

Kettlethorpe High School

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Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



14 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

We are now entering a busy week in the life of the school and have a number of information updates for families. These are contained within this newsletter.

The pupil community has been working hard and our Year 11 are getting prepared for pre-public examinations. Our performing arts pupils are also rehearsing hard for the school's production of Matilda.

Children in Need: The £5.00 challenge has been launched with all pupils and this week sees the start of our Children in Need fundraising activities. School will be busy as the school community looks to support this very worthwhile national charity. Wednesday is a non-uniform day for all pupils with a £1.00 contribution towards Children in Need.

Buses: Can pupils who are travelling to Woolley Grange, please gather in the school's covered bus waiting area rather than on the pavement and under the trees. This will assist other pupils with entry to the buses as they arrive. Thank you.

Lates: Please support your child with a prompt arrival to form tutor time every day. Form tutor time starts at 8.40am every day. Pupils will be marked late at 8.45am. The pupil entrances into school are locked at 8.40am and pupils who arrive after the start of school will be asked to sign in by the main school reception area. This will be supervised by the school's attendance team.

Road Safety: This week, we are delivering assemblies to all year groups on the need to be aware and safe when travelling to and from school. With the darker days, pupils on bikes need to have lights, wear clothing that can be seen as well as wear bike helmets. Pupils need to check carefully as they cross roads and use the pelican crossing in front of school. Be aware and stay safe.

Matilda: This will be a great production to see. It is being performed in school on Tuesday 06, Wednesday 07 and Thursday 08 December.

As part of the dress rehearsals, we are inviting pupils from our local primary schools to see older pupils perform on Monday 05 December. Updates on tickets to follow.

Remembrance Day: Last Friday, all pupils across the school were silent for two minutes to remember the fallen from wars and conflicts. Thank you to our senior pupils for the readings along with pupils from uniformed organisations who laid a wreath in the school's Quiet Quad. Well done to Oscar Owen, in Year 8, who played the bugle for the Last Post. An important event in the life of our school.

Christmas Dinner: The school will be serving Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14 December. This will be available to all pupils in the school hall/dining area.

Holiday Requests: A reminder to all families that any request for a leave of absence (holiday request) should be made well in advance. Forms can be obtained from the school attendance office. All requests are considered individually but will only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances. Full details available on the school's website.

End of Term: Early notice that school will be in session until 3.05pm on Friday 16 December. There will be no early finish.

The school has certainly benefitted from a warm autumn and we are still sweeping up leaves which seem to be on the trees longer this year.

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) the English writer and pioneer in the use of streams of circumstances (characters through process) as a narrative device wrote in her 1927 book, 'To the Lighthouse'

'And all the lives we ever lived
and all the lives to be are full
of trees and changing leaves.'

Be sure to enjoy the autumnal weather and the sweeping of leaves. Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

- Wednesday 16 November 2022: Children in Need non-uniform day
- Thursday 17 November 2022: Year 11 Presentation Evening
- Friday 18 November: INSET day
- Wednesday 23 November 2022: Year 11 Photograph
- 06 – 08 December 2022: Matilda Production
- Wednesday 14 December 2022: Christmas Dinner
- Friday 16 December 2022: School closes for Christmas at 3.05pm.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as hand sanitiser.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'. Use the tissues and bins provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.