



Knightsridge Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter – December 2020



Safety Routines

Thank you for supporting our arrangements for a smooth start and end of the day for our children. It is lovely to see children coming into school confidently and greeting members of staff in the playground with a friendly 'good morning'. It is also pleasing to see so many independent children leaving school at the end of the day and walking home responsibly. Our doors will open at 3:05pm and 12:15pm on Fridays for our Primary 1 – 4 classes to ease the congestion at the end of the day. If you are coming to collect your child from school please ensure you wear a face covering and maintain 2 metre distancing at all times, this will help to keep everyone safe. Children in Primary 5 – 7 and those who do not have adults collecting them will be dismissed at 3:20pm and 12:30pm on Fridays. The new gate and path opposite the EYC and Primary 2 class has eased the congestion at various entry points, thank you for supporting us with this change.

If your children are late in the morning, after 9am, please ensure that you contact the school office to make us aware and ensure that they come to the office door and not to the class doors.

We ask that you remind children not to bring in Christmas cards to pass to friends this year and not to bring in any toys, books or accessories that may contribute to the infection rate increasing. We want everyone to be healthy, happy and safe so that we can all enjoy the Christmas holidays free of illness.

Health and Wellbeing

At this time of year it is very important that we all look after ourselves so that we can enjoy the festive period. Despite all the restrictions we currently face in school we will be making the final two weeks as magical as possible for the children. There are lots of exciting events to look forward to in school, albeit a bit different from previous years.

I would like to appeal to you to ensure that your child/children get plenty of sleep and rest so that they can fully enjoy the rich learning experiences their teachers have planned for them over the coming weeks. Plenty of sleep will also ensure that children stay healthy, happy and ready to learn. I know that you will benefit from rested, happy children too!

Communication with School

You can contact us by email at –

wlknightsridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk

Alternatively you can 'phone us on – **01506 434012**

Please check our School website as it has up to date information from the school and West Lothian Council. You can access the our website on - <https://knightsridge.westlothian.org.uk/>

. Follow us on Twitter at - **@KnightsridgePr1**



Learning and Teaching

We are very pleased with the progress children are making in Literacy and Numeracy and continue to dive forward attainment for all.

You will be aware that we are using online learning platforms to support children's learning at school and at home. Children are becoming very familiar with TEAMS and Seesaw and know how to join these platforms to access learning posted by their teachers.

Primary 1 – 3 use Seesaw as a home/school learning platform.

Primary 4 – 7 use TEAMS for their home/school learning.

If your child is absent due to having to isolate, it is important that they continue their learning whilst they are at home to ensure they keep up with their class and gaps in learning don't emerge.

If you are having any difficulties accessing online learning please contact the school office so that we can support you.

Christmas Holidays

Please remember if there is anything we can do to support you over the holiday period, please contact us through the school email. The school email will be checked daily and we will contact you to offer whatever help we can during the holiday period.

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