



# KILLIGREW NEWS

9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Further to the information last week, I am pleased to be able to update you about school meals.

Herts Catering Ltd (HCL) will be providing a hot meal option for the children from October half term. The meals will be provided in compostable boxes and the children will use metal cutlery. Cypad (online meal selection) will upload the new menus soon and in the meantime, the new menu is attached to this newsletter and is on the school website. I hope that the children enjoy the hot meals when the weather turns colder.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte  
Head teacher

## Walk Once a Week Campaign

At Killigrew, we take part in the Living Streets WOW campaign. Each day, the children log how they travelled to school. If the children travel actively (walk, scoot, cycle or park the car/get off the bus further away and walk the rest of the journey) once a week for a month, they will be awarded a badge at the end of each month. 'Park and Stride' is where you park a little further away from school (e.g. not parking in East Close) and walk the rest of the way.

## Early Years Packs

Herts for Learning has produced a home learning pack for children in Reception classes. The pack includes ideas and activity suggestions for you to support your child's development. They will be sent home in bags next week.

## Secondary School Transfer

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. We strongly recommend that parents complete the application by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline. Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively you can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team.

## Parking

After a really good start to the term, there are a small but persistent number of parents/childminders who are beginning to park in West Avenue, South Close and North Close.

I have had several emails from local residents this week with accompanying photographs which show cars parked across driveways, with wheels on the grass verges and pavements and cars parked on the corners of road junctions. I have also seen children being dropped off in the road on the turning circle. This is not fair to the local residents.

The photographs have been shared with the police and they have started to issue warning letters to the registered owners. Please consider where you park in order to ensure the safety of other children and parents and to maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

## Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child moved from Y2 to Y3 in September and was eligible for a FSM (not universal infant free school meal), reapply for a FSM via [this link](#). You **must** still reapply if you haven't already done so.

If your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to extra help. Please see below for information about accessing free school meals for your child.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

## Food Bank

If you are struggling to afford food and other basic essentials, we can refer you to the St Albans and District Foodbank for assistance. Please ask to speak to Miss Mylotte. If you prefer to speak to someone outside school, please contact 0800 208 2138

## Financial Support

If you are in financial crisis, please call **0808 2082138** for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they will issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

Please do not struggle on your own-help is available

<https://stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

## Covid

It is important that parents and carers understand the severity and impact of not disclosing information about Covid or not following government guidance. To knowingly ignore the self-isolation guidance is breaking the law and you could be fined £1,000. You can find the latest Government information at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-legal-duty-to-self-isolate-comes-into-force-today>

## Dates for the Diary 2020-21\*

**(Any changes/additions to the previous week will be highlighted in yellow.)**

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Autumn Term begins  
16<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Virtual trip to RAF Hendon Museum

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October Half Term (School closed)

Second half of Autumn Term Y2 phonics screening check  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October Deadline for Secondary School applications  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November Flu vaccinations  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December Flu vaccinations  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term (Children in YR-Y6 finish at 2.15pm)

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 Christmas holiday (School closed)

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January Spring Term begins  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February YR medical screening checks  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February YR medical screening checks

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February Half Term (School closed)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March Last day of term (Finish at 2.15pm)

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April Easter holiday (School closed)

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April Summer Term begins  
May 2021 KS1 SATs  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday (School closed)  
W.B. 10<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATs

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June Half Term (School closed)

W.B. 7<sup>th</sup> June Y1 phonics screening check  
Y4 multiplication tables screening check  
W.B. 14<sup>th</sup> June Y4 multiplication tables screening check  
W.B. 21<sup>st</sup> June Y4 multiplication tables screening check  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July End of term (Finish at 2.15pm)

**\*Please note that we have 4 INSET days and 1 occasional day to set for this academic year. (These are days when the school is closed).**