KERESLEY GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

What's going on this week?

Friday 2nd October

Our new values are BELONG, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE. All staff working at Keresley Grange are talking about these with our children, modelling what they look like and praising children when we can see these in action. We are particularly focusing on BELONG this half-term. We have welcomed over 70 new children into our school since September and I have been so proud of how well they have settled into life at Keresley Grange. Our community has made them feel so welcome and it is really like they have always been here. This has been commented on by the many visitors we have had to Keresley Grange over the past two weeks.

Throughout this year, all of our staff are working hard with the children to help them to ACHIEVE as well as they can do as well. Already, our Reception children have been assessed for their starting points and have begun working on their important foundational reading, writing and number skills. They have already been ACHIEVING so much! At the other end of the school in Year 6, our children have tried out a practice SATs test and are really enjoying the opportunity to feel a little bit special with additional leadership responsibilities. In between, all children are settling well into their learning and understanding what it means to BELONG.

Remember that Friday 9th October this week is an INSET day so no children are in school on that day.

Have a good week

Mr Astley

Wear Something Yellow!

World Mental Health Day is this week. On Thursday 8th October, we are asking all children to wear something yellow to help us think about the importance of looking after our mental health. We will be collecting £1 per child to be donated to Young Minds.

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance has been 95.6%. This could be improved on. We all want your children to ACHIEVE well. They can only do that if they are in school every day possible. Please remember that exceptional leave requests MUST be submitted to the office before any leave might be planned. There are very few exceptional circumstances that can be authorised and you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if it is not authorised.

Lates

If children are late, they must be brought in through the office by an adult. The adult must sign them in using the machine and make a lunch choice with them. The adult will need to hand the filled in lunch choice slip to a member of staff on the door. Remember that our day starts at 8:55am so any time after this is classed as late.

Attendance – Good to be GREEN!

Over the next 2 weeks, every child in the school will receive an attendance letter. Our renewed system for this year is that each family will receive a letter at regular points throughout the year letting you know how your child is doing with their attendance. These letters will be colour coded as follows:

GREEN = good attendance (96% or more)

YELLOW = cause for concern (92 – 95.9%)

RED = child has been placed on the Attendance Risk Register as at risk of Persistent Absence (below 92%)

The aim is to get a GREEN letter each time they are received. Parents will be asked to come to meet with Miss Jenks (Attendance & Behaviour Specialist) and/or a member of the Leadership Team if your child becomes persistently absent and the Local Authority may become involved.

Stay Healthy

There are a number of illnesses around at the moment. It can be tricky to decide how poorly your child is. The advice on the attached guide is useful. The NHS website also contains some useful advice: NHS Is my child too ill for school?

PTFA

During the week beginning 19th October, we will be holding a drop-in session for a coffee and a chat with Dianne, the chair of our PTFA. We would love for you to come along... details to follow.

Cycle to School

The weather this week looks good so why not get your child to cycle or scoot to school with you? It is a healthy way to get some exercise and help our environment.