



An Update from the Head: Autumn Term 2017

What a wonderful start to the Autumn term! Our new children in Reception and across the school have settled in and are already valued members of our school family.

Welcome Back!

We are very happy to welcome three new members of staff to the Knayton team this year; Miss Irvine joins us as Year 1 class teacher, Miss Harrison as Year 2 class teacher and Mrs Rodwell joins our office team. We are all so excited about the year ahead. We hope that you have had the chance to chat to your child's new teacher at our drop in evening or at another time. We are always keen to share the children's learning and progress with you. The settling in evening date can be found on the website.

How we learn afternoons

Over recent years Parent Information Evenings have not been well attended, so we have a new idea! We are going to be hosting 'How we learn' afternoons. The afternoons will be a chance for the children to share how they learn and for us to share how we teach. There will be an afternoon each half term focusing on a different aspect of school life. We will also record parts and blog in order to share with parents who cannot make it. Dates are on the website.



Enhancing and Enriching Childhood

At Knayton we believe that the best learning is engaging and experiential. For this reason we are planning to introduce a new approach to enrichment. We are compiling a list of experiences that all Knayton children will enjoy during their time here. The experiences will include things like visiting a museum, performing in a music concert and a new approach to residential visits. Watch this space!

Big Ideas for the year

This year we are continuing with whole school Big Ideas, and we have already held our Autumn Launch for 'It's a Kind of Magic'. The children had lots of fun when a magician came to visit and work has commenced in classes on lots of exciting activities focusing on our English, maths, science and ICT skills. Each class will also enjoy RE mini Big Ideas each half term.

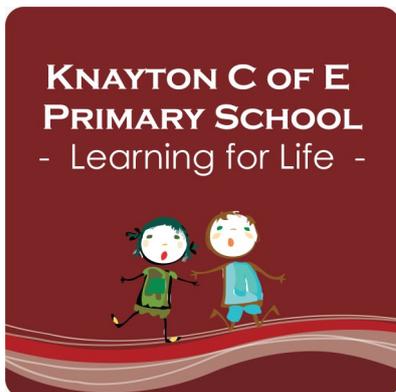
Autumn 1	It's a Kind of Magic
Autumn 2	We are time travellers
Spring 1	We will rock you
Spring 2	Being British
Summer 1	We are explorers
Summer 2	School production project

Building Plans

We are very excited about our new extension to the Year 1. Final plans are in place and the build will begin in October and (hopefully) be complete by Christmas.

Academy Update

We are still hoping to convert to academy status at the end of this month. All staff enjoyed a joint training day at the beginning of the year with the other academy schools. We loved the opportunity to share best practice between the schools.



OFSTED

As you know, we were inspected by OFSTED in July. We have received the draft inspection report and are currently awaiting the final report. We will share it with you as soon as we possibly can.

Good Luck Miss Globe!

Miss Globe will be starting her Maternity Leave on Friday. We would like to wish her all the best and will miss her a great deal. We cannot wait to meet our new Knayton baby!

Miss Globe would like to thank all families for their kind gifts and lovely wishes. She promises to stay in touch.