

December Update

Newsletter Dec 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may have seen me around school in the last few weeks and it is time I introduced myself. My name is Deborah Kenny and I am the new Executive Headteacher of KSA. It is wonderful to be here and so far I am really enjoying myself, despite our recent visit from OFSTED!

I have met several parents at the school gates and am looking forward to getting to know our families at KSA very well.

I am also the Headteacher of Manor Wood PS (formerly Carr Manor PS) and have been for 9 years. In fact, I have been in the teaching profession for 36 years and am clearly very old! I have been a HT in 3 schools and a Local Authority Advisor. I am a Governor at the Grammar School at Leeds. I have one son, Callum, who is now grown up, and lives in London and doesn't work in education. My husband, however, does and for an Academy Trust.

I play the piano really badly and avoid accompanying concerts at all costs. I love singing but am told that I'll never win X Factor! Fortunately, I am very happy being a Headteacher so I will not be inflicting my voice on the world. After the holidays I intend to organise a couple of meet and greet sessions for parents / carers as a chance to get to know each other. I will be sharing my time between Manor Wood and KSA so I won't always see you at the gate.

Have a wonderful break with your children and I look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Sincerely, Deborah Kenny

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Ofsted

At the beginning of December we had a visit from OFSTED, as you know. Our inspection lasted 2 days and was extremely in depth. The team looked at lessons, the children's books, data and they interviewed children, teachers, senior leaders, parents and Trustees. They went into the playground at break and lunchtime, observed dinners and scrutinised our safeguarding strategies. The inspection was challenging as they always are, but it was also conducted extremely professionally. At the end of the 2 days we were thrilled with OFSTED's judgement of "good" across all areas. This is a great outcome for our school and fantastic recognition of what we have all achieved together—staff, children, parents and Trustees!

The report will be published online on 7th January 2020 but is available on our website.

Earlier this week we were treated to two amazing performances of "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" which was performed by all the children across school. Both performances were hugely entertaining and captured all the positive messages of Christmas. A huge well done to the staff and children who orchestrated the performance in the shortest time ever, following the OFSTED visit.



Remembrance Day

Although it seems a long time ago since Remembrance Day we couldn't let it pass without sharing this fantastic picture with you of Angad and Millie representing KSA at the service in Leeds City Centre. They gave up their time on a Sunday to take part in the Remembrance Day parade and were thrilled to meet the Mayor of Leeds.

Guru Nanak Birthday

To celebrate Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, visitors from the school community including Bhagat Singh, Harsimran Kaur and two guests, presented an assembly to celebrate his birthday and provided sweets for the whole school.



Key information...

Consultation on name change

Thank you to all the parents who attended the above consultation in October. This will continue in the New Year and updates will be provided when they are available.

Visits

Year 5 visited the Mosque as part of their RE Unit of Study. Reception visited Golden Acre Park to look at the signs of autumn / winter.

Year 5 took part in a Dodgeball Competition and acquitted themselves extremely well.

Visitors

The Fire Brigade visited to talk to the children about fire safety prior to Bonfire Night.

Our PCSO's visited school to talk about on-line safety.

Northern Ballet held a workshop for Years 3 and 4.

A World War II workshop was provided for Years 5 and 6, to enhance their history Unit of Study.

Reverend Sharon very kindly presented our Harvest Festival. Thank you to parents and friends who donated generously to

Good Wishes to All

Happy Christmas. We wish all our families good health and happiness for 2020!



Reading

We have recently purchased a selection of new books to engage all children in reading. So far, they have proved to be very popular and have resulted in many amazing reading challenge photographs.

In brief...

Halloween

Over £90 was raised

Children in Need

£116 was raised

The Christmas Fair

Over £900 was raised as a result of your generosity. Thank you to FoKSA for organising such a great event.

All funds raised will be used to develop our outdoor learning at KSA

Clubs

To be advertised in the New Year

Dates for your diary!

20.12.19 School closes for the break

06.01.20 School reopens after the holidays

After School Clubs Booking Form

The following clubs are running from the 11th November to 13th December 2019. Judo will be running as usual.

We've made some changes!

- DAZL are bringing us a second dance class on Wednesdays. We're trying this out to see what everyone thinks as we know it's very popular with children in other Schools. It's called Cheerdance and is a mix of cheerleading and dance - we're told it's just as popular with boys as it is with girls!
- Gymnastics will focus on KS2 until Christmas and then we will alternate each half term, as we do with Football (now running for the younger children.) When the class was open to the whole school it proved too big and didn't work as well as it could have for the children.
- As well as our new Pubjabi classes (booked separately - ask at the School office), we also have Taekwondo on Monday nights. Again, this is a new club from Premier Taekwondo so we hope everyone will enjoy it.

Evening	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Club	Taekwondo	Streetdance	Cheerdance	Gymnastics for Year 3 to Year 6	Football for Rec to Yr 2
Time	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Cost	Taster Sessions 11th Nov & 18th Nov	£2.00 a week	£2.00 a week	£2.00 a week	£2.00 a week

After School Clubs November to December 2019

Child's name:

Class:

Evening	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Tick					
Total Cost	Taster FOC	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00

Please note: Clubs are only running from 11th November to 13th December 2019 due to parents evenings the first week back after half-term.