



KILLIGREW NEWS

20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch on 16th December, please book this now on the School Gateway. The menu is sliced roasted turkey breast with a chipolata sausage, or vegetable wellington (v) served with sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, a choice of seasonal vegetables and gravy. Dessert options are chocolate crispy pudding or Christmas shortbread. The children may wear a festive hat/antlers at lunchtime on 16th December. If your child has a packed lunch, you may like to include a festive treat on this day. (No crackers please).

Kindest regards,

T.Mylotte
Head teacher

Travel Plan Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the GOLD level Modeshift Stars accreditation for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel via our Travel Plan. Many thanks to Mrs Wicks and the travel ambassadors for their work on this over the past year.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Miss Norris who has given birth to a baby boy. She has named him Archie.

Congratulations

Mrs Jackson has shared her exciting news that she is expecting her second baby later in the academic year.

Festival of Triangles

To celebrate National Maths Week, each class completed a maths activity linked to triangles. This was an opportunity for children to explore the mathematical concept of triangles in a different way. Most classes took a hands-on approach to learning.



There was a variety of learning across the whole school with lots of wonderful activities. Some classes created 'wanted posters' showing the different properties of triangles. Other classes used tangrams to make different triangles and needed to use a logical approach to do this. The younger children in the school celebrated the 'Festival of triangles' by making bunting. It was fantastic to see maths learning in a variety of ways.



Hertfordshire Libraries

Children have had a lot to cope with this year. 'Reading Well for Children' is a collection of books to help parents/carers to discuss the difficult issues with their children. The books cover general information and advice about-

- maintaining good mental health and wellbeing
- understanding and managing feelings
- dealing with worries
- navigating the world around you, including at school, online and in the news
- dealing with tough times, including when someone dies, trauma, and when a parent or carer has mental health needs
- support for living well with specific diagnosed conditions including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and physical disabilities

The books are free to borrow and are available on the open shelves of local public libraries. The booklist is targeted at children in KS2 and includes a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers, and to encourage children to read together with their siblings and carers.

PTA Message

The PTA will be hosting a virtual quiz night for parents on Friday 27th November at 8.30pm. Tickets are £5 per household and can be purchased on Classlist, by popping an envelope with cash/cheque in the post-box at the front gate or by bank transfer. There are prizes for first place and the best team name!

There is also a virtual disco on Friday 4th December at 4.30pm for children in the infants and nursery and at 5.30pm for children in the juniors. Tickets for the disco are £3 (including a gift bag) and can be purchased on Classlist (there is one event for infants and another for juniors to make it easier) or via the school post box. The event is hosted by Disco Factory and there will be lots of dancing, games and a chance to win some prizes.

For anyone who doesn't know about ClassList, we use this for our **PTA events** so that you can

purchase tickets as well as make announcements about ice cream and cake sales (when they are allowed)!

To sign up all you need to do is go to <https://classlist.com/>, search for **Killigrew** and enter your and your child's details. We'll need to approve your request, but once we have, you'll be able to see all the events we have and buy tickets.

There are not so many events at the moment but we hope to have a lot more next year.

Thanks

The PTA

Free School Meals (FSM)

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>

COVID

We're sharing the general information below on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council and the Local Resilience Forum who support the countywide response to coronavirus.

Did you know that only 20% of people in Hertfordshire self-isolate when they are asked to by a nursery, school, college, workplace, Test and Trace or a health professional? 1 in 4 of us admitted that we'd still pop to the shops even if we had been asked to self-isolate.

We know it's not easy and self-isolation can have a real impact on our lives, however if we're asked to do it, it's one of the most important things we can do to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

We've pulled together a guide which we hope simplifies some of the rules around self-isolation, the reason for the number of days you might be asked to self-isolate for (including as part of a school bubble), how to recognise symptoms of coronavirus and when to book a

test. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

Help is available to support you and your family should anyone from your household need to self-isolate, or if you've been affected by coronavirus in anyway – there is some information about the help available in the guide.

Thank you for continuing to play your part in the fight to reduce the impact of coronavirus in Hertfordshire, and for helping to keep our communities safe.

Police have received reports of lack of social distancing and complacency around face coverings at school drop off and pick up times.

We all have a responsibility to take steps in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus. With this in mind, all families are required (unless exempt) to adhere to the following points to ensure a safe arrival and departure at school for all involved:

- Only one parent or guardian should drop off and pick up their child/children to reduce numbers outside school
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household
- Make good use of all available entry and exit points to the school site to avoid bottleneck
- Refrain from lengthy face-to-face conversation with staff or other families; use digital communication methods during lockdown
- Go straight home after dropping and/or collecting your child/children
- Consider wearing a face covering during pick up and drop off

Thank you for your support and understanding – together we will slow the spread of COVID-19 and save more lives.

You can familiarise yourself with the [latest restrictions on the official Government website](#).

Dates for the Diary 2020-21

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

Second half of Autumn Term Y2 phonics screening check

Friday 27th November PTA Virtual Quiz Night

Friday 4th December PTA Virtual Disco

Tuesday 8th December Y4 Water Aid Virtual Session

Wednesday 9th December Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December Last day of term (Children in YR-Y6 finish at 2.15pm)

Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January 2021 Christmas holiday (School closed)

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January INSET Day (School closed)

Monday 1st February YR medical screening checks

Tuesday 2nd February YR medical screening checks

Tuesday 9th February Y6 Maya video conference

Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February Half Term (School closed)

Friday 26th March Last day of term (Finish at 2.15pm)

Monday 29th March-Friday 9th April Easter holiday (School closed)

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April Summer Term begins

May 2021 KS1 SATs

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday (School closed)

W.B. 10th May KS2 SATs

Thursday 27th May INSET Day (School closed)

Friday 28th May INSET Day (School closed)

Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June Half Term (School closed)

W.B. 7th June Y1 phonics screening check
Y4 multiplication tables screening check

W.B. 14th June Y4 multiplication tables screening check

W.B. 21st June Y4 multiplication tables screening check

Tuesday 20th July End of term (Finish at 2.15pm)

Wednesday 21st July INSET Day (School closed)

Thursday 22nd July Occasional Day (School closed)