



Your weekly guide to life at Kingsway Infant School

Best School in East of England for Pupil Premium

-----5th September 2104-----

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of another school year, I hope you had a very enjoyable summer break. I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new families and I look forward to getting to know you over the coming term. All the staff have commented on how well the children have settled into their new classes, especially our Reception children, who are already getting to know their way around the school.

I have been really pleased with the punctuality of the children so far this week. A prompt 8.55am start to the beginning of the day helps them build social relationships and ensures no learning is missed. Children with 100% attendance are rewarded at the end of each half term, term and school year with certificates and badges which are presented in our achievement assembly. On the very rare occasion you may arrive with your child after 8.55am please report to the school office. If your child is unwell please telephone the school office to let us know they will not be at school before 9.30 am.

Headteachers no longer have the discretion to allow up to 10 days in a school year for a family holiday or to agree extended leave for parents to visit their country of origin. If your child is absent from school because of a holiday which has not been agreed this will be classified as an unauthorised absence and you may be fined and legal action taken against you. If there are exceptional circumstances please make an appointment to discuss these with me.

Staff are always happy to speak with you about your child but please make an appointment for the end of the school day rather than in the morning as we like a prompt start to our learning. Any urgent matter or appointments can be dealt with at the school office.

On a Friday morning from 8.25 am to 8.50 am we have a whole staff meeting and the office and school is closed to parents and pupils - even if it is raining!

Caroline T-Walmsley
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2014

Monday 1st September

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September

INSET Day

TERM STARTS

Term begins for children

Wednesday 3rd September

3rd -12th September

Space Topic – whole school

Wednesday 10th September

Meet the Teacher

Reception 12.15pm

Year 1 2.30pm

Friday 12th September

Yr2 Meet the Teacher -2.30pm

Wednesday 24th September

Governors Committee Meetings

7.00 & 8.00 pm

Friday 26th September

Charity Day – Dahlicious Dress Up

Monday 29th September 2014

Athlete visit – whole school

Monday 6th October

Individual Photographs

Mon 6th-Fri 10th October

Assessment Week

Wednesday 8th October

Christmas Card Last Orders

Friday 10th October

Harvest Festival

Reception + Year 1 - 9.15 am

Year 2 – 2.15 pm

Monday 20th October

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Parent Consultations 6.00-8.00pm

HALF TERM

27th - 31st October

Reminders

Please remember to bring a coat to school as the weather is now very changeable!

Bring a water bottle filled with fresh water each day

All clothes and accessories must be named

Letters

Sent Out This Week

Art Club – Yr 1 only

Diary Dates

Kingsway Katz Club

Fun Fit Club – Yr1 & Yr2

School Council and Eco Champions

Congratulations to all who have been successfully voted to represent their classes for the year. We look forward to working to improve our brilliant school even more during the coming year. The school council meet monthly with Mrs Walmsley and along with the Eco Champions regularly take assembly on a Friday.

CLASS	SCHOOL COUNCIL	ECO CHAMPION
ORANGE	Katie + Oliver	Kayleigh + Charlie
RED	Hannah + Joey	Stevie + Jessica
YELLOW	Sophie + Hayden	Kei + Caitlin
GREEN	Angelica + Nathaniel	Sophie + Tristan
BLUE	Alfie + Keira	Poppy + Ethan
PURPLE	Caleb + Yuna	Kaan + Meadow
WHITE	Harry + Maddison	Cassie + Chad

School Fund Contributions

We are once again asking for a contribution of £3 per term towards school funds. This will be spent on food for cooking, art, and science and technology materials. Please send your contribution to school, via the post boxes, cash in a named sealed envelope, cheques payable to Kingsway Infant School or pay via WisePay by debit/credit card. You may pay £3.00 per term or £9.00 for the whole year. Thank you for your support.

Child Protection Procedure at Kingsway Infant School

It may be helpful for parents to know that Headteachers are required to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to Social Services. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. Headteachers are encouraged to take the attitude that, where there are grounds for suspicion, it is better to be safe than sorry. This does mean that there is a risk of upsetting some parents by reporting a concern, which on investigation proves unfounded. In such circumstances, it is hoped parents will appreciate how difficult it is to carry out this delicate responsibility, and would accept that the Headteacher was acting in what were believed to be the child's best interests. To find out more about this you can read our Child Protection Policy in full on our website. As members of the community we all have a duty to report any concerns or suspicions that a child is not being treated correctly. You can telephone Children Schools and Families on 0300 123 4043 to report your concerns or if it is very serious/urgent dial 999 and ask for the police.

Back To School Magazine

Take a look at this free digital magazine! It's full of useful information on how to get the best out of primary school for your child, such as how to support your child with homework and reading. It has easy, healthy recipes, practical parenting advice and survival guides for Xmas and the summer and it's all for free! Subscribe now to get your copy delivered into your inbox at the start of every school term and holiday. Read and subscribe for free: www.backtoschoolmagazine.com.

New Hope's Community Garden Autumn Open Day

Saturday 4th October

10.30am – 3.00 pm

64 Rickmansworth Road

Garden and woodland, activities and plants, herbs and vegetable seedling for sale.

Wednesday 5th November

Guy Fawkes Disco 5.00-6.00

Friday 14th November

Charity Day – Children In Need

17th-21st November

National Road Safety Week

Anti Bullying Week

Mon 24th-Fri 28th November

Assessment Week

Friday 28th November

Christmas Fair 2.00-4.30

Wednesday 3rd December

Foundation Stage Christmas

Performance Dress Rehearsal

2.00pm

Thursday 4th December

Foundation Stage Christmas

Performance 2.00pm

Friday 5th December

Yr1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance

1st Dress Rehearsal 2.00 pm

Monday 8th December

Yr1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance

2nd Dress Rehearsal 2.00 pm

Wednesday 10th December

Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Performance

2.00pm & 6.00pm

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch & Class Parties

TERM ENDS

19th December 2014 at 1.30 pm

SPRING TERM 2015

TERM STARTS

Term begins for children

Monday 5th January 2015

HALF TERM

Mon 16th – Fri 20th February

TERM ENDS

Thursday 2nd April at 1.30 pm

SUMMER TERM 2015

Monday 20th April

INSET Day – school closed for children

TERM STARTS

Term begins for children

Tuesday 21st April 2015

HALF TERM

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May

TERM ENDS

Friday 17th July at 1.30 pm

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st

July INSET DAYS – School closed for children

Wednesday 22nd July

Occasional day holiday – School Closed