

# NEWSLETTER, October 2023



Dear Carers and Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful ½ Term holiday and managed to get outside and make the most of the sunshine when it wasn't raining.

**Academic** – Members from the centralised team at Corvus Learning Trust came to see how we teach reading at KLS, mainly in Secondary. We received the following positive feedback:

*'The successes of the delivery and structured teaching of reading were evident throughout our drop ins and especially so in KS3, KS4 and KS5 where all learners were thoroughly engaged with their learning, thriving from the structured approach to the lesson with the routines they had adopted overtime with the coordinated teaching of RWI.'*

**Life Skills** – Key Stage 2 are benefitting from accessing the main Cookery Room on a rotational basis, so far groups of learners have made pizzas.

**Employability** – Year 11 working experience starts next week for some of our young people and lots of placements have been organised which match our 14-19 pathways. As part of their 14-19 option choices our learners can choose from the following pathways Creative, Hospitality, IT and Outdoor Learning.

In school, to try to keep all our young people as settled as possible, we try not to mention 'Christmas' until the very end of November at the earliest. This is when we begin our preparations for our productions. The preparations for the Secondary Christmas Fayre, linked to the Employability strand of our curriculum, and designing the Christmas cards are the only exception to this.

Our annual carer and parent survey will be sent home on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, through your young person's Home/School Link Book, please could you complete and return it in the envelope provided by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards  
**Jenny Baker**  
Headteacher

## School Photographs



Please remember to return your young person's photo orders by **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at the very latest so that the photographer can get them back to you in good time.

## ELSA Room Artwork

Ali Lubbock came back to school recently to finish the art work in the ELSA room and SIT building. Here is some of the finished work. Learners are really enjoying spotting their favourite characters on the walls! Thank you, Ali, we love it!



## Thank you...



...to everyone who donated food for our Harvest Festival. Here is Beth from Warfield Church who collected it and asked us to pass on her sincere thanks to you all.



## World Mental Health Day

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Elm class took part in a 'Tea and Talk' activity for World Mental Health Day. They moved the tables together, invited some colleagues from around the school and had a good chat over a mug of hot chocolate and cakes!



## Ruby's Ramblings



Ruby has also really enjoyed helping out with 'Tea and Talk' activities for World Mental Health Day. Here she is with Maple Class.



## The Chatty Café Scheme:

Our next chatty café meet-up at Waitrose Café, Bracknell is on **21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am**. This is a chance for carers and parents of Kennel Lane learners to go along, have a drink and meet others from school. Our family support workers will also be there for support and a chat from 10 – 11am. Feel free to join us, we look forward to catching up with as many of you as can make it.

## Sensory Processing Online Workshops:

The NHS Occupational Therapy team now offer online workshops for sensory processing. The sessions are aimed at parents and carers and aim to help you understand the sensory needs that a child or young person may be experiencing. It offers strategies, practical advice and tips on how you can enable a child or young person to manage their sensory needs on a daily basis. Follow the link below to book onto a sensory processing workshop.

[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy-children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)

### Top Tips

For families where English is a second language, the Google translate app offers an option to take a photo of a piece of text and will convert from English to your desired language.  
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## Speech and Language

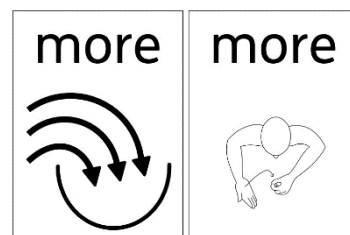


Elizabeth has been working really hard in her Speech and Language Therapy sessions, using her communication book and Colourful Semantics. Well done, Elizabeth!

## This month's Buzzword is... more



Follow the link for the video and more information on this month's Buzzword  
<https://youtu.be/11iukolkddc>



## Community News

South Hill Park are performing their award-winning family pantomime of '**Sleeping Beauty**' on dates from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December and are taking bookings now! Visit [www.SOUTHHILLPARK.ORG.UK](http://www.SOUTHHILLPARK.ORG.UK) to book online or call the Box Office on 01344 484123.

## Dates for the Diary



Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Chatty Café at Waitrose (with Family Support Team)	10:00 – 11:00
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Secondary Christmas Fayre	Fayre timings TBC
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary Christmas Production	Timings TBC
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Secondary Christmas Production	Timings TBC
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Award and Achievements Assemblies	Timings TBC
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm Finish Secondary 13.00pm Finish	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>WINTER HOLIDAY</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Spring Term All learners return to school	



**CENTRE *for* AUTISM**

# Wellbeing Hub Launch

**Thursday 9 November 2023 – in person and online event**

**In person:** 19:00–21:00, G10 lecture theatre, Palmer Building,  
Whiteknights Campus

**Online:** 19:00–20:15

**Please join us for the launch of the new Centre for Autism Wellbeing Hub at the University of Reading. The aim of the Hub is to support autistic young people and their families to lead their best lives.**

During this hybrid event, we will give an overview of the project and set out how our local community will be involved in shaping its future direction. It will include talks from:

- **Professor Robert Van de Noort**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading
- **Professor Carmel Houston-Price**, Head of the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences
- **Sarah O'Brien**, autistic advocate, academic, published author and University of Reading alumnus
- **Dr Fiona Knott** and **Dr Jo Billington**, Wellbeing Hub project leads

Refreshments will be available afterwards for those attending in person.

**For more details and to book your place, please [visit our website](#).**