



15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Remember this term ends next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 1.30 pm and Spring Term starts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 8.55 am  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Families,

The end of our Autumn Term is almost here, on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. We've had a very busy and successful term, with the brilliant Christmas performances and a Panto for the children this week - the snow just added to the excitement! We still have our rescheduled Christmas lunch to look forward to on Monday and Half Term Achievement certificates will be presented to the children on Tuesday.

Thank you for being so understanding and supportive at the beginning of this week when we had to close unexpectedly and then were unable to open the usual entrances. We tried to keep you all informed as soon as possible and disruption to a minimum. **A big thank you to Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Toombs and Mr McHugh, the Site Manager from the junior school, who helped us with snow clearance**

The goodies we received from some of our families were really welcome in the staffroom and will keep us going, you have been really generous, thank you.

### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2017

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Decoration Day  
Christmas Lunch  
Rocksteady Assembly  
+ rocksteady parents



#### AUTUMN TERM ENDS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

### SPRING TERM 2018

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Spring Term starts

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1 Toys Workshop

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Full Governing Body Meeting

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Green Class Assembly – 2.30pm

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Phenomenal Phonics – 2.30pm

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Yellow Class Assembly

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February

Computing Week

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Yr2 Great Fire of London Workshop

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Purple Class Assembly – 2.30pm

#### HALF TERM

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Royal British Legion

We were able to send £126.49 to the Royal British Legion from the sale of poppies and other memorabilia.  
Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please check Lost Property for missing clothing or accessories. All items without a name will be disposed of at the end of this term. We will open the door from the playground at the beginning and end of school so that you have access.



### It's Panto Time!

Hurricane productions brought the theatre to us this week with a performance of Aladdin.



The children were captivated by the slap stick comedy and there was lots of laughter and boo's as they joined in with the show. The children have been working on a recount of the story in class.

### The Story of Christmas

All the children have been busy learning songs, poems and lines to perform *The Story of Christmas*. The children were all really proud to show their families just how hard they have been working. All the staff thought they were brilliant as I'm sure you did.



Don't forget – if your child is in Year 2 you must apply for a junior school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## After the Thaw

Unfortunately we were not able to allow the children out to play in all the snow, the playground resembled an ice rink!



But the mud kitchen was very productive after the thaw for this group of children!



These boys allowed their creativity to shine through and were very proud of the fort they were making out of bricks in the Reception outdoor area.

## Carols at the Leavesden Green Hub, off Clarke Way, WD25 0BW

We will be getting together at the Leavesden Green Hub next Thursday, 21st December, to sing carols. All families are welcome and this a great opportunity to show the local community just how brilliant the children at Kingsway are! So if you can come meet Mrs Walmsley at 6.20 pm at the Hub. The children have been learning traditional carols at school and will be singing two that they are all familiar with and joining in with the others as well as they can. Refreshments will be served at the end, children need to be accompanied by an adult throughout the service.


## Safeguarding

It is important to notify the school if your child is absent, has a medical appointment or running late. If a reason of ill health is given which later is found not to be the case (perhaps a family holiday or outing) this will be marked as unauthorised. Please notify us by phone by 9.30 am. If we do not hear from you we will endeavour to contact you or one of the other contacts we hold for your child. If we do not get a reply or reason for absence the matter will be passed on to the Attendance Officer.

## Attendance and 100% Attendance

Blue Class won the attendance cup last week – with Orange and Green Classes a close second - well done! Children who were in school everyday for this half term will be rewarded with a certificate, children who were in school for the whole of the Autumn term will receive a badge and certificate. We will celebrate their achievements in assembly next term when they will be presented with their certificates and badges. Names will be published with the newsletter and on our website.

*Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.*

<b>ORANGE</b>	96.3%	<b>RED</b>	90.7%
<b>GREEN</b>	96.3%	<b>YELLOW</b>	89.0%
<b>BLUE</b> 	96.6%	<b>PURPLE</b>	95.0%

## English Challenge

Act out a scene from a nursery rhyme. Christmas carol or story with friends or family.

## Philosophy For Children (P4C)

Is it better to give or receive at Christmas?

What do you think?

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

100 Day Celebration

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Blue Class Assembly 2.30pm

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Parent Consultations

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Parent Consultations

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

St. David's Day

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Quiz Night

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Orange Class Assembly 2.30pm

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Yr2 Buck County Museum Visit

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Red Class Assembly 2.30pm

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St. Patrick's Day

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Book Fair in school until 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Full Governing Body Meeting

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Yr1 Aldenham Country Park Visit

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Non Uniform Day – Eggs for Fair & small change for Sport Relief

Sport Relief Assembly

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Fair 2.30-4.30pm

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Sponsored Fundraising Event

### SPRING TERM ENDS

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

### SUMMER TERM 2018

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term starts

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

### HALF TERM

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

### SUMMER TERM ENDS

FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

### 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

Children

### 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

Children

## Christmas Fair Raffle

We have an unclaimed raffle prize from our Christmas Fair. If this is yours please claim from the school office by 18<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

**Green Ticket No. 39**

## Letters

**Sent Out This Week**

**Community Carol Service**