

-----7th February 2014-----

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

Friday 14th February

Purple Class Assembly – 2.30 pm
Families Welcome

HALF TERM

17th – 21st February 2014

Monday 3rd March

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 5th March

Parent Consultations 6.00-8.00pm

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Dress up as your favourite book character

Monday 10th March

Verse Speaking Competition

Wednesday 12th March

Maths Carousel

Friday 14th March

Verse Speaking Final
(Parents of finalists invited)

Friday 21st March

Non Uniform Day for donation of bottles, tins, tombola prizes or £1

Wednesday 26th March

Multiskills Competition – Year 1

Wednesday 26th March

Governors Meeting

(Governing Body only)

Friday 28th March

Non Uniform Day for donation of Easter egg or £1

Thursday 3rd April

Easter Fair – 2.00 – 4.00 pm

All Welcome

Friday 4th April

End of Spring Term

TERM ENDS at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 22nd April

Staff INSET Day – School closed for children

Wednesday 23rd April

Term Starts for Children

St. George's Day – Dress Up as Knight, Princess, Castle, Dragon etc.

Thursday 24th April

History Carousel

Friday 25th April

History Hat Competition

Parade in the playground at 8.55

Friday 2nd May

White Class Assembly – 2.30pm

Families welcome

Reception – Counting

This week in maths reception have been counting in 2's.

To link in with their Winter Wonderland topic they made prints of penguin footprints to help them count.



Year 1 – Toys

To prepare for their visit to the V & A Museum of Childhood Year 1 have been learning about toys this week. At Workshops in each classroom they have looked at 'Toys In the Past' such as marbles, skittles and dominoes and talked about how toys are different today. At a 'Teddy Bear' workshop they designed an outfit for a teddy and made a mask and at the 'Winnie the Pooh' workshop they made marmalade sandwiches! What toys did you have as a child?



Year 2 – The Great Fire of London

Yellow and Green classes have been using role play to further their understanding of the Great Fire of London.

Using a method called 'Hot Seating' they assumed the role of a character who was there at the time of the fire and described and answered questions about their feelings, attitudes, motives and behaviour.



Skipper of the Week

Gabriella – Red Class

Most Improved Skipper

Kimberley – Orange Class

School Meals – Change to Menu – Week 2 – Wednesday – Roast Chicken

A chipolata sausage has been added to the menu for this week and the next two roast chicken options. If you have chosen this option for your child and would like to change it please contact the school office. If you have chosen this option but your child does not eat pork or beef the sausage will not be served to them (sausages will be cooked separately to the chicken).

Nursery School

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011? Then you should be applying for a nursery place for your child for 2014-2015. Apply online between 10th February and 21st March 2014 at www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions. Kingswood Early Years Centre in Briar Road have open days coming up from 10th February. For more information please visit their website www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01923 672531

School Council

The School Council met today. The first topic on the agenda was playground development. We have a budget of almost £10,000 of Olympic Legacy money to spend! Miss Macdonald and Mrs Desousa had researched ideas for playground equipment for the children to consider. After looking at and discussing the information they chose the following pieces of equipment as being most suitable:-

Olympic Rings	Loch Ness Monster	Suspended Stepwalk
Drum Set	Amandina	Spiders Web
Net Crawl	Totem Poles	

The next item on the agenda was Wet Play. They would like more chance to draw on clean drawing paper rather than scrap paper. They commented how much they enjoy activities with Mrs Lewis especially the skipping.

Billy said "I played skipping and was really happy when I went from 8 to 38"

Lost Property

Please check lost property by Friday morning next week (14/2/14) if you are missing any items of clothing or accessories, all items which are not named will be disposed of by the end of the day.

Attendance

Attendance for week beginning 20th January 2014. Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. *If you arrive late please sign your child in at the school office.*

ORANGE	92.8%	RED	93.0%		
GREEN	96.7%	YELLOW	91.5%		
PURPLE	95.7%	BLUE	93.7%	White	96.0%

Well Done Green and White Classes!

Communication Apps

You may have decided that your child will not have a mobile phone until a certain age, but you have allowed them to have a portable gaming or media device. It's important to remember that most of these now go online and have virtually the same functionality as mobile phones. For example, through most tablets or media players (eg iPod Touch) you can send text messages and images, talk to someone via webcam and access social networks. Many of the communication apps available are not aimed at children. For example, the popular 'WhatsApp' messaging service requires users to be over 16. So always check the age requirements and the nature of any app that your child wants on their device.

Reminder – scooters and cycles are not allowed on the playground.

DIARY DATES

Friday 9th May

Red Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Families Welcome

Friday 16th May

Orange Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Families welcome

Monday 12th May

Reception
Stockwood Museum Visit

Wednesday 14th May

Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Visit

Monday 19th May

African Art Day

Wednesday 21st May

Dress Up Day – Wednesday Wig Day - Clic Sargeant Charity

Thursday 22nd May

African Dance Workshops

HALF TERM

26th – 30th May 2014

Tuesday 10th June

Swimming starts every Tuesday and Thursday

Thursday 12th June 2013

9.30 am & 7.00 pm
New Parents Meeting for September 2015 intake

16th – 20th June

National Yr 1 Phonics Test Week (Yr 2's will be tested if they did not achieve pass mark last year)

Friday 20th June

KS1 Shakespeare Workshops
A Midsummers Night Dream

23rd – 27th June

Science Week
Wednesday 25th June
Science Carousel

PARKING

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines in Briar Road or North Approach. These lines are placed to show that the area must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders and most importantly children wanting to cross the road.

Letters Sent Out This Week

Kingswood Early Years Centre
Flyer

Primary Times

Found

A girls watch and a boys watch – please contact the school office