



KILLINGHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Helping children to make the next step on their learning journey.'



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Dear Parents,

Meet my House Event

Last Friday we had an amazing session when, for the first time since March 2020, children could work in their houses. They introduced themselves to each other and played games. The children of all ages had so much fun and it was lovely to again be able to watch all age groups together and supporting each other. Today the children will work together again in houses on a 'Voices for Change Global Project'.



Bikeability

Our year 6 children have been brilliant with their cycle safety training this week. All of them have been sensible and respectful throughout their training sessions both on the playground and around the village on the roads. They are all now far safer cyclists – I hope that they make sure that they remember their news skills when they ride their bikes out and about for fun.



Global Goals' Week

Each day this week the children have worked on a different aspect to support a change to improve our environment. The discussions that I have heard in all classrooms has been powerful, passionate and persuasive. The children have produced some thought provoking work. A huge well done to them all.

Revd Suzy Worship and our Church

Our worship theme this week has been based upon 'respect'. It was lovely to welcome Revd. Suzy to school to lead her 'respect worship' on Wednesday. The children showed her a great deal of respect by their engagement and sensible answers to her questions. Suzy will be leading worship each half term and also visiting some classes. Next week all the children will have the chance to visit the church as part of their learning.



Harvest Festival Service

We will hold our service in the church on Monday 4th October at 10.30am. This will be led by our collective worship children. As always we are asking you to support the children in providing gifts for the harvest, these will be used to decorate the church before being delivered to local charities. Tinned, packaged and dry foods are the best gifts please. These can be brought in to school from next Wednesday and will be collected next Friday so that the church can be decorated.

We would like to invite one adult from each family to attend our service. *'There is a church policy that people should wear masks through the whole service unless they are medically unable to do so and we request that those who do not wear masks sit near the door which is kept open for ventilation. The benefice as a whole are still promoting 'hands, face, space' as a safety policy, so request that you do try to socially distance in the church.'* Thank you.

Parents' Meetings

Staff will be sending information out about 'How has your child settled back in to school' meetings via email. It is vital that you email staff initially so that they have your contact information. If you do not contact the staff, you may miss the opportunity to book a preferred slot.

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Dragons - bpoole@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Giants - sdaniel@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Pegasus – smoss@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk lqalton@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk (please copy to both staff)

Centaur - bbutler@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Griffins - nthackray@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Phoenix - efoster@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Open Day/ Parent Visits to School

Further to the email sent out about our hope of holding a very restricted 'Open morning' for prospective parents, and several emails from current parents asking when they can visit, I can confirm that we are hoping to plan something for our new parents who have not yet been in to school. However, we have strict guidelines to work within and our first priority is the safety of pupils, staff and the community. We have to plan within the 'hands, face, space,' and stringent cleaning guidelines that we still adhere to in school. This means that it is impossible to invite parents into school without fully risk assessing and ensuring that effective, safe provision is enforced. We also have to have an eye on the current rising Covid figures in our area and our school community; I also have a duty to protect staff, some of whom are clinically vulnerable. I wish that we could invite parents back in to school on the regular basis that we did in the past; those of you with children higher up the school will know that you were welcomed on a very regular basis pre-Covid, but at the moment this is not possible. As soon as I have had further guidance from the Local Authority, I will be in touch, especially with parents who have joined the school during Covid without looking round.

Once again thank you for your support.

Take care.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt

