



# Newsletter

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## Headline!

## News!

### Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, the weeks are flying by and here we are at the end of September already! Today is National Teaching Assistants Day and we are so grateful for all of our support staff at school. I am sure you agree that they do a fabulous job of helping the school to run and the garden to grow alongside nurturing all of our children.

They have been stepping in to many roles with the site supervisor vacancy and while Miss Sherratt and Miss Costello continue to recuperate. We wish both staff well and continue to feel their absence through the work they do but also their friendship and kindness.

As we enter autumn, please remember to send your child in with a jacket/coat/raincoat as the weather turns!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Bodman-Knight

### STARS OF THE WEEK

- Iris – to start in November
- Demeter -Ciaran
- Apollo-Ayaan
- Poseidon – Brooklyn / Harry C
- Athena - Adil
- Ares - Tawana
- Zeus -Dempsey

Our celebration assemblies are on Friday's at 9:10am  
All parents are welcome.

If your child is due to get a star of the week or dojo award, we will inform you the week before.



### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do you receive any of the following?

- ✓ Universal Credit
- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit and your income totals less than £16,190
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on

If you can answer yes to any of the above your child/ren may qualify for free school meals/pupil premium (£1455 additional funding for school).

Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office

All applications are confidential.

Information regarding applying for Free School Meals. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals are then eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which is additional funding allocated to schools. This funding is used to support parents/ carers with the cost of school trips, residentials and extra-curricular activities.

Pupil Premium Funding is allocated for all children currently eligible for Free School meals, plus an additional 6 years after (if eligibility for Free School Meals stops). Parent/ carers can apply via <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

## LAC (governors)



## We need a parent governor!

School governors play a pivotal role in supporting the school through monitoring the school improvement plan along with pupil premium, wellbeing, safeguarding, sports premium and SEND. With 3 official meetings a year alongside 3 information gathering sessions and 3 visits to school during the day it is a great role for someone who feels they can bring a view to the school through creative but challenging thinking.

We do have vacancies for 1 parent and 2 community LAC members. If you are interested in the parent position, please chat to Mrs Bodman-Knight.

If you have a neighbour/friend who would make a great community member, please ask them to get in touch via the school office.



We had some happy news before the summer with confirmation arriving this term that Mr Farmer and his partner are not only expecting a baby but that they are expecting twins!

Mummy to be is taking it all in her stride and we know Mr Farmer will be a superb Daddy.

The babies are due in late winter / early spring and we are already so excited to meet them.

Mr Farmer; we wish you so much luck and love as you and K start this new journey together. Congratulations!

## Harvest Festival

Please come and celebrate our harvest festival on

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9:10am.**

Donations are welcome in aid of Home Start Kettering

These will be brought in with children at the start of assembly.

Iris class will be opening the festival and parents are welcome to stay and play in Iris class after the assembly.

If any of our parents have connections with farms could you please speak to the class teacher or send a note in as we would really like your support as part of our celebrations.





Kettering Library has been delighted to be crowned the Top Library in the County for both Starters & Finishers this year.

They were blown away with **923** people signing up for the challenge and a total of **556** completing the challenge. Results for **Hall Meadow Primary School**

**Starters: 53**  
**Finishers: 36**

Unfortunately we didn't win our Top School this year but you did come in fourth place, which I think is still a great result. Thank you for using the library and we look forward to more visits in the spring term.



## PACT – EVENTS AND NEWS

PACT held a very successful AGM on Monday. It was great to see lots of new faces.

Thanks to everyone for the help over the past year. We are starting the year with £6000 ready to support your children and enhance their learning experience at Hall Meadow. Plans are already underway for spending and also events including ones which will be free for all.

The new committee was voted in as the following:

Chair – Kerry Morris (Mum of 2 children – Iris/Apollo)  
Vice Chair – Rachel Hull (Mum of 2 children – Iris/Apollo)  
Secretary – Natalie Davis (mum on 1 in Apollo)  
Vice Secretary – Nicola Head (Mum of 1 in Iris)  
Treasurer – Nicole Ruby (Mum of 1 in Apollo)  
Vice Treasure – Steve Hunkin (Dad of 2 Apollo/Poseidon)

If anyone works for a company which offers match funding or able to offer raffle prizes, please get in touch via the school office.

## School Council

**Congratulations to our new councillors who were elected following class voting at the school ballot station last week!**

**Iris Class – Noah and Olivia**  
**Demeter Class – Sofia and Lola**  
**Apollo Class – Louie and Naia**  
**Poseidon – Adam and Milinta**  
**Athena – Maxi and Adil**  
**Ares – Muhammed and Ellie**  
**Zeus – Izzy and Aroush**

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**Social Media – Post of the week from Ares who are learning to play the African Drums!**



**DATES FOR DIARY!**

**October**

Harvest Festival - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9:10am school hall  
PACT Halloween Disco – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**November**

Parents Evenings 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>  
RWI Parent sessions 9am Iris 8<sup>th</sup> / Demeter 22<sup>nd</sup> / Apollo 29<sup>th</sup>

**CLASS ASSEMBLIES:**

All class assemblies begin at 2:45pm.

**Order your space day lunch on the School Grid!**

**SPACE DAY**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

**MAINS**

- Asteroid Chicken Nuggets
- Meteor-Bite Burger
- Venus Veggie Burger (VG)
- Big Bang Baked Potato Bar (V)

**SIDES**

- Guardian Fries of the Galaxy (VG) (GF)
- Planetary Peas
- Black Hole Beans
- Tomato Ketchup
- Solar System Salad Bar
- Fresh Bread

**DESSERTS**

- Jupiter Jelly & Ice Cream
- Cosmic Cookie (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

**dolce**





# INTAKE 2024 OPEN DAYS

**Tuesday 10th October 10am & 11am**  
**Thursday 12th October 10am & 11am**  
**Tuesday 17th October 10am & 11am**

Please call the school office 01536 417627 to secure your place as numbers are limited.

**Due to our size, we can only accommodate 2 adults per family and no children at these visits.**