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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As headteacher and on behalf of all the staff at Knowsley Central School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for another great year. It has been wonderful to see the children rush through the doors as the school year begins and we're all excited to have our pupils back in school filling our classrooms with excitement and enthusiasm.

I'd like to particularly welcome all our new pupils and parents to the Knowsley Central School community. We are committed to help every child feel welcomed and be an integral member of our school family. We challenge all our pupils to 'be a star and shine in our learning community' which will enable them to achieve in all aspects of their young lives and help them to succeed both in our school and beyond.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year in Knowsley Central School and thank you all in anticipation of your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr. Daryl McConnell

Head teacher

- **External Gates:** We now have new security gates fitted at school. Please be aware that the entrance and exit gates have changed. Some parents are choosing to park outside, which is fine but you will need to use the pedestrian gate to avoid any potential hazards.
- **School uniform** is now sold through the Uniform Factory, with the exception of Key Stage 3 ties & badges which are available from our School office.
THE UNIFORM FACTORY, 51 BOUNDARY LANE, LIVERPOOL, L6 5JG
TEL:0151 260 3469 WEBSITE:www.uniformfactory.co.uk EMAIL:sales@uniformfactory.co.uk
All footwear must be black. Also please ensure that you have written names in each item of clothing to reduce confusion and loss of items.
- **Snack:** Did you know it costs 20p a day for your child to receive a healthy snack at school? If you don't already, please send in £1 each week to contribute to the cost of providing a nutritious snack which includes fresh fruit along with the option of breakfast club each morning. Or you can pay £7 for the term.
- **Attendance:** School Attendance matters for doing well in school. Regular attendance is essential for your child to reach their full potential. Parents / carers are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regularly attending school. If your child is absent you must contact the school or report it on the school app on the first day of absence to give a reason. Please see attached 'Parental Guide to Illness' which indicates if you should send your child into school or not. It is really useful and should be kept handy. Holidays are not permitted in school time, please take this into consideration when planning future holidays. Thank you for your cooperation
- **After School Clubs:** Clubs will be starting back on 18th September. Letters will be going out and must be returned at the earliest opportunity in order for a place to be allocated.

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- **Three Peaks:** Well done to Mr Lambert and Mr Rimmer who completed the 3 peaks Challenge with 40 minutes to spare!! They raised approximately £1500 to support local charities and school fund. The National Three Peaks Challenge involves climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales, within 24 hours! **Thank you so much for your donations.**



- We will be supporting Jeans for Genes on Friday 21st September. Children can come into school wearing their jeans or own clothes for a suggested donation of £1—more information to follow.
- Please see attached information regarding The Daily Mile initiative which we will endeavour to get the children involved with each morning.

Activities week commencing 10th September		Class
Mon	Swimming am	Sycamore & Chestnut
	Soft Play	Blossom
	Badminton	Redwood
Tues	Soft Play	Apple
Wed	Soft Play	Willow
Fri	Badminton	Rowan

Head Teachers Lunch

Children who have shown exceptional behaviour all week will receive a treat and have lunch on a Friday with Mr McConnell or Mr Lambert. This week winners are:

Nathan L
Steven L
Georgie M

Well done boys!

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018

Autumn Half Term

Monday 22nd October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Wednesday 24th July 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 7th June 2019 (2 weeks)

Good Friday 19th April 2019
Easter Monday 22nd April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday 6th May 2019

Staffing News

- Headteacher: Mr. Daryl McConnell
- Deputy Head teacher: Mr. Paul Lambert
- Assistant Headteacher: Mrs. Liz Kearney
- Outreach manager: Ms. Jan Lee
- Blossom class team: Mrs. Ball/ Miss McKeivitt/ Miss Wayne
- Apple class team: Miss Hewitt/ Ms. Hillyard/ Mrs. McKlennan
- Willow class team: Miss Henry/ Mrs. Anthony/ Ms. Beresford
- Maple class team: Mrs. Boswell/ Mrs. Ditchfield/ Mrs. Buck
- Juniper class team: Mrs. Sergeant/ Mrs. McWaters/ Miss Parkinson
- Holly class team: Ms. Davies/ Mr. Power/ Ms. Jenkins
- Chestnut class team: Miss Patterson/ Ms. Burness/ Mr. Rimmer
- Sycamore class team: Ms. Napier/ Mr. Scanlon/ Ms Salah
- Mulberry class team: Miss Connolly/ Miss McDowell/ Ms. Yates
- Redwood class team: Mr. Tranter/ Miss Longman/ Mrs. Toal
- Rowan class team: Mr. Higgins/ Miss Beresford

Subject specialism teachers:

Art: Miss Weir

PE: Mr. Tranter

Parent liaison/ Pastoral Team:

Mrs. Stevenson

Mrs. Brown

S & Language Team:

Mrs. Crilly

Ms. Blundell

We also have a highly skilled Learning Support Team who support mainstream pupils across Knowsley Local Authority.

Our Business & Office Team:

Business manager: Ms. Roberts

Administrator: Ms. Fishwick

Administrator: Mrs. Rooney

Kitchen & Cleaning Team:

Angela Mangan

Diane Riley

Norma Turner

Kym Taylor

Site Management:

Geoff Green

Ste Garvey

Phil Rimmer

Our 'Meet and Greet' coffee mornings have been scheduled for the week beginning the 17th Sept. – further class details to follow.

Parental guide to illness

SHOULD MY CHILD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

Please see below handy guide to understanding illnesses children and young people pick up from time to time

Please ensure that you contact the school either by telephone or school app to report your child's absence.

Diarrhoea & Vomiting: Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Threadworm: Children can go to school when they have started their treatment. Everyone at home should also be treated.

Headache, earache and stomach ache: Children with headache, earache or stomach ache can go to school—just let staff know, give paracetamol and plenty of fluids to drink. If it persists seek medical advice.

High Temperature: Give paracetamol and plenty to drink. After paracetamol, if your child feels better bring them to school. If the child's high temperature continues for three days or more, seek medical advice.

Cough & Colds: Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school. If your child is asthmatic remember they may need their blue inhaler more often.

Flu (Influenza): Children should go back to school when recovered —this is usually about five days.

Sore Throat, Tonsillitis & Glandular Fever: Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school if child is well enough.

Head Lice: Children can go to school with head lice but they must be treated for the condition to prevent further spreading. Parents should treat their children and other family members. Please also inform school.

Scabies: Children can go back to school after the first treatment. Others at home should be treated.

Hand, Foot & Mouth, Warts & Verrucae, Athletes Foot & Molluscum Contagiosum: Children can go to school, Verrucae should be covered in swimming and changing rooms.

Conjunctivitis: Children can go to school. They should be encouraged to wash their hands to prevent further spread of infection.

Impetigo: Children can go back to school when their lesions are crusted or healed, or two days after starting antibiotics.

Measles: Children should go back to school four days after the rash has started.

Chicken Pox: Children should go back to school five days after rash has started

German Measles: Children should go back to school six days after the rash has started.

Please let school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.

Mumps: Children should go back to school five days from the start of swollen glands.

Whooping Cough: Children should go back to school five days after starting antibiotics. Non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.

Scarlet Fever: Children can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics if well enough.

Not sure? Ask for advice:

Please ask at your local pharmacist or go online to www.nhs.uk or NHS choices.

You can also dial 111 for advice



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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will probably be aware of recent concerns around physical inactivity and childhood obesity. As they go through Primary school, many children put on weight and, across the UK, around 35% of pupils in their final year of Primary are categorised as overweight or obese.

Experts have described this as an epidemic and a crisis that must be tackled before it is too late. The World Health Organisation regards childhood obesity as one of the most serious global public health challenges for the 21st Century. So far, no approach in the western world has made any difference, with millions of pounds spent on schemes which have had no lasting impact - and the situation continues to worsen.

There is, however, an initiative called The Daily Mile which was started in February 2012 by Elaine Wyllie, who was then headteacher of a large Scottish Primary school in Stirling. She was concerned by the children's obvious lack of fitness and went on to prove The Daily Mile to be both sustainable and effective in combatting inactivity and obesity in her school. The result was that, in November 2015, the Scottish Government wrote to every Scottish primary school to recommend that they implement the scheme too. In addition, in August 2016 the UK government's Childhood Obesity strategy identified and supported The Daily Mile's contribution towards the recommended hour that children should spend taking daily exercise.

The Daily Mile is very simple to start in a school. Without wasting time to change into kit, every child in a school or nursery goes out each day in the fresh air to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes. It is not competitive: most children will average a mile in that time, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but a physical activity which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

Since 2015, The Daily Mile has been adopted by over 1,600 schools in the UK alone, proving extraordinarily popular with thousands of children, parents and teachers. The initiative is also attracting strong overseas interest, with both Belgium and the Netherlands launching nationally in 2016.

We would like endeavour to introduce The Daily Mile for the children in our class. As a school we are really excited about this new initiative and we are looking forward to the benefits it will bring to your child. To find out more about how it all works please visit: www.thedailymile.co.uk.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mr. D. McConnell
Head teacher

