



# KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We trust you had a lovely summer holiday. We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn – they have been a real credit to you and your families this week. We are also looking forward to welcoming our early years children next week.

On Wednesday, we will be having our Big Bang Days to really kick start our topics – please look out for information for individual year groups. We are sure these will be fantastic days, full of fun, creativity and most importantly discovery. We will be sharing some highlights from our Big Bang Days in next week's newsletter.

Please find below the PE days for this term. We would like to remind you that children are able to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit (black shorts/ jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and trainers). Staff will be monitoring this closely over the next few weeks.

R - Owlets	Friday	3 - Hummingbirds	Wednesday and Friday
R - Cygnets	Friday	3 - Robins	Wednesday and Thursday
1 - Owls	Monday and Tuesday	4 - Woodpeckers	Monday and Friday
1 - Swans	Tuesday and Friday	4 - Kestrels	Monday and Friday
2 - Flamingos	Wednesday and Thursday	5 - Penguins	Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)
2 - Toucans	Tuesday and Thursday	5 - Puffins	Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)
		6 - Parrots	Wednesday and Thursday
		6 - Eagles	Tuesday and Thursday
		6 - Peacocks	Thursday and Friday

We would like to inform you that this year, we will be closing our year group twitter accounts. All updates will be shared via our school twitter and facebook. Do make sure you are following us on both of these platforms so you do not miss out on key messages, updates and most importantly updates about the children's fantastic learning!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/KnockhallPrimary/>

Twitter - @KnockhallSch

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and the children enjoy a well deserved rest so they are ready to come back for our first full week back of the academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Riley, Mrs Wady and the Knockhall staff team.



### GOLDEN BOOK

We are excited to see which children will be included in the Golden Book this term !!!



### STAR OF THE WEEK

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE STARTED BACK THIS WEEK FOR BEING SUPERSTARS !!!**



### ATTENDANCE

We as a school will aim to work together with our parents/carers and improve our attendance throughout this new school year. We look forward to seeing all of our students every day on time and ready to learn!

### Our School Values In Action

We have had many conversations with the children around how to uphold our school values: Teamwork, Honesty, Pride and Respect

The children have shown great enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing them demonstrate and promote these values during their school day

Information for families and learning

Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access THREE ONLINE COURSES from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:
- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:
- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents



Additional Support

Childcare Choices logo and QR code. Free Childcare and guidance at Childcare Choices www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

GOV.UK Tax free Childcare logo and QR code. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Where to find childcare providers

Grid of links to Kent Council services: Kent Childcare Finder service, Childcare Advice Line, Kent Children & Families Information Service, Early Help (Support for Families), Childcare.co.uk, Gov.uk - Find before and after school and holiday clubs. Includes a QR code to speak to your local Jobcentre.

Disability Services Advocacy Team

September 2023 External Stakeholder Sessions (Please note: these sessions are for organisations outside the DWP only)

The Disability Services Advocacy Team are here to support with raising awareness of the different Disability Services benefits and grants. These are Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB). Please see details of our upcoming sessions for external stakeholders in the month of September below. To book a place please use each of the individual links for the relevant events.

Personal Independence Payment

This session covers what PIP is, eligibility criteria and the customer journey when making a claim, including the assessment process. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the session. Links complete PIP assessments for Wales and Central England and Independent Assessment Services cover the remainder of England.

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with IAS

14/09/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/654410888487

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with C&I

06/09/23 10am - 12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/149164335977

21/09/23 10am - 12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/149164335977

Disability Living Allowance for Children

This session covers what Disability Living Allowance for Children is, the eligibility criteria and then the whole customer journey from making a claim to receiving a decision. There will be Q&A at the end of the session.

Disability Living Allowance for Children awareness session

07/09/23 10:00am - 11:30am Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/149164335977

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

This session covers what IIDB is, who may be eligible and the customer journey both for claims for injuries and diseases. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the session.

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit awareness session

14/09/23 13:30 - 15:00 Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/149164335977

Disability Services Advocacy Team

October 2023 External Stakeholder Sessions (Please note: these sessions are for organisations outside the DWP only)

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Personal Independence Payment

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Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with IAS

17/10/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6338848785272?aff=oddtcreator

25/10/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84005778677?aff=oddtcreator

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with C&I

26/10/23 10am-12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84189237477?aff=oddtcreator

Disability Living Allowance for Children

This session covers what Disability Living Allowance for Children is, the eligibility criteria and then the whole customer journey from making a claim to receiving a decision. There will be Q&A at the end of the session.

Disability Living Allowance for Children awareness session

04/10/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/8484541078577?aff=oddtcreator

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Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit awareness session

11/10/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/8397682163577?aff=oddtcreator

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November 2023 External Stakeholder Sessions (Please note: these sessions are for organisations outside the DWP only)

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Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with IAS

07/11/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/840064610077?aff=oddtcreator

23/11/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/8340761193577?aff=oddtcreator

28/11/22 10am - 1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/840777405977?aff=oddtcreator

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with C&I

16/11/23 10am-12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84176734677?aff=oddtcreator

20/11/23 10am-12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84192069377?aff=oddtcreator

Disability Living Allowance for Children

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Disability Living Allowance for Children awareness session

02/11/23 10am-11:30am Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/890739504277?aff=oddtcreator

16/11/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/890715281377?aff=oddtcreator

21/11/23 10am-11:30am Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/890783611377?aff=oddtcreator

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Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit awareness session

02/11/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/89078655477?aff=oddtcreator

21/11/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/89077172977?aff=oddtcreator

Disability Services Advocacy Team

December 2023 External Stakeholder Sessions (Please note: these sessions are for organisations outside the DWP only)

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Personal Independence Payment

This session covers what PIP is, eligibility criteria and the customer journey when making a claim, including the assessment process. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the session. Links complete PIP assessments for Wales and Central England and Independent Assessment Services cover the remainder of England.

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with IAS

07/12/22 10am-1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/834442921577?aff=oddtcreator

14/12/22 10am-1pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/83448343877?aff=oddtcreator

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with C&I

12/12/23 10am-12:30pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84189635877?aff=oddtcreator

Disability Living Allowance for Children

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Disability Living Allowance for Children awareness session

06/12/23 10am-11:30am Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/842064892377?aff=oddtcreator

14/12/23 10am-11:30am Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/842094882077?aff=oddtcreator

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

This session covers what IIDB is, who may be eligible and the customer journey both for claims for injuries and diseases. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the session.

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit awareness session

05/12/23 1:30pm-3pm Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/84214119677?aff=oddtcreator

GROUPS BY REFERRAL ONLY
Baby Massage: 5 week programme to learn how to massage your baby and learn more about their development. Attendance is by referral only.
Bookstart: 3 week programme of group sessions with the aim to develop and encourage communication skills through play. Attendance is by referral only.
Introducing Solids: This session is to learn how to introduce solids to your baby when they are 6 months. To book please call Oakfield Children's Centre on 03000 411049
Adult Education: Please contact Tracy on 03000 418992 to find out more or book a place.
INFORMATION ON OTHER GROUPS AND PARTNER AGENCIES
We are Beams Family Advice Clinic Drop In: For parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Term Time Only.
Homestart Groups: Little Buddies 12:00 - 2:30pm 1st Monday of every month Multiple Birth Group 12:00 - 2pm 2nd and 4th Monday of every month
Free Childcare Entitlement: You may be eligible to claim up to 30 hours free childcare a week for your child (Eligibility criteria will apply). Please speak to a member of staff for friendly help and advice.
Midwifery: Antenatal and postnatal services provided by community midwives. Appointment only through Midwifery Office at Darent Valley on 01322 428753 (9.00am - 3pm only)
Health Visiting Services: Includes 6-8 week checks and Development Reviews by appointment only. For any support regarding your child's development contact 0300 123 2075 or kentchi.dartford@nhs.net or attend the Drop-in Clinic to get your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Team.

Tax Free Childcare: Tax free childcare pays 20% of childcare over a maximum of £2,000 each year for working families with children under 12 (or 17 if disabled).
Healthy Start: If you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 years old, you could get help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables. Check to see if you are eligible.
Born to Move: Laying the foundation for healthy, confident children in Kent. Download the free Born to Move app to support your child on their journey.
Free Early Education: Some 2-year olds can get up to 15 hours of free early education per week for 38 weeks of the year. Check to see if you are eligible.

Sure Start Children's Centres Dartford
Dartford Children's Centre Timetable Beginning Monday 4th September 2023
At your local Children Centre your child can make friends as they play with others of a similar age. Parents and carers can also get professional advice and support.
WEEKLY GROUPS
Stay & Play: 0-5 years. This includes a variety of activities to support your child's learning and development. Messy activities will also be available for children to explore, we advise wearing old clothing.
Baby Group: For parents with babies who are not yet walking. This includes a variety of activities to support your babies learning and development as they reach key milestones such as rolling, sitting and crawling.
Active Tots: From crawling until their second birthday. This session is to support your child's physical development in a fun and stimulating environment. We advise that comfortable clothing is worn and all footwear will need to be removed for this session.
Music Group: 2 sessions available, first session 14 months to 5 years and second session 0-14 months. For parents and children to be active and join in with our musical sessions. Can we please ask that you do not arrive later than 10 minutes after the start time, so as not to disrupt the structure of the session.
Messy play 0-5 years: A range of fun and messy activities for children to explore. We advise wearing old clothes for this session.
There is a 'No Mobile Phones' policy in all of our groups
DARTFORD YOUTH HUB
For more information about Dartford Youth Hub activities, please call The Bridge on 03000 420691

# Information for families and learning



Ebbsfleet Academy is characterised by outstanding teaching, lessons that inspire, where students excel, and where the strong exam results are merely the outcome of the outstanding teaching, rather than the aim in itself.

**We offer:**

- A nurturing environment with dedicated teachers.
- A small school where you are known and cared for. Your wellbeing and happiness is a key priority.
- Excellent modern facilities, including Chromebooks for all, with large classrooms and plenty of outside learning space.
- An opportunity to participate in a diverse range of sporting, academic, cultural and creative pursuits as part of a wide ranging extra curricular enrichment programme.



## Open Days

Scan the QR code to reserve your space



- Wednesday 13th September, 3pm - 6pm
- Saturday 16th September, 10am - 12pm
- Tuesday 26th September, 9am - 10.30am
- Friday 29th September, 9am - 10.30am

[www.ebbsfleetacademy.org.uk](http://www.ebbsfleetacademy.org.uk)

Southfleet Road, Ebbsfleet Garden City, Kent, DA10 0BZ  
For more information: [admin@ebbsfleetacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@ebbsfleetacademy.org.uk) | 01322 242252



## FAMILY LEARNING COURSES 2023

Our courses are free of charge and delivered virtually via Zoom unless specified



Managing Children's Behaviour	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 23 9.30am - 11.30am (4 sessions)
First Aid for Families	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct - Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 23 9.30am - 11.30am (3 sessions)
Autism Awareness	Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov - Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 23 6pm - 8pm (4 sessions)
Managing Children's Behaviour	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 24 4 (sessions) 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Little Cooks	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 24 10am - Midday at Oakfield Children's Centre Oakfield Lane, DA1 2SW


Please contact Tracy on 03000 418992 to find out more or book a place



## Want to learn how to support a young person in crisis?

Our Youth Suicide Prevention training will give you the confidence to have open conversations and will provide you with the tools to support a young person who is struggling.


Our next course is available on the **23rd of August**. To book your space, visit our website at [www.midkentmind.org.uk](http://www.midkentmind.org.uk).

**KENT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE**

## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION LINE

Free 30 minute phone/video consultation with an Educational Psychologist for parents and carers.



The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning.

Topics or areas that you may wish to discuss might include:

- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

[kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk)

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the email address above including the following information:

- your name;
- phone number;
- a convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)
- your child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school; - a brief description of what you wish to discuss.
- the district in Kent in which you live.

We will do our best to respond within 10 working days but this is subject to availability, particularly during school holidays.



## UPCOMING DATES

Nursery and Reception Class children start on Monday 11th September

Reception children will have staggered start and finish times.

Information is on the letter sent to parents/carers.

13th September Year 1 Big Bang Day - Fairytale Characters