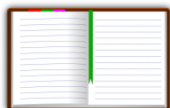


FKPA News

Spring 1 2021



Dates for your diary

Valentines dress down - wear red - for donations to FKPA funds

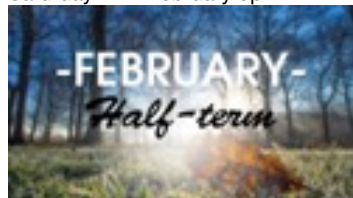
Friday 12th February

Pancake tossing competition

During half term

Family Zoom Quiz

Saturday 27th February 5pm



Fundraising

The school have lots of projects and plans for the future, including improvements to the playground, the ICT suite and general improvements to the aesthetics in and around the building. As with previous projects through companies such as Aviva and the Coop Community Fund, we aim to support school with these plans in any way we can. With some of our larger events being put on hold, we are creatively thinking outside the box to fundraise. Online quizzes, doorstep visits and other virtual events will be communicated to parents via Parent Mail and Class Dojo over the coming weeks and we hope as many of you as possible can join in where possible. On the other hand, if you or any family members work for companies that offer match funding that would be able to help in anyway, we would love to hear from you on fkpaschool@gmail.com

Dear fellow parent(s) and carers(s).

Well, we didn't expect to be writing this edition of our newsletter in another lockdown, however, this has not dampened our moods, spirits or our efforts and we have had two very exciting and successful (Zoom!) meetings so far this year!

During our meetings, Mr Hunter joined us and it was great to meet him (virtually), hear his visions and plans and have his input on future events which we look forward to sharing with you later in this newsletter.

Even though times are hard and uncertain, we are trying our best to offer events that are both safe and Covid secure, but also fun and enriching for our children at Keelham and hopefully give them the boost that we know they need right now. We also want to continue our efforts of raising much needed funds for school and with our usual events such as Santa Shop and Summer Fair being put on hold during this time, we are constantly thinking of new ways to be able to fundraise. Therefore, we really do appreciate your support by signing up to these events, or donating what you can to dress down days etc. We understand it can be a real challenging time for a lot of families so your contributions mean so much, now more than ever. We really do look forward to brighter times ahead where we can all come together at fairs, discos, movie nights and parties, but in the mean time, please keep reading our newsletters, look out for notifications from us on Parent Mail and Class Dojo and if anyone would ever like to join in our FKPA Zoom meetings each month, everyone is welcome, we are a real friendly bunch (if we do say so ourselves!).

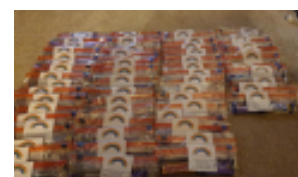
Very best wishes and have a happy and safe half term,
The FKPA

How we have helped this half term

Due to previous fundraising efforts and events, the FKPA have been able to contribute this half term by purchasing, and delivering, some sweet treats to our children for their 'Choc & Chat' sessions. We felt that it was such a lovely idea from school for children at home, and at school to interact with their friends on a more personal and informal basis and we were so happy to be able to help by purchasing the chocolates in a way to give back to those that matter the most, the children. We hope the children have enjoyed seeing their friends,



catching up and course, enjoyed their well deserved chocolates! 'Choc & Chat' will continue next half term whilst some children are still at home so the FKPA will deliver chocolate again during this time. If we have delivered to you in the past, we will automatically deliver to you again but if you haven't received chocolate in the past and would like to next half term if your children are at home, please email us on fkpaschool@gmail.com and we will happily arrange this for you.



During our first meeting this year, Mr Hunter explained that the children were in need of new chairs for the classroom, and we were happy to help! Again, due to fundraising efforts over the last year and all your contributions to events etc, we were able to contribute £1000 to school to purchase new chairs for the children which will arrive later this month!



Thank you to all those that have already signed up to our school lottery! We have currently sold 77 tickets of our 50 ticket goal! Which is fabulous!

For those that haven't yet signed up, tickets cost £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!!

For each ticket you can select 6 numbers, between 0 and 9. Draws take place every Saturday where a 6 digit combination will be picked. It takes just a few minutes to sign up using the following link -

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/keelham-primary-school/>

There's also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis (30% of ticket sales) - so you have 2 chances to win a prize. And most importantly, our school will directly receive 40p of every ticket sold! Our winners so far have been -

Samantha Hodgson 19th December

Faye Sygrove 26th December

Faye Sygrove 2nd January

Christine Butterfield 9th January

Yvonne Marshall 16th January

Rebecca Brook 23rd January

Claire McMahon 30th January

Rory Lerman 6th February

Well done to all of you! In addition to this, Your School Lottery also have various 'Current Offer' prizes which you will have a chance to win - their 'Current Offer' is a Robot Bundle!

Another great reason to sign up!

Door Step Easter Bunny



Following the very successful 'Door Step Santa' event in December, one of our members had the amazing idea of asking the Easter Bunny if he would kindly do something similar for our children in April! The good news is, he has agreed! More details will follow in the coming weeks!

Fundraising Focus!

As communicated in our recent Parent Mail regarding Valentine's dress down day, we are focusing our current fundraising efforts on improving schools wifi! All proceeds from dress down, the Smartie Challenge (this will be arranged when we are back in school) and Door Step Easter Bunny will all go towards this very important (and certainly needed in these times) improvement to school so any contribution to any of these events is greatly appreciated.

QUIZ TIME

More information will follow in letters, Dojo notifications and Parent Mail emails but keep your eyes peeled for a very exciting 'Pancake Tossing' event which will run during half term!

We will also be communicating information regarding our 'Family Zoom Quiz' where the whole school will be invited to join us in an afternoon of family fun over Zoom on Saturday 27th February! We hope as many of you can join us - information regarding tickets will be available soon.



Thank you to all that donated to our recent Bags 2 School, collection. We raised £54! The next date for collection will be confirmed next half term.

Some of you may not be aware that we have our very own Facebook page! It comes in handy for us to advertise and share events and to also send out reminders. Our Facebook page is 'Friends of Keelham Parents Association' so if you're on Facebook, please give us a like!



Another super easy way to raise funds is to ensure that whilst shopping on Amazon, you do it through AmazonSmile! Shopping through this link - <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1128211-0>, enables Amazon to donate to Friends Of Keelham Parents' Association, at no cost to you!



Did you know you can generate free funds for the FKPA whenever you shop online at over 4,100 leading retailers via Give as you Live? It's totally free to use and with top offers from retailers like John Lewis, Amazon and eBay, you could save money and get that feel-good factor by helping our school charity for free! Just visit - www.giveasyoulive.com or download the Give as you Live app through the Apple App Store or Google Play on your smart phone - with Christmas just around the corner there is no better time to start spending whilst fundraising!



Just a little note from us parents to you, we hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and whether you are homeschooling, or if your children are going in to school, know that you are all doing a fantastic job of getting through these difficult times together, and hopefully all the children of Keelham will be back together soon.

