



Dear All

I hope you all had a pleasant half term and were able to make the most of the nicer weather.

Colleagues and learners enjoyed the many activities and workshops which took place during Mental Health Week. Thank you to Jo who coordinated all of the visiting professionals. More details are below.

Please ensure that any devices which your young person is able to access social media has parental controls switched on. This follows the letter which was sent to you before half term.

Finally, following consultation on uniform, the consensus was to continue with the uniform as adopted during the Covid period. There is a full list per department at the end of this newsletter and also on the school website.

This last half term of the academic year promises to be a busy and exciting one. More information of all of the planned events will be sent to you in due course however, there are some key dates to note in the 'Dates for the Diary' section.

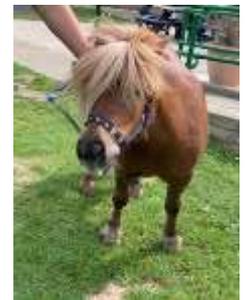
Kind regards  
**Jenny Baker**  
**Headteacher**

## Mental Health Awareness Week

During the week of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, young people at Kennel Lane School took part in Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Health Awareness Week is the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health and mental health problems. It seeks to inspire action to promote the message of good mental health for everyone. We welcomed a variety of visitors to school who led workshops on a range of topics including:



Practical ways to look after your Mental Health, Worries, Mental Health Awareness, Anxiety, Feelings and Emotions and Pressures.



Guest speakers included representatives from Mind, the mental health support team, Art of Brilliance and Paul Hannaford. We also had a theatrical performance

called 'Fantastic Fred' which explains the link between our physical and mental health, as well as the ever popular farm visit to school.

## PRICE Tutor Training

In March and April, a number of our staff were trained as 'PRICE' tutors which will enable them to train all of our staff in September. Well done to all of our new tutors – they all passed the course with flying colours!



PRICE stands for '*Protecting Rights in a Caring Environment*' and will replace Team Teach within school. PRICE is a training programme that helps staff to support learners with their emotional regulation, including Positive Behaviour Support and some therapeutic safe holds.

For further information on PRICE, please have a look at their website. [www.pricetraining.co.uk](http://www.pricetraining.co.uk)

## Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby has been visiting Robin Class. In September, John was anxious about being in the classroom with Ruby and would choose to leave the room. He has worked really hard and gradually got closer and closer to Ruby. This half term John used the brush glove to brush Ruby and he dropped a treat on the floor for her. Well done John!



## Speech and Language Therapy Update



Elizabeth has been using communication boards to help her express herself using more words. In this activity Elizabeth was saying [I][want][put in][coin], into the piggy bank. Well done Elizabeth!

## Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



I am delighted to say that towards the end of last month, the Governing Board were able to have their first face to face meeting in school since September. It was wonderful to be able to immerse ourselves back into school life and lovely to see some of our learners again. Some of us were also fortunate to be able to visit school during the recent Mental Health Awareness week, to attend some of the learner and staff sessions so that we could experience first-hand the support that the school is providing in this vital area.

As we look towards the rest of the Summer term, we plan to be present at more events and look forward to meeting some of you then.

## Family Support News

Meet our Family Support Team!



**Suzi Franklin** has been a Family Support Worker in the school since 2009 and has supported many families along the way. Suzi is also one of our school Nurture Practitioners.

She had a period of time at home after the birth of her little girl but we are happy to have her back with us again.



**Kathy Mason** joined the school in 2019 from the Children's Specialist Support Team in Bracknell Social Care. Kathy's first year in the school was a challenge as we navigated our way through the Covid pandemic but she has now settled into the role and is working with many families.



**Beth Edgar** has worked at Kennel Lane for 17 years so very much part of the furniture! She has held various roles in this time including Communication Champion.

Beth joined the Family Support Team in October 2020 to cover Suzi's maternity leave but has now become a valued permanent member of our team.

We are able to support with a range of topics including:

- Sleep issues
- School attendance
- Behaviour support at home such as routines, challenging behaviour etc.
- Communication difficulties at home
- Nutrition advice
- Toilet training
- Completing paperwork such as DLA, housing forms, etc.
- Referring to other services such as paediatrician, social care etc.
- Information on respite activities
- Mental health support

If you feel you would benefit from support with any of these issues or anything else, please speak to your young person's class teacher who can do a referral to the team.

TOP TIPS

Remember to book your respite activities for the summer holiday.

Your local authority will have something called a 'Local Offer' which is a webpage with all the activities and resources for SEN local to you.

Google 'local offer' and the name of the borough you live in e.g. 'Local Offer Slough'

### Dates for the Diary



<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Curriculum Enrichment Week – including Leavers' Prom on the 7 <sup>th</sup> July (more details to follow)						
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Primary & Secondary – End of Year Awards and Achievements						
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Primary – Year 6 Transition Assembly Secondary – Year 14 Leavers' Assembly						
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<p><b>End of Term</b> – see Department finish times below:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td><b>Woodlands Hub</b></td> <td><b>12:45</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Primary</b></td> <td><b>12:45</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Secondary</b></td> <td><b>13:00</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Please remember to notify your young person's transport of the early finish times.</p>	<b>Woodlands Hub</b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>13:00</b>
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## **Primary School Uniform – EYFS, KS1 & KS2**

### **Main Uniform**

- Light blue polo shirt with a collar
- Black trousers / shorts / black knee length skirt
- Black sweatshirt / jumper or cardigan. Learners should not wear 'hoodies'
- Black, flat soled, comfortable shoes with Velcro or laces

### **PE Kit**

For all PE lessons learners will need:

- A blue t-shirt
- Black shorts or black jogging bottoms
- Plimsolls / trainers.

In the winter they may also bring jogging bottoms to keep warm outside.

As part of their PE lessons, learners may have swimming lessons. They need to bring:

- A towel
- Swimming costume/trunks. The swimming costume trunks need to be appropriate for sport and remain opaque when wet. Fashion costumes/Bermuda shorts are not appropriate for use in school.
- Comb/brush

### **Keeping personal items safe**

Please label clothes and all personal items and ensure that your young person recognises new personal pieces of property (for PE or class use) when you purchase them.

## **Secondary School Uniform – KS3 & KS4**

### **Main Uniform**

- Light blue polo shirt with a collar
- Black trousers / shorts / black knee length skirt
- Black sweatshirt / jumper or cardigan. Learners should not wear 'hoodies'
- Black, flat soled, comfortable shoes with Velcro or laces

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- Comb/brush

### **Hairstyles & Make-up**

No extreme hairstyles and colours (to include patterns shaved into hair). Only natural looking make-up to be worn. If you have any queries about your young person's hair style, please contact the school to discuss suitability.

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## **Sixth Form School Uniform – KS5**

### **KS5 / 6<sup>th</sup> Form School Uniform**

In 6th Form, learners wear smart casual clothes (no hoodies).  
They also need to bring a change of clothing for PE and outdoor activities.

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