



Katherine Warrington School

Newsletter no. 6

6th December 2019

Let me start by thanking everyone who completed the Parents' Survey we sent out. It's now closed but it was good to get a broad response which we will share with governors and the Department of Education. We will hold an evening to go through the main points with parents/carers in the New Year.

Election fever has gripped the school. We are electing our Head Boy and Head Girl. By the time you read this, votes will be in from students and staff. They will be announced at assembly on Monday but again thank you to all the students who have put themselves forward. Great to see that 'want to, can do, will do' approach. However, it's not the only election. We will be holding the KWS General Election next week with students voting to see where our school sits politically in relation to the constituency and the country.



We had our first outside speaker in this week. It was James Butler who is the creative artist on productions such as Peppa Pig and has worked on pop animation such as The Gorillaz. 60 students settled down to an enlightening chat about his career and pathway into the creative arts industry.

Our Christmas tree has arrived, compliments of Apple Tree Farm, and taken pride of place. Our period 7 relaxing crafts students have been busy making wool pom poms to decorate it. We will be taking the choir along to the local residential home this Monday after their successful performance at the Batford Christmas lights ceremony.



Our debate teams take on the other local schools on Monday and students are practising hard for the Winter showcase (a cornucopia of KWistmaS talent will be on display and mince pies, mulled wine and festive treats will be served by KWAF). Meanwhile we have taken orders for our Christmas lunch, free to all students this year.

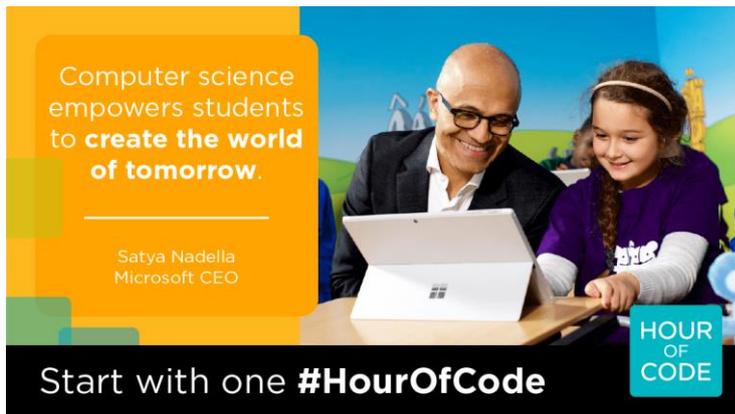
Last Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Creamer who is now on maternity leave; we look forward to receiving her good news soon. This week we welcomed Mrs Malone (Science) and Mrs Kelly (Spanish) - please do take a moment to read their profiles on our website.

Finally, I have once again attached the map to show how far away from the school gate a five minute walk for a student would be. This distance is not weather related - it doesn't get shorter as the temperature or rain falls I'm afraid. Please adhere to this if you are one of the six vehicles who park outside or in the adjacent street to the school. A five minute daily walk to and from the car has tremendous health benefits to students.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Student Achievements

We were delighted to see so many of our students do well in the recent Bebras challenge. Students competed online in this computational thinking challenge that is set by Oxford University and Google. All students participated during their computing lessons in early November and 46 achieved a distinction for their age group - they will be bringing their certificates home this week. Of these 46 students, 12 scored in the top 10% across the country. A huge well done to Oscar, Becky, Freddie C, Lexi, Chloe, Poppy S, Ruairi, Joanne, Rory, Max, Oliver G and Anna C. They have been invited to participate in a further online challenge set by Oxford University in March 2020.



Next week all our students will be taking part in #HourOfCode, as part of Computer Science Week. This marks the start of their first coding unit in Computing, which stretches into the Spring term.

Sports Notices

We have had some boys' rugby fixtures over the last couple of weeks. After our success at the Harpenden Schools tournament on 9th November we went into our first fixture against Roundwood full of confidence. Unfortunately, we came out with a 2-0 defeat but some hard working players and a lot of mud didn't dampen our spirits! This week we played again at SJL and took another loss, but this time we scored a wonderful try courtesy of Henry H - great play by all!

Our girls played in a football tournament at Roundwood this week. We took two losses but had an emphatic win over Roundwood, 7-1 was the final score! Goals were scored by Kara-Louise, Keira R and Eva-Rose. We go again next week!

We are also looking forward to a netball fixture against Samuel Ryder this coming Monday.

Boys' football - our first fixture will be again SJL on Wednesday 18th December, 3pm Kick Off.

Miss Anderson

Lost Property

Please could you ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all items of PE kit. Please could you also check to see if your child has inadvertently picked up someone else's kit/bag and if so please ask your child to drop the bag/items off at Student Services on Monday morning.

Home Learning over Holidays

Other than reading for pleasure, no home learning tasks will be set for Key Stage 3 students over the Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. Going forward half term home learning tasks will be limited to only core subjects.

This week's notices to parents / carers:

Christmas Raffle / Events

Winter Showcase invite to parents / carers

Period 7 Choices

KWS bobble hats



We are delighted to offer all students the opportunity to purchase a purple KWS bobble hat for £8.00. There is a limited stock and these will be offered on a first come first served basis. These can be purchased online via the [iPayimpact shop](#). Please see the email sent on 5th December for further instructions. If you have any problems with iPayimpact please email finance@kwschool.co.uk. There is no obligation to buy, but they are lovely hats!

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAF)

Raffle

You should by now have received a set of raffle tickets - please return stubs and monies to Student Services as soon as possible. Further tickets are available - email admin@kwschool.co.uk.

Christmas Party - Wine & Cheese Night

Tickets are still available for the KWAF Christmas Party for parents / carers at the Red Cow in Harpenden on Wednesday 11th December. It aims to be a fabulous event and a chance to meet and socialise with other parents / carers at the school. There will be a drink on arrival and some delicious nibbles to get everyone in the festive spirit. Places are limited so be sure to secure yours.



Wine & Cheese Night Out
Hosted by the **Red Cow** Public House, Harpenden

Please join us for a friendly evening & a chance to meet other members of the KWS community

£15 PER TICKET.
INCLUDES FOOD &
A DRINK ON ARRIVAL

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
FROM 7PM

RSVP by 6th December:
KWAF@kwschool.co.uk

THE RED COW PUBLIC HOUSE
171 WESTFIELD ROAD
HARPENDEN
AL5 4ND



KWS Vacancies

Cleaner Required

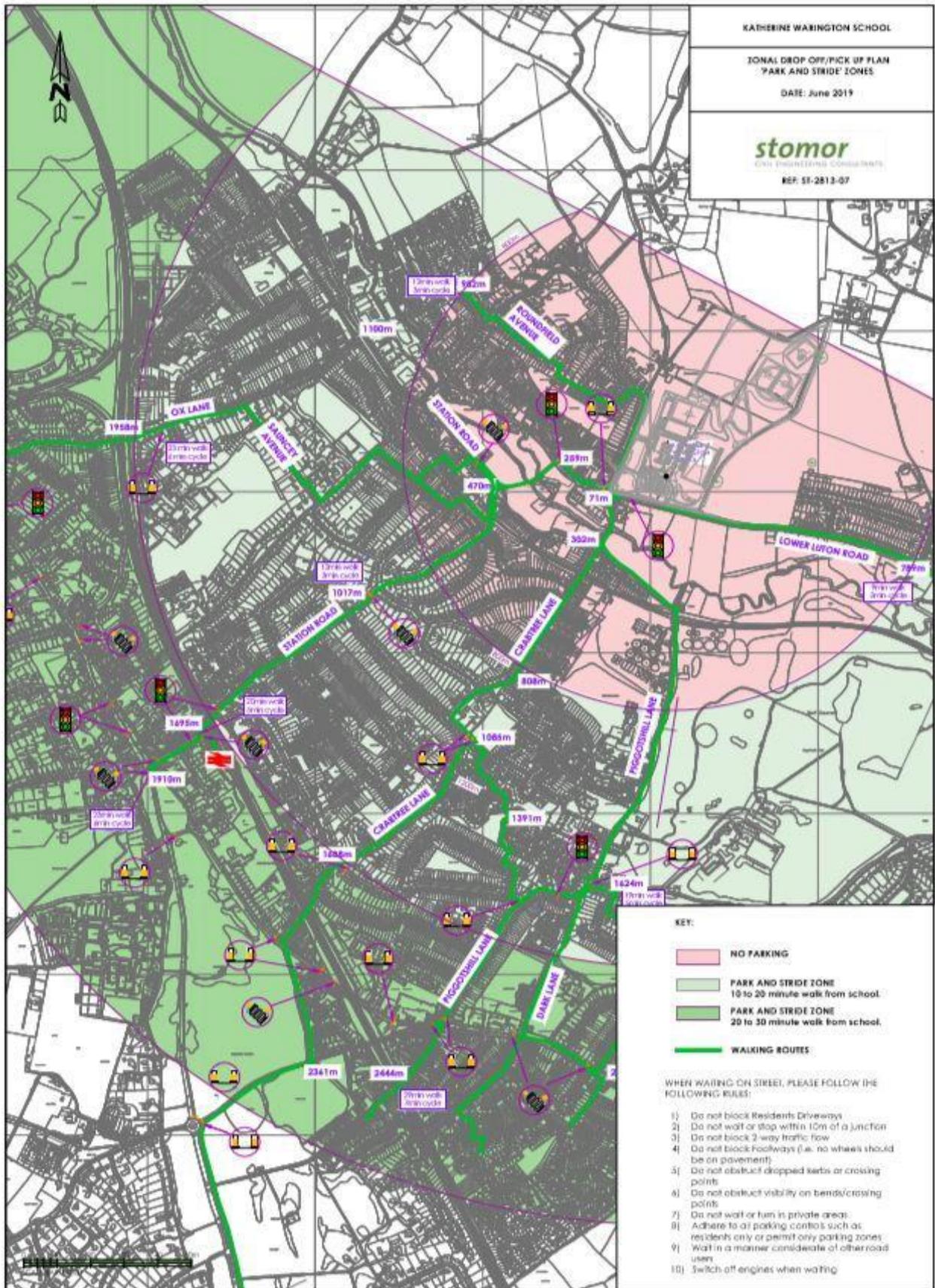
Monday to Friday, term time only
2 hours per day (ideally 4.15 pm to 6.15pm)
£9.50 per hour

Working under the direction of our Caretaker, the postholder will be responsible for cleaning the classrooms, toilets, canteen and common areas of our school (currently our repurposed Sports Centre).

For further details email recruitment@kwschool.co.uk or telephone Julie Fox on 01582 314777.

We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and an equal opportunities employer. We will need to obtain references in advance on any candidate short-listed for interview and all job offers are subject to satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

Zonal Drop Off / Pick Up – Park & Stride Zones



Apple Tree Farm Christmas Trees

CHRISTMAS TREES
FROM LITTLEFIELD CHRISTMAS & APPLE TREE FARM

1000's of trees to choose from

Come out to our farm to choose your fresh tree.

All trees under cover and netted free.

Biggest selection of large trees anywhere.

Cut & pot-grown Norway Spruce and needle retaining Nordman.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 9am-5pm
FROM 1ST DECEMBER

EASY PARKING

Enjoy hot apple punch and free apples while you browse
Free holly available for customers

Kinsbourne Green Lane, HARPENDEN
For information telephone Harpenden 765027

PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR MAP

Enjoy Hot Apple Punch

GROWERS AND SUPPLIERS OF CHRISTMAS TREES IN HARPENDEN FOR OVER 30 YEARS

A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

If it SNOWS...
We have our own snow ploughs to keep the car parks and roads clear - we make snow part of the fun!
If you're unsure of conditions, please call the **SNOWline: 01582 765027**

FREE PRIZE DRAW
Enter when you visit for a chance to win one of these fantastic prizes:

- MEAL FOR 4 AT THE OLD BELL, HARPENDEN
- MEAL FOR 4 AT THE CHEQUERS, REDBOURN
- KINDLE FIRE WITH ALEXA • CHAMPAGNE
- FIRE TV STICK 4K WITH ALEXA VOICE REMOTE

Non-KWS Events

Keystone Workshops have an upcoming talk; Understanding Adolescence - Positive Strategies for Parents which is being held on 15th January at 7.15pm - 9.15pm at Sandpit Theatre, St Albans. This talk will discuss the challenges of living with young people, and introduce successful strategies for managing behaviour. It will invite the audience to consider how thinking about things from their child's perspective can encourage more collaborative conversations. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Harpenden Plus
PARTNERSHIP
Harpenden-Kimpton-Redbourn-Wheatthorpe



A free* 4 week course for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 18 about recognising and trusting feelings, making safe choices, improving relationships and communication and raising personal confidence and self-esteem.

*E50 if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school
List of partnership schools: Beach Hyde, Chalfonts schools, The Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beaches, Kimpton, The Lee, Marland, Redbourn School, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, St John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, Katherine Worlington, St Hilde's St Nicholas, Wood End

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Fridays: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January
9.30 – 11.45
at Sauncey Wood School, Harpenden

You are able to register your interest on this course by emailing us on dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.

Social Media

Keep up to date with the latest information via the newsletter, website and our social media platforms: **Facebook @KatherineWaringtonSchool** and **Twitter @KWSHarpenden**. If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us.