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***Our Vision: Through education with imagination, we will challenge, achieve, and excel.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to the holiday weekend, we enjoyed our Coronation menu today and every pupil was given the opportunity to have a scone and jam for their snack as part of our celebrations.

All our new promethean boards have now been fitted into every classroom and staff and pupils are enjoying familiarising themselves with this upgrade to our digital technology strategy.

Please keep up to date with all our pupil achievements and news featured on our Twitter feed [@KnowetopPrimary](https://twitter.com/KnowetopPrimary?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)

I hope this newsletter keeps you well informed of the things we have happening and, in the meantime, if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Mr Gordon Murray

Head Teacher

**Staffing Update**

I am delighted to announce that after interviews this week, Mrs Pamela Smith will take up the role of Acting Depute Head Teacher and we wish her all the best in her new role. We know she will continue to do a fantastic job. We have also found out that we will have two teachers joining us on a permanent basis from August 2023. They are Mr Jamie Stewart who is currently working with us and Miss Melissa McCallum who has worked in the school previously. We look forward to them joining our team on a permanent basis.

**Snare Drummers**

We were very proud to see our snare drummers perform at assembly for the first time today. Thank you to Mr Nelson and Mr Cowan from Dalziel High School for also bringing some of their bagpipers to entertain us. They spoke to our pupils about the instruments and the option to take these on in high school. Please see our Twitter feed for clips of the performances.

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**Health Week 2**

As part of our Health Week starting on June 12th, we will be doing our local walks again and Miss Davies (Health and Wellbeing Champion) is looking for some volunteers to help us. The dates and times of the walks are below.

Monday 12th June – P6, P5/6, P6/7 and P7

Tuesday 13th June – P2, P2/3 and P3

Wednesday 14th June – P1 and P1/2

Friday 15th June – P4 and P5

We are planning on the walks taking place at 11 – 11.45am each day so if you are free on any of the dates and would like to join us, you would be most welcome. Please phone or email the school office on [***Enquiries-at-knowetop@northlan.org.uk***](mailto:Enquiries-at-knowetop@northlan.org.uk) to register your interest.

**Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)**

Please find below information from the authority regarding health questionnaires we will be carrying out with our pupils. Please have a read through the information and if you would like to opt out, please complete the slip attached and return to school.

**Dear Parent/Guardian**

In North Lanarkshire we want to do all we can to support our children and young people’s health and wellbeing. Following implementation of a health and wellbeing survey in session 2020/21, we would like to hear from our young people again, therefore all school age children in North Lanarkshire have been invited to take part in a short online health and wellbeing questionnaire. The results of this survey will be used to understand the wellbeing needs of children in North Lanarkshire. This will help us improve the way children’s services are planned and delivered.

**What will be happening?**

Your child’s teacher will complete the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire. This will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. The questions are all well-established items that have been ethically approved for surveys with children of this age and found to be associated with wellbeing. Some of the topics include:children’s emotions, feelings and behaviours at home and school, engagement with learning, and relationships with peers.

**Will anyone see my child’s answers?**

Your child’s name will be linked to an ID number by North Lanarkshire. Your child’s school and the team managing this project (consisting of a small number of North Lanarkshire Education and Families staff) will hold this information. The project team analysing the data are trained to keep data safe, confidential and anonymous. The focus of the project team will be on looking at trends across the whole of North Lanarkshire and at school and school cluster levels. They will not have a focus on looking at individual results in detail. Only your child’s school will look at individual data in detail. This will help school staff to speak with any children who might need extra support.

**Do I need to agree to take part?**

No. It is up to you. You can opt-out of participating by completing and returning the slip enclosed in the letter to the school. Not taking part will have no impact on your child’s schooling or any services used.

Yours faithfully



Mr Gerard McLaughlin  
Head of Service (North)

**You do not have to do anything** if you are happy for your child’s teacher to complete the health and wellbeing survey for your child.

**If you do not wish to participate in this survey**, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to your school within the **next 10 days**. Thank you for your help with this important programme.

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**Children’s Wellbeing Survey**

I do not wish ……………………………… Primary School to complete the survey for my child

…………………………… (Print name of child in capital letters).

Signed …………………………………… Date ……. /………../……….

Name …………………………………….

Relationship to child ………………… ……. Child’s primary stage ………………..

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**Sports Day**

Our Sports Day will be on Wednesday (weather permitting). Primaries 1-3 will take part from 9.30-10.30am and Primaries 4-7 will be from 11.15-12.15pm. As previously mentioned, Children work in teams in their houses to complete various activities and are given points which are then added throughout the day to get an overall house winner. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please arrive before the start time and make your way to the Astro-turf via the staff carpark. You will be able to stand behind a barrier and watch the activities. Please note that no food or drinks are allowed on the AstroTurf



**Nut-free Zone**

Just a reminder to please make sure that your child does not bring in any food items containing nuts as we have pupils with nut allergies.

**Dates to Remember**

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Time** |
| Monday 8th May | King’s Coronation (school closed to all) | All day |
| Wednesday 10th May | Sports Day | Morning |
| Thursday 11th May | Room 22 to Sky Academy |  |
| Friday 19th May | Dress Down Day | All day |
| Wednesday 24th May | New P1 Pre-entrant Visit | 3.15-4pm |
| Friday 26th May | Holiday (school closed) | All day |
| Monday 29th May | Holiday (school closed) | All day |
| Tuesday 6th June | P1 Pre-entrant Visit 2 | 1.45-2.30pm |
| Mon 12th- Fri 16th June | Health Week (physical health) | All week |
| Thursday 22nd June | P7 Leavers Service | 11am |
| Wednesday 28th June | School closes 1pm | 1pm |
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|  | Knowetop Parent Council  <https://www.facebook.com/KnowetopPC>  Chair Person: Mrs Joanne Hogg |

We have decided to cancel our Summer Fayre this year and look forward to planning some new events early on in the next session. We feel that we have done a lot of fundraising this year with Christmas cards and Dress Down Days and have managed to really support the school with the purchase of new digital technologies. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the events we have had this year.

**Knowetop Uniform Shop**



The Knowetop Uniform Shop are seeking donations of pre-loved uniform. If your child has grown out of any uniform items or you have items you no longer need, please donate these by handing them into the school.

Items can be requested from the shop through their Facebook page ***Knowetop Uniform Shop*** or by emailing suzannemagowan@hotmail.co.uk