



***The Knowledge***

Monday 3rd March





*1 - Every child matters. Every moment counts.*

## **Welcome back to a brand new school week and new half term!**

It feels as if Spring has finally sprung - some lovely sunny weather over the weekend and hopefully we can begin to enjoy some warmer days as we move through March towards Easter.

Last week was an incredibly positive week to begin the new half term in school. Children have started back after the break with positive mindsets which lots of high effort hard work evident across the whole school. Clubs continue this term with the addition of Harry Potter club being run by Miss Needham.

Mr Rickard took our Year 3 and 4 netball team to Shakespeare on Thursday afternoon. This is a much-anticipated fixture that has fallen victim to the weather on two occasions already so as you can imagine, the children were delighted to be able to finally play the game that they have been eagerly awaiting. Their hard work in preparation paid off with an impressive 11-0 victory with points being scored from players across the whole team. Well done all who played and took part in the preparation for the game! Another positive experience and outcome for our Knowle children! Photo below of our fantastic team!

## **The Week Ahead**

On Wednesday, we welcome John Butcher to Knowle on a special visit. John is the Chair of Directors for the Learning Academies Trust and it will be first time that he has visited for a



number of years. We know that John will be very impressed when speaks to the our children about their learning, looks in their books and talks to the teachers about their curriculum.

**World Book Day** takes place on Thursday 6th March. We know that you will be working hard on finalising costumes for the day with the MUFTI focus being on a book character of choice. We are looking forward to welcoming story tellers, Helen Costello, COO, and Ed Borlase, Head of Insight and Revenue from Theatre Royal Plymouth. They will read with the children across the school and will take part in a truly wonderful celebration of reading this week. Keep your eye on Facebook for lots of photo updates from across the day.

Reading is a priority at Knowle and every adult in school is fully committed to ensuring that your child reaches their reading potential at primary school. Here are some of the ways that we keep reading at the very top of everyone's agenda at Knowe:

1. Every child reads from 9 - 9:45am every day. For some children, this will be in their phonics Read Write Inc lessons whereas for others it will be through their Reading Masters lessons.
2. All children read high quality books and texts in their Reading Masters lessons - these are carefully selected books that provide a high level of challenge along with a breadth of themes and content that supports your child's knowledge and vocabulary development.
3. All children read books that provide the correct level of challenge. In phonics, this will be a book that is carefully selected to practice known sounds. If your child no longer attends phonics lessons (most children from Year 2 to Year 6), then they will quiz regularly in Accelerated Reader, helping them to vary their book choices and author interests.
4. All children read a class reader every day with their teacher. These books have been carefully selected by our reading leader in school and help to build on children's curriculum content and knowledge across the year.
5. If your child requires some additional help to catch up with their phonics, they will complete 1:1 tutoring sessions every day.
6. If your child requires some additional support with their reading, including their fluency and accuracy, they will read with an adult every day.

Please continue o do all that you can to support and nurture your child's love of reading at home - encouraging them to read every day at a suitable time! Thank you.

### **Parents Meetings**

This term, parents meetings are taking place on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March. You will need to sign up for an appointment through Arbor. Please ensure that you make an appointment so that you can speak with your child's class teacher about their progress and next steps.

### **Spring Term Menu - this week is Week 3 from the Menu!**

Here is the all-important link to lunch menu: [Cater Ed Menu](#). Please ensure that you have talked through the options with your child before they arrive in school so that they are happy with their order.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Mr. Norris

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World Book Day on Thursday 6th March (Book-themed MUFTI)

Class Photos on Wednesday 12th March

Red Nose Day on Friday 14th March

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Stay and Learn on Wednesday 26th March: EYs at 12:45 to 1:30pm, KS1 at 1:30 to 2:15pm and then KS2 from 2:15 to 3pm. This has been staggered so that parents and carers can visit multiple classes. The school hall will be open for tea and coffee for anyone who would like to drop in before, between or after play and learn sessions.

Art and DT Exhibition of Learning on Friday 28th March at the end of the school day (this will take place in the hall)

Last day of term (full day in school) on Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays - Monday 7th to Friday 18th April

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## Our Attendance Matters

Here are this week's class attendance numbers.

Well done to Picasso Class who are this week's winners with 98%! They will enjoy a Super Start with a hot chocolate on Monday morning at 8:30am.

Attenborough:

Pankhurst:

Anning:

Earhart:

Picasso:

Wonder:

Elizabeth:

Dali:

Van Gough:

Lennon:



**Our Attendance Matters** | Please check your Arbor app to review your child's attendance

29 Days of learning missed	20 Days of learning missed	15 Days of learning missed	10 Days of learning missed	7 Days of learning missed	4 Days of learning missed	0 Days of learning missed
85%	90%	92%	95%	96%	98%	100%
Very Concerned EWO Referral and attendance plan	Concerned Attendance meeting with EWO or Headteacher	Improvement Needed Medical evidence is required	Almost there Review attendance on Arbor app and check in for support	Good Keep it going!	Very good Keep it going!	Outstanding! 100% certificate at the end of term

You can seek advice from Nikita Conniss, Tania Chapman, Mr Norris or Jo Watts, our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO)

## Our Attendance Matters | The importance of arriving in school on time

The infographic is divided into four main sections. The top section, 'Our Attendance Matters', includes a clock icon with '8:00' and text about breakfast club, a clock icon with '1' and text about classroom doors opening and closing, a clipboard icon and text about registration, and text about late arrivals. The bottom left section, 'What happens in class at 8:30am?', lists 'Our Knowle Super Start' activities: 'Check-in with your teacher', 'Spelling', 'Times tables', 'Reading', and 'School ready!', each with a green checkmark. It also features a QR code and a photo of a child. The bottom right section, 'What happens in class at 9am?', states that every child reads at 9am to 9:45am and features logos for 'Read Write Inc. Phonics' and 'Reading Masters', along with text explaining the importance of reading lessons.

8:00  
Every day our school opens for free breakfast club at 8am for all children

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Classroom doors open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am. **All children must be in school by 8:45am.**

Registration takes place at 8:45. Children arriving after 9am will be marked as late (L).

From 9:20am, any child arriving late will be marked as an unauthorised late (U).

**What happens in class at 8:30am?**

**Our Knowle Super Start**

- Check-in with your teacher ✓
- Spelling ✓
- Times tables ✓
- Reading ✓
- School ready! ✓

Watch our Super Start

**What happens in class at 9am?**

Every child reads at 9am to 9:45am every day

**Read Write Inc. Phonics**

**Reading Masters**

Your child will take part in phonics or Reading Masters lessons every day at 9am. Being late to school means that they miss vital minutes of learning to read. Being able to read well is a right for every child!

This week's Knowledge has a special feature on attendance and the importance of your child being in school every day. Within this section of the newsletter, you will see some different statistics and figures that reflect where we are as a school with our improvement in attendance.

Here are some headline figures to help you to understand why attendance is such a priority for us here at Knowle.

Average attendance across England: 94.5%

Average attendance across Plymouth: 94.5%

**Average attendance at Knowle: 92.3% (This has increased by 0.2% since January)**

You can see here that our children are in school less than their peers from across Plymouth and the wider country. It is important that they are in school every day possible so that they can make the most possible progress in their learning.

We are proud of the 'Super Start' that we provide your child every day at Knowle. [Here is a link](#) to remind you of what takes place in school every day from 8:30 to 9am!

**As a treat for improved attendance across classes, I will be joining the winning class at 8:30am on Monday morning for hot chocolate!**

## Stars of the Week



A HUGE well done to Evie, Cass, Hollie, Ollie, Harvey, Lochlan, Charley, Millie, Shaneale and Ella for earning your well-deserved awards and recognition this week!



Headteacher Awards from last week



















These times tables stars have been shining brightly (and rocking out loudly) on TTRS!!!



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## Healthy Families Group Programme

Give your child a great start in life.  
Free programme.



Creche Spaces Available! (Limited)

Join us!



HENRY is an evidence-based programme which supports families with children (aged 0-5) to give them a great start in life and develop a healthier lifestyle for the whole family!

Course Information: (8-week programme week commencing 5th May)

Tuesday (AM) - Four Greens Family Hub

Wednesday (AM) - Four Woods Family Hub

Friday (AM) - The Barn Family Hub

To book your place, please contact:

Email: [plymouthchildrenscentres@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:plymouthchildrenscentres@barnardos.org.uk)  
or Phone: 01752 366795

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## OUR FEBRUARY & MARCH SESSIONS

**25/02 PRACTICAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT & GUIDANCE | 9AM - 11AM | IMPROVING LIVES PLYMOUTH**

**04/03 SUBSTANCE MISUSE AWARENESS & SUPPORT | 9AM - 11AM | THE ZONE**

**25/03 SUPPORT WITH HOUSING ISSUES | 9AM - 11AM | PCH**

ALL EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE AT BURRINGTON COMMUNITY HUB






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## TIMID TO TIGER

**PARENT TRAINING FOR ANXIOUS CHILDREN**

TIMID TO TIGER IS A CBT-BASED PARENTING TRAINING FOR MANAGING ANXIETY-BASED BEHAVIOURS IN CHILDREN (AVAILABLE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 8-11).

**Thursday 1st May**  
**9:30-11:30am**  
**Running for 12 Weeks**



**YMCA**  
**Honicknowle Lane, PL5 3NG**

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BARN OR FOURWOODS FAMILY HUB ON (01752) 362320 OR 366795




## OUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

**MON** NAVIGATING NEEDS | 9AM - 11AM  
 YOUNG CARERS | 4PM - 7:30PM

**TUE** COFFEE MORNING | 8:30AM - 11AM  
 YOUNG CARERS | 4PM - 7:30PM

**WED** YOUNG CARERS | 4PM - 7:30PM

**THUR** TAKEAWAY THURSDAY | 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**FRI** TODDLER SESSIONS | 1:30PM - 3PM

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