



## Newsletter 2

**September 2019**

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Dear Parent/carer,

We had a busy and fun filled first week back. A huge thank you to the parents and friends of the school who came in to inspire the children on our topic launch day. It was a great success and the children are planning some exciting activities.

We are very excited about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the school building tomorrow. Clubs will start back this week but none on Tuesday due to the celebration.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Jenkins



Right of the month:  
All children have  
rights no matter what

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The school building is 50 years old this year and we are celebrating this milestone tomorrow. The children have decided they want a 60's day with lots of fab music hairstyles and flares! We are holding an open afternoon from 2-5pm with tea, coffee and cakes. Please come and join us to some amazing old photos and share some fond memories of our wonderful school.

### **Homework in KS2**

This year we have decided to take a new approach to homework. We want to put the emphasis onto key skills as the most effective way of supporting learning at home.

Reading: younger and less confident readers should practice reading every night with an adult. Parents should listen to and question more confident readers at least twice a week.

Tables: J2Blast on Hwb every week to practice their target tables.

Spelling: J2Blast spelling every week to practice at their level and given spellings for weekly tests.

Presentation: Once a term children prepare a presentation on an aspect of the topic. This will be completed to be presented to the class following half term. The teachers will outline the new system to the children this week.

### **Daily Mile**

As part of our emphasis on health and well-being we are relaunching the daily mile for the school. Each class will walk laps of the field for 10-15 minutes every morning before registration. We hope this will have really positive effects on the health and learning aptitudes of the children.

### **Parent Workshops**

Following the success of the workshops run last term the Swansea Family Partnership are coming back to offer another programme for us. Laura Collins will be running drop in sessions from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> until half term. These are open for any parent who wants to come and get some advice or draw on her expertise. She will also run the STEPS programme after half term, starting on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Laura Collins is the tutor and says the STEPS programme based around applied-self-image psychology. It is a course designed around human motivation and behaviour. The STEPS programme helps to translate the scientific jargon into easily understood language.

It helps provide opportunities for individuals to realise their full potential.

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Its guiding principle is that people have an unlimited capacity for growth and creativity and can adapt readily to any change. This course is an education on how our mind works and how we can learn to think more effectively.

Please let Stef know if you would like to attend.

### **The 4 Core Purposes of the new curriculum**

As you know, our plans to get ready for the introduction of the new curriculum in 2022 are well underway. As part of this we are focussing on the four core purposes set out at the heart of the new system. These are the key attributes for all learners. To get the children to understand what they are and how they can work on them we are focussing on one at a time.

Our first is **Ambitious, Capable Learners**. The children have come up with an acrostic poem setting out just what ambitious looks like at Knelston:

**A**im, attitude, aspire, achieve.

**M**ind, mature, mentality, motivation.

**B**elieve, behaviour, become a busy bee.

**I**ndependent, imaginative, inspire our ideas

**T**ogether, target, try, our techniques, be truthful and trust each other

**I**ntelligent, inquisitive, incredible, inventive.

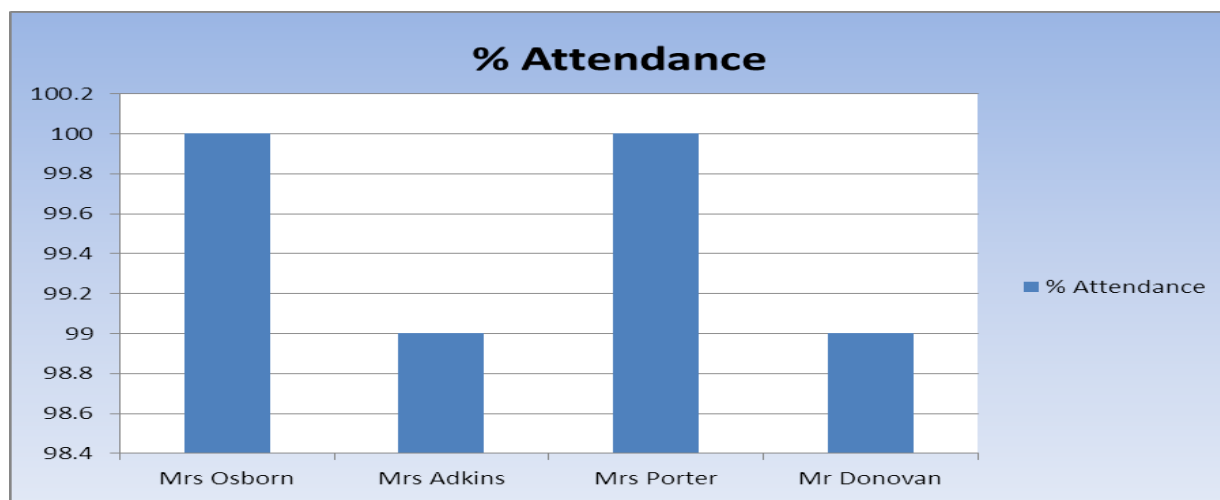
**O**utstanding opportunities, open, optimistic learners overcoming challenges

**U**nderstand, use skills to become unique, useful and unstoppable.

**S**uper smart successful strategies support us to become special stupendous stick at it squirrels

### **Attendance**

**Well done Mrs Osborn and Mrs Porter's classes for 100% attendance last week. Overall we were at 99.3% for the week. Well done to you all. Let's push for our target of 96.1% this year.**



### **Pupil Voice**

We will be voting on and deciding our new pupil voice groups this week. So watch this space for regular updates.

The Criw Cymraeg have asked me to share the link to the website below as a good place for fun Welsh activities.

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## Easy fundraising

Thank-you to everyone who has registered and joined easy fundraising to collect donations. We currently have 59 supporters and have raised a total of £1,794.67. So a big thank-you to everyone who is collecting donations and if you are not yet registered then please follow the steps below.

We are raising money for Knelston Primary School – Swansea via easy fundraising.

It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/knelstonprimary>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising

No catches, no hidden charges and Knelston Primary School - Swansea will be really grateful for your donations. It would be fantastic if you could join me and really help make a difference.

## Music Lessons

Music lessons with Miss Gibbs are on a **Thursday and will start back this week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** this week due. Please remember to bring in your instruments.

Piano lessons with Miss Attwell will be on **Wednesdays during the school day and start back on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Clubs

**Please complete the consent form and payment for clubs by using your sQuid App.**

Date	Year Group	Activity
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Didi Rugby 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3-Y6	Multi Sports Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1-Y6	Minecraft Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September (Lunchtime Club)	Y4-6	Book Club 12:30-1pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 & Y6	Football Club 3:30-4:30pm

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## Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2019

Date	Year Group	Activity
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	All	Topic Launch Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	All	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All	PTA Event – 1000 for 1000
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4/5/6	Theatr NaNog Trip – The Butterfly Hunter
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	All	PTA Event – Halloween Disco
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Book People – Book Fayre
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	All	PTA Event – Film Night
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	All	PTA Event – Christmas Market

## INSET Days

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Term Dates

### School term and holiday dates 2019/2020

Term	Term begins	Term ends	Mid-term holiday		Term begins	Term ends	Total days
			Begins	Ends			
<b>Autumn 2019</b>	Monday 2 September	Friday 25 October	Monday 28 October	Friday 1 November	Monday 4 November	Friday 20 December	
	40				35		75
<b>Spring 2020</b>	Monday 6 January	Friday 14 February	Monday 17 February	Friday 21 February	Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April	
	30				30		60
<b>Summer 2020</b>	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May	Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May	Monday 1 June	Monday 20 July	
	25				35		60
<b>Total:</b>							<b>195</b>

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			Begins	Ends			
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	Tuesday 1 September	Friday 23 October	Monday 26 October	Friday 30 October	Monday 2 November	Tuesday 22 December	
							76
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February	Monday 15 February	Friday 19 February	Monday 22 February	Friday 26 March	
							55
<b>Summer 2021</b>	Monday 12 April	Friday 28 May	Monday 31 May	Friday 4 June	Monday 7 June	Monday 16 July	
							64
<b>Total:</b>							<b>195</b>

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