



Katherine Warrington School

HEADS UP Newsletter no. 7

20th December 2019

It has been a busy end to a great first term.

On Tuesday evening we welcomed students and their families to our Winter Showcase. With a range of performers showing off their talents in the band, choir, drama and debating plus raffles, cakes and mulled wine, it was a busy evening.



Thank you to all the members of Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KwAF) for their energy and time and to all the numerous local companies listed below who kindly donated items for the raffle, raising over £1500. Thank you to Mr Church, Ms Bailey and Miss Robinson for organising and rehearsing the students.



Earlier in the day we welcomed our DfE post opening visit. Thank you to the parents who spoke to the education advisor in person. Governors, my leadership team and I were delighted with the verbal feedback at the end of the visit.



Not content with that, we then bought all the students and staff Christmas lunch and were entertained by the school choir with a few impromptu guest singers.

We have been advised that the temporary bus stops in Common Lane will shortly cease and therefore from the beginning of term all services will be able to fully adopt the stopping arrangements originally planned for September:

- 45, 357, 366, 610, 811 towards Wheathampstead - stop on Lower Luton Road just after Common Lane (and 357 will also serve the stop at the bottom of Common Lane)
- 357 towards Southdown and 807 towards Markyate – stop in Common Lane on opposite side of road to school

We will contact you before the beginning of term in the event of the work over-running and the reopening being delayed.

We are in the season of inclement weather. If there is a doubt about the school opening due to snow, please consult our school website. We will also email and text parents and carers as early as possible on those days to advise about full closure or a delayed start to the school day.

Finally on behalf of all the staff, thank you for your kind gifts and cards.

Have a restful Christmas. We will welcome back students on Monday 6th January.

Tony Smith
Headteacher

Student Achievements

ENGLISH

The Big Purple Challenge

We are pleased to announce that the following students have been awarded a certificate for getting half way through The Big Purple Challenge! It is so important for our students to be reading for pleasure and we are pleased to see so many of them engaging with this competition.

Blake P, Jack Q, Erin H, Ben R, Harry H, Neomi Y, Nelson P, Poppy Sr, Anoushka M, Rayan P, Toby B, Oscar Q, Rayan H, Kevin O, Leigha K, Michael S, Shakhram S, Rory F.

The following two students have actually completed The Big Purple Challenge:

Cuan P, Ruairi A.

Congratulations to all who are working hard towards their Big Purple Challenge milestones. We have already awarded over 150 Bookmarks as many students have completed at least one book from the list already.

The Harpenden Rotary's Youth Speaks Competition

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to the following students for representing us so well in the Youth Speaks competition.

Nelson P, Cuan P, Rayan P, Rayan H, Maanasee N, Tiffany P, Ibrahim A, Callum W, Jacob T.

Essay Writing Competition

Mrs Aikman and Mrs McPartlin have been very impressed with Year 7 as they have worked towards producing beautiful extended analytical pieces. This is a big achievement for many of our Year 7s and the following students have been recognised for excellent work and effort.

Essay Award: Effort

Alfie F, Evie H, Toby B, Maisy H, Eve B, Samuel G, Toluwani S, Leo M, Lucas B, Anna C, Raheem K, Theo L, Seth L, Kara-Louise B, Annabel S, Cameron R, Kaelan W-B.

Essay Award: Attainment

Freddie C, Becky D, Ben W, Jada O, George M, George Z, Ibrahim A, Harry H, Alexander D, Finley M, Cuan P, Nathan T, Mabel K, Precious O.

COMPUTING

#HourOfCode

All students have been participating in the #HourOfCode over the last fortnight, learning how to move Karel the robot around to complete a series of challenges, using a simplified version of Python (a text based programming language). The sense of achievement when they manage to write the code, debug and fix it and then run it successfully has been fantastic. Do ask them to show you what they have been up to. Some students have moved on to hacking each other's code to practise their debugging skills.



General Achievement Notice

This has been a very important term for our Year 7s and we are in awe of all that they have achieved so far this half term. We would like to say a big well done to everyone! As students leave for the Christmas break they have achieved a whopping 10255 Recognition points this term. Every single student has contributed toward this number and should be incredibly proud.

Students achieving over 50 recognition points have received a certificate and are listed below. Well done to all.

Emaan	64
Cuan	64
Anoushka	61
Sapphira	61
Maanasee	56
Annabel	55
Tiffany	55
Joanne	55
Ben W	54
Kara-Louise	54
Mabel	53
Cameron	53
Freddie C	53
Ingrid	52
Nelson	52
Finley M	52
Fahtima	51
Nathan T	51
Georgia-May	50
Ella H	50
Krrish	50
Omari	50

Elise 50

Hannah T 50

Election of Head Girl, Head Boy & Deputies

We are pleased to announce and congratulate our newly elected Head Girl and Head Boy.

Head girl is Jaydene G, her deputy is Ingrid S

Head boy is Joshua E, his deputy is Harry H



Sports Notices

The boys' football team has a fixture on Tuesday 7th January at 3.00pm against Mariotts School in Stevenage. An email confirming times and details will be sent out on Monday 6th January.

Student Equipment

An increasing number of our students have been missing some pretty essential equipment as we approached the end of this term - some have had no pen or pencil to write with in lessons (and we have been finding numerous broken ones littering our classrooms!).

This may sound trivial, but in reality causes real disruption to learning. It is therefore something we will be clamping down on in January, to get our students to take more responsibility for having the right equipment. Students will be issued with a C1 if they fail to have a working pen, pencil, green pen (used regularly for marking/feedback tasks) or ruler with them in lessons.



We would appreciate it if Santa could find his way to deliver our students some fully restocked pencil cases... and if you could talk to your child about them taking responsibility for checking regularly that they have what they need. This should include a spare pen and pencil in case they lose or break one. Glue sticks are something that we are also finding need to be replaced regularly.

The full equipment list can be found on our website [here](#). Do contact the school office if you need financial support in providing equipment for your child.

Trust Board

As festivities are in full swing at KWS, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all - parents, pupils, volunteers and of course our hard working staff a very Merry Christmas.

It has been a whirlwind of a first term for the school and the trustees too. We have been busy ensuring that we are all appropriately trained now that the school is fully operational and have started to come in for what will become regular visits. It is always a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves and taking a full role in school life and it's a helpful reminder of why we work so hard behind the scenes on (sometimes less than glamorous) things like policies and budget setting!

All that remains is to once again wish you all the best for a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break. See you in the Spring term!

This week's notices to parents /carers:

Lost Property
Lower Luton Road Crossing

Home Learning/Reading:

As stated in the last newsletter, the only home learning we will 'set' this Christmas break is reading for pleasure. Other than the work we do in monitoring students' reading for pleasure through The Big Purple Challenge, students' responsibility for their reading is largely independent.

We will be engaging students in a 'Read Aloud' scheme after Christmas which we are really looking forward to. We will continue to do our bit to promote a love of reading despite our modest library!

Can we ask that you spend some time this holiday encouraging your children to do some reading at home? Reluctant readers are difficult to engage so trips to your local library or bookshop are essential to begin engaging children in reading. Also, taking time to read together and talk about books together can be important for children who find this process difficult.

Below is our Big Purple Challenge reading list:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iz7Kgo7Hd9dqvRibrBQsSflIOony78CFcvytd3HxSto/edit?usp=sharing>

There are many other reading lists out there so do let us know if you would like further guidance from our English department.

We have also attached a few links to websites that consider the importance of reading and how to engage older children in reading:

<https://experteditor.com.au/blog/brain-books-benefits-reading/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/encouraging-older-children-to-read/>

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Aikman

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KWAf)


After raising over £1500 in raffle, we would like to say a big thank you to all the local companies who kindly donated raffle gifts:

Bare Minerals	Beats Uniform	DJ Jungle
Helen O'Grady Drama Classes	Handmade Tie Die Silk Scarf from Lisa Spencer	Robyn Stephenson
Harpden Bikes	Smallfords Farm Shop	Emma Neate
The Red Cow in Harpenden	Avon voucher to spend with Carla Picton an Avon Rep	Fringeline Hairdressers in Kimpton
Farr Brew	Emma Hunt	Laura Thurley
Showtime Circus	Clair Carr	Rachael Jeffries in Wheathampstead
Godfreys	Rob Faulkner	Sarah Fisher

The Boot pub in Kimpton	Rothamsted Research Centre	Threads of Harpenden
Harpenden Soft Tissue therapy.	Green Bean Eco Party Pack	Jitka Rodic
Jessamine Garage	Mini Tropic facial	Molton Brown
Cook	Nicole Rose	Space NK
Little Gym	Appearance in Wheathampstead	Benefit Cosmetics
Hobbycraft		Sweaty Betty
Vanstone Garden Centre in Codicote		

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

Non KWS Events / Publicity



A Day in the Life of a Child with SEND at School

For Parents Living in the DSPL7 Area Only

ABOUT THE COURSE

Do you have a child with SEND attending mainstream school? Does your child receive 1:1 support at school? Have you ever wondered what your child's day may look like, what challenges they may face, which strategies may be the most beneficial to use or even what success for them might look like? This course will aim to answer those questions.


The course will be presented by Karen Thorp, Outreach Lead Teacher at The Collett School, who spends her time visiting and supporting schools and pupils with SEND across primary settings in DSPL7. Karen is able to give an experienced overview of best practise for the child with SEND which may support you when talking to your child's school about their provision within their mainstream setting.

DETAILS

DATES: Tuesday 4th February 2020
TIME: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
VENUE: The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW
COST: Free for parents living in the DSPL7 area only
PARKING: Limited parking is available at the school. Free parking is available in the surrounding streets and at the local supermarket.
REFRESHMENTS: Provided

TO BOOK:
 Email admin@dspl7.org.uk
 Please note there are limited spaces available

01727 519229 www.dspl7.org.uk




Zones of Regulation Course 2020

For Parents and Carers in the DSPL7 Area Only

ABOUT THE COURSE

Zones of Regulation is a programme written by Canadian Educator, Leah Kuypers. It is designed to support students with self-regulating their emotions, recognising the emotions of others and recognising the impact of their behaviours on the emotions of others. Owing to demand, we now have a new date for 2020!

This session will explain the programme to parents and show you how it can be used at home as well as at school.





DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday 26th February 2020
TIME: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
VENUE: The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW
COST: Free for parents and carers in the DSPL7 area
PARKING: Limited parking is available at the school. Free parking is available in the surrounding streets and at the local supermarket.
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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROFESSIONALS

Parenting Programmes & Courses for Targeted Parents

Spring Term 2020
ST ALBANS DISTRICT

	Session, Date & Time	Venue
MON	Families Feeling Safe. 27/01/20 – 30/03/20 (not half term) 9.45am – 11.45am (Crèche available)	Quakers Hall, Harpenden
TUES	Welcome to the World 16/02/20 -31/03/20 6pm -8pm Early Talk 25/02/20 – 31/03/20 10am 11.30am	Sopwell Family Centre London Colney Family Centre
WED	Family Toolkit 04/03/20 – 25/03/20 9.45am -11.45am (crèche available)	Park St Village Hall Park Street
THU	Family Toolkit 12/03/20 – 02/04/20 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Sopwell Family Centre, St Albans
FRI	Mums Matter 31/01/20 – 27/03/20 (not half term) 9.45am – 11.45am (crèche available)	Fleetville Family Centre St Albans

Welcome to the World
For parents expecting a baby who are 22+ weeks into pregnancy. Prepare for life with a new baby. Meet other parents. Can come on their own or with a friend or partner

Families Feeling Safe
A 5 week course to enable parents and carers to recognise and build on their own strengths in managing and understanding their children's behaviour, communicating with others, expressing feelings and making safe choices.

Little Learners
For families with children (10-18 months) who need a little extra support to reach their developmental milestones. Call for more information

Early Talk
A six week course to develop ideas to promote a child's communication and language. Run in partnership with the speech and language team

Mums Matter
A 8 weeks Course offering Perinatal support for mothers experiencing low mood. With children 0-2.

Family Toolkit
For families with children aged 2 to 5 years old. A great course to learn some new ideas about how to manage children's behaviour and get the best out of family life.

Little Chefs
A 5 week course to support families with children 15mths – 2years to get their children off to a healthy start. Topics covered will include portion control, sugar/salt/fat contents, oral health, weight, physical activity and the importance of eating together.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Please note we can support families with issues around domestic violence. Please speak to us for more information.

CRÈCHE
May be available to book for some sessions at £3 per child

FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED
Please follow the QR code to register a family.



01727 227 746 number for professionals only
For referrals: www.hertsfamilycentres.org/professionals-area



Parents!



Do you feel -
Overwhelmed?
Frustrated?
Out of control?

Would you like some help with –
Challenging behaviour
Abuse from your children
Boundaries
Routines
School Transitions
Road Safety

Hertfordshire Practical Parenting Programme is a not-for-profit organisation that offers specialist family support covering a wide range of topics.

Our team of highly qualified and dedicated support workers will work to equip you with a variety of tools and strategies which will aid improvement for your family life and ensure the best outcomes for all.

We request a means tested contribution which goes back in to the service.

If you would like more information or to discuss how we can help you, please contact our office on 01992 638000 or email info@hertfordshireppp.co.uk



Inclusion Advocacy
Service

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

Do you sometimes feel

Isolated - overwhelmed - not sure which way to turn

Would you benefit from

A friendly listening ear - extra support - advice -
supported signposting to services

We can help

Our Advocacy Coordinator is on hand to support families living within St Albans District. The project specialises in supporting families with children aged 12+, support is tailored to your individual needs and can be face to face or by phone, we can meet you at the hub, your home or a safe space in the community to discuss how we can help you. This service is free of charge.

We are looking to set up a parent group offering additional support from our volunteers and a paid worker people who all have experience of similar situations. Refreshments will be on hand!

Hertfordshire Practical Parenting Programme is a not for profit organisation offering specialist parenting or family support including parenting teenagers and child to parent abuse. Hertfordshire Practical Parenting programme is very closely linked to the project with family support workers available for further advice and support.

Please turn over for contact information.



HERTFORDSHIRE
PRACTICAL
PARENTING
PROGRAMME

Contact us: Marianne Burrows – Advocacy Coordinator

Telephone 01992 638000

Email las@hertfordshireppp.co.uk

Pop in: Mondays 10.00 am – 16.00 pm appointments available

The Hub (room 2), Civic Centre – St Peters Street – St Albans – Herts – AL1 3JE

Website: www.hertfordshireppp.co.uk

Would you like to volunteer?

Free time twiddling your thumbs, wondering what you could do?

Why not give volunteering a try, you could gain as well as give in your local community

Share your passion with others – connect with your community – create change – bolster your CV – give something back in your community – help others – paid expenses – increase knowledge and skills – improve your own wellbeing and that of others

Applications are welcome from anyone aged 16+.

All volunteers will be subject to an interview, references and a DBS check.

Interested? What are you waiting for, call now!

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