



April 2016

# The Knox Newsletter



## From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends,

There has been a lot of good news to share with you since Christmas. If you check out my updates on the website, you'll notice that we have had sporting successes, musical performances that would be the envy of any head teacher, and pupils doing all manner of good things e.g. raising money for charity, completing BBC News projects, and gaining awards from the Children's University.

We are now heading towards "exam season", with youngsters, hopefully, getting stuck into revision, completing past papers, and planning on attending our Easter Revision courses. I know that this is an anxious time for pupils and parents alike, but I have confidence that if the youngsters have put in the hard work up until now, they should be well on the way to success in May. We are also in the process of completing a new section on the school website, entitled "Supporting Your Learner", so if you are keen to see what's out there to help you help your child, give it a click when it appears.

I have a few favours to ask:

**Car Park:** Could parents please refrain from driving onto the school campus unless you absolutely need to? If you do, please do not perform three-point-turns in front of the building as it causes a back-up of traffic. Parents can continue to the back car park and complete a circuit and then leave the campus.

**Letters/Notes:** Could appointment letters please come in in good time? We are finding that pupils are handing them to us as they are about to leave. We also would appreciate a follow-up email or letter to any 'phone calls that we get about pupils being off. It keeps our records straight if we have written confirmation of an absence.

**Being sent home ill:** Pupils should not be texting or 'phoning home to ask to come home if they feel unwell. The procedure is that they report to our medical auxiliary who then makes any 'phone calls home to parents and carers. This is to ensure that we have an accurate record of who is in the building, plus it stops parents being interrupted at work or out and about.

Your support in all of these matters would be hugely appreciated.

I wish you all the best and hope that, if you can, you have a restful and enjoyable spring holiday.

Yours,

Head Teacher

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th April	All Resume	Monday 6th June	New timetable begins for new S2 & S3
Wednesday 13th April	S3/4 Vaccinations	Friday 10th June	Work Experience begins for new S4
Thursday 14th April	S3/4 Vaccinations	Wednesday 15th June	S5/6 Induction Day
Thursday 28th April	S6 Paintball Trip	Friday 17th June	Sports' Awards Ceremony
Friday 29th April	Last teaching day for S4-6	Friday 17th June	Leavers' Ceremony 12.15pm
Monday 2nd May	May Day Holiday	Monday 20th June	P7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 3rd May	All resume	Tuesday 21st June	P7 Visit
	Exam Leave S4-6	Wednesday 22nd June	P7 Visit
Wednesday 18th May	Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm	Friday 24th June	School Council Election Day
Thursday 19th May	S1 Reports issued	Thursday 30th June	Awards' Ceremony 7pm
Monday 23rd May	In-Service Day	Friday 1st July	School closes at 12.05pm
Monday 30th May	Activities' Week begins		

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