

# Knowsley Central School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018

- No Pens day on Wednesday  
on Wednesday 10th October we will be encouraging children to put down pens and pick up language:



- Nominated children will be Pen Police & reporters
- We will also have Detective Dog Lexi in school to make sure teachers are not cheating and using pens too!
- Please can you let the school staff know if you have any allergies or fears of dogs.  
(Parent information is attached on page 2)



- Parent questionnaires have been issued hard copies and on the School App. please complete and return to school. It is very important that we receive your comments. Also Speech and Language consent forms will be sent out over the next coming weeks, please ensure you complete and return.

- The school nurse will be in this Thursday 11th at 9:30. This will be an opportunity for parents to come in and meet her or to discuss any issues they have with their child. If you would like book an allocated slot please contact Vicky at the school office.

- There will be no clubs in the final week of term w/c 15th October but we will be holding a disco / film night on Tuesday 16th October. School Council are selling tickets at £1.50 each. All money raised will go towards school funds.



- Reminder that children are allowed to attend school with head lice (when treated appropriately) coughs & colds.

- Please ensure that you provide school with proof of any medical appointments so that your child's attendance will not be classed as unauthorised.

Attendance	%
Blossom	95.7%
Apple	85%
Maple	92.5%
Juniper	93.8%
Willow	72.5%
Holly	95%
Chestnut	87.5%
Sycamore	100%
Mulberry	94.5%
Redwood	84.2%
Rowan	90.8%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>90%</b>

Activities week commencing Class 8th October		
<b>Mon</b>	Swimming am	Sycamore & Chestnut
	Soft Play	Blossom
	Badminton	Redwood
<b>Tues</b>	Soft Play	Apple
<b>Wed</b>	Soft Play	Willow
	No pens day	Whole school
<b>Thu</b>	School Nurse @9:30	Appointment
	Dodgeball	Selected pupils
<b>Fri</b>	Badminton	Rowan

### So what is **No Pens Day Wednesday**?

The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening, which is a part of your child's national curriculum.

For one day, children in the school will put down their pens and all lessons and activities will have a focus on speaking and listening skills rather than writing skills. Teachers will assess what children in their class have learnt about the lesson by listening to what they say about it.

### Why are we taking part?

Reading and writing are very important and valuable skills but people are often not aware of how important speaking and listening skills are too. Schools that include speaking and listening in a planned and structured way for children in their lessons see improvement in their classroom involvement. Ofsted inspectors (who check standards in all schools in the country) are noticing more and more that speaking and listening is a really important factor for good teaching and child performance in successful schools.

### How will your child benefit?

**No Pens Day Wednesday** gives your child a chance to practice their speaking and listening skills for a whole school day. The day will allow all pupils in your child's class to become involved in a whole school event, and to contribute to class activities, getting a chance to talk.

**No Pens Day  
Wednesday**

## After School Clubs

Clubs are as follows:

### KS 1&2

Tuesday	Baking
Tuesday	Lego
Wednesday	Football
Wednesday	Art

### KS3

Tuesday	Gym
Wednesday	Games

**There will also be no clubs in the last week of half term (week commencing 15th October) instead there is going to be a Halloween disco / film night on 16th. School Council will be selling tickets for £1.50 more details to follow.**

**All clubs are now full.**



## This Weeks Awards

### 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:

Connor D  
Owen H  
Tyler D  
Alfie W  
Jack H  
Andrew G  
Ava D

### Friendship Award

The pupils and staff are identifying acts of kindness throughout the school.

This weeks award goes to:

Blossom:	Elliot
Apple:	Ava
Maple:	Georgie
Juniper:	Ellis
Willow:	Callum
Holly:	Ethan
Chestnut:	Ryan
Sycamore:	Shaun
Mulberry:	Ben
Redwood:	Abigail
Rowan:	Andrew

Well done to all. We are so proud of your achievement