

*Dear Families,*

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new pupils and families who joined KTS in September. We had 17 leavers in July, so in September we welcomed 23 new pupils, which is more than I can ever remember! It's been a great start to the year, with pupils settling in well. The topic this half-term has been 'Paws Claws and Whiskers' and if you follow our Facebook page I'm sure you will have seen some of the wonderful activities and experiences our pupils have been taking part in. Our topic for next half-term is 'Let's Play'. As we move towards Christmas there will be invitations for you to attend one of our family events and look forward to seeing you all.

## *Nursery/Reception*

Our Early Years Department is led by Amy Dickinson lead for EYFS and Reception Class teachers. This year we have been excited to welcome eight nursery pupils to KTS along with Faye Johnson, who is our nursery teacher. We have had some building work done to create two rooms for our Nursery and Reception pupils, they also have their own shared area, for more messy activities and an outdoor area. Parents dropping off and collecting pupils from nursery now have a different entrance. The pupils moved in last week and are already loving their new learning environment (see the Facebook page).

## *Paws, Claws & Whiskers*

This term our class groups have enjoyed exploring our current topic 'paws claws and whiskers' in a variety of different ways. Some of our class groups have had a visit from the Owl Centre, trips to places such as Pinchinthorpe walkway, Senses, Coulby Newham Farm and Meadowcroft.

In school pupils have joined in with topic related art activities, themed tuff trays, engaging with our enticing Attention Autism sessions and enjoyed their class groups focus stories. One class have been using puppets in class to act out 'The Gruffalo' and another class group have enjoyed The Tiger that Came to Tea.

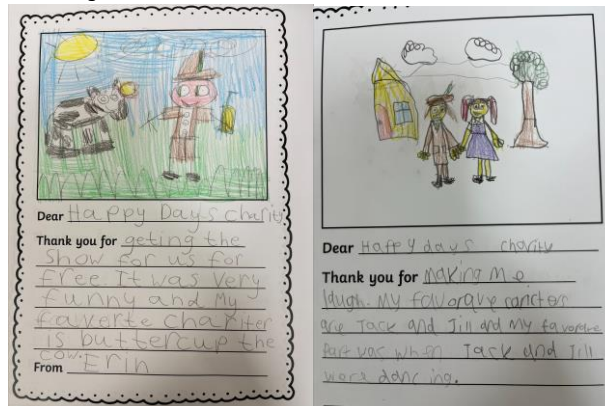
We have also had a focus on Harvest and staff have worked incredibly hard to set up our annual pumpkin patch. Thank you to all of the families who have helped with donations for the food bank and donations/money towards the pumpkins. Classes have also enjoyed making their own class scarecrows!



**Pupil Voice** - The KTS School Council met on the 5th of October. The group is made up of representatives from KTS3 and KTS High Hills. They meet to discuss important issues around school. They have been looking at ways they can look after our planet within school and they have been judging a competition to design a recycling poster, where the winner will have their poster displayed around school.



**M&M Theatre** - This half term we had a visit from M&M Theatre Company. They did an excellent performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Thank you to Happy Days Charity who funded a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk for some of our pupils. The pupils have written thank you cards and letters and shared the following thoughts: 'It was a funny performance I had a really good time'. 'It was very funny and my favourite character was Buttercup the cow'. 'Thank you for making us laugh it was the best show I have ever watched'



**Governors** - This term our parent governor Angie Cheall stepped down from her post. We would like to thank Angie for all of her hard work in supporting KTS. Further details about how to become a parent elected governor will be shared after the half-term holidays.

**Christmas Raffle** - We are currently looking for donations of raffle prizes for our KTS Christmas Raffle. If you are a local business who could donate a voucher or prize we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our school office 01287 677265. Tickets will go on sale in November.

Thanks for your continued support. *Sarah*

### Other Information

Our Topic in Autumn 2 is 'Let's Play'

**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30PM School Disco in the hall on the main site**

**Children in Need** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - We will be having a "dress up and donate" day, pupils without a costume or who do not wish to dress up will be given the opportunity in school to make a Pudsey mask/headband.

Raffle tickets will be sold in November.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Pupils back in school. PD Day Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to adhere to DBS regulations, can all parents please ensure they report to reception when visiting any of the school buildings.

### SAFEGUARDING

KTS Academy is committed to the safeguarding of its pupils.

For your information the **Designated Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Gunn. Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Alexis Gardner.**

The school **Governor for Safeguarding is Maggie Hadland.**