

12th January 2018

Dear Parents/carers,



High Expectations lead to High Achievers

Welcome to 2018 and the start of the Spring term. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for all of the wonderful cards and gifts that were received at the end of last term – they were greatly appreciated. We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Berkhauser after 10 years at KPA - we would like to thank her for all of her support and wish her well with her new venture.

Book Fair

The travelling book fair will be joining us from the 29th January until the 2nd February in the library. Please visit at the end of the school day with your child to peruse the fantastic books that will be on sale.

Reception 2018 places

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2018 then please remember that the deadline to apply for a school place is Monday 15th January. You can apply either online:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/Schools/ApplyingForASchoolPlace.aspx>

or by completing the form manually which needs to be sent to Bournemouth Admissions.

Parking

We continue to have an issue with parking during drop off and pick up times. Please refrain from parking illegally or irresponsibly as we have received several complaints from local residents. Parking on Sovereign's land at Denmark Terrace is prohibited and I have been informed that fines will also be issued to anyone parking without a permit in Windham Road and Ashley Close car parks.

Online Safety

We have been made aware of some online sites that children from KPA have been accessing. These sites are aimed at aged 13 and above and allows communication between the user and strangers.

'Live.Me' is linked through your Facebook or Instagram account or phone number and users can view live broadcasts or stream their own live video. The app states that you need to be 18+ to use it. Viewers can comment and send 'gifts' which they purchase to broadcasters which can be converted into "real money rewards".

'Live.ly' is a video streaming app where users can live-stream everyday occurrences to friends and followers. The terms and conditions state that you are supposed to be 13+ to hold an account although content on there may be aimed at 18+. Users can comment on any live stream that is occurring although streams cannot be saved or replayed at this current time. 'Live.ly' is linked to 'Musical.ly'.

It is imperative that you are aware of sites that your children are accessing and that all security settings are in place. For more information on online safety please use the following link: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/safe-schools-communities-team/>

PFA

Hayley Whiting and the PFA have been amazing over the last few years ensuring that funds are raised to benefit the children of KPA. Over February half term a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) will be installed in the back playground for the children's enjoyment thanks to all the money that has been raised over the last few years. Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Christmas hampers and congratulations to those who were the lucky winners – we raised an amazing £565. We are now looking at improving the school's library and book corners in the classrooms and we have some exciting ideas for ways to make extra money. We are constantly looking for new members of the PFA who can help support events and help with new ideas. Please see Mrs Heathman if you have any time spare and would be willing to volunteer.

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Packed Lunches

As you are aware, we have some children who are severely allergic to nuts therefore we have a strict no nuts policy. Please ensure that all packed lunches are nut free and this includes any type of chocolate spread.

Attendance

The classrooms are open from 8.40am each morning so please ensure that your child is in school on time. If your child is absent, it is important that you telephone the school office before 9am to inform us by pressing option 1 on our dedicated absence line.

There are 190 days in a school year

Missing school means missing out!

If your child is at school for 190 days out of 190, that's 100% attendance.
Your child has a good chance of doing well at school.

If your child is at school for 180 days out of 190, that's 95% attendance.
Your child still has a good chance of doing well at school.

If your child is at school for 169 days out of 190, that's 89% attendance.
Your child has been off for 21 days, and may find it hard to keep on track.

If your child is at school for 161 days out of 190, that's 85% attendance.
Your child has been off for 29 days, nearly 6 school weeks.

If your child is at school for 150 days out of 190, that's 79% attendance.
Your child has been off school for 40 days.
Poor attendance like this will have a serious impact on education and life chances.

If your child is at school for 143 days out of 190,
that's 75% attendance.
Your child has missed 47 day's lessons.
Something's seriously wrong.

Is your child
missing out?

Best wishes as always,

Lauren Dean

Associate Principal

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 16th January at 9am in the school hall - Carey Camp parents meeting

Tuesday, 16th January – 3AF to Flavours School of Cookery

Wednesday, 17th January – 3BW to Flavours School of Cookery

Thursday, 18th January – 3LB to Flavours School of Cookery

Monday, 29th January to Friday, 2nd February – Travelling Book Fair

Thursday, 8th February – **4LR only** Families Evening

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February – Half Term

Thursday, 22nd February (between 4-8pm) Families Evening

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd March – Y6 to visit Boscombe Library

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd May – Y4 to Carey Camp