explorers

After school sports clubs- children should bring PE kits and place in closed storage boxes outside of classrooms on the following days :

Monday year 3 Tuesday year 4 Wednesday year 5 Thursday year 6



The Crew Breakfast Club and After School Care

.As you know we are restricted to 16 children attending Crew at any one time this term. This means that not all requests may be met. We are allocating places on a month by month basis and we are trying to do so with as much notice as possible to help you with your working arrangements. Any shift work requests or any changes to places already allocated for November onwards need to be sent by email with subject matter CREW clearer marked, making it clear if you require Breakfast or After School sessions or both, to the office by **9am on 29th September**. Places are allocated with priority given to Key workers, especially health care workers and vulnerable pupils. Thank you