



Kingsway Infant School

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----- 9th September 2016 -----

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new families who have joined us this this term, I look forward to getting to know you during the coming school year. The children have settled into school very quickly including our Reception pupils who have been happily exploring their new school and making friends. A great start to the term. We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the teacher' sessions over the next two weeks. A separate flyer is coming home today with details of dates for this school year, keep an eye on the newsletter and website for updates.

I have been delighted to see the children arriving happy and on time this week – please keep it up! **A prompt 8.55am start to the beginning of the day** helps to 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, badges and medals which are presented in our achievement assembly. A cup is presented to the class with the best attendance each week. **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 before 9.30 am to let us know they will not be at school.**

Headteachers **no longer have the discretion to allow time off in a school year** for a family holiday, days out, weddings etc. or to agree extended leave for parents to visit their country of origin. If your child is absent from school because of a holiday or family occasion 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 send in a letter or 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. Teaching Assistants can take messages and any urgent matter or appointments can be dealt with at the school office.

On a Friday morning from **8.25 am to 8.55 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

Parent to Lunch
starts after
half term

Reminders

Please remember to bring PE kit, book bag, reading books.

**Bring a water bottle filled with fresh water each day,
and a coat – summer will soon be over!**

All clothes and accessories must be named.

**Items of 'Lost Property' without a name will be disposed of at
the end of every half term.**

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2016 STARTS FOR CHILDREN

Monday 5th September

Tuesday 13th September

Roald Dahl Day Art Competition

Wednesday 14th September

Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 15th September

'My First Day' Photograph –
Reception children

Friday 16th September

Reception Parents Meet the
Teacher 12.30 pm

Year 1 Parents Meet the Teacher
2.40 pm

Monday 19th September

Year 2 Parents Meet the Teacher
2.40pm

Wednesday 21st September

Volunteer Induction Meeting 2.30-
3.00pm

Thursday 22nd September

Volunteer Induction Meeting 9.00-
9.30am

Friday 23rd September

Fundraising Meeting 9.00 am

Wednesday 28th September

Athlete Visit

Friday 30th September

Christmas Card Artwork sent home
(Order online by 11th October)

Monday 3rd October

School Photographs

Tuesday 11th October

Last day to order Christmas Cards,
tags etc. online

Monday 17th October

Parents Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 19th October

Parent Consultations 5.30-8.00pm

Friday 21st October

Harvest Festival

9.30-Orange, Blue & Yellow Classes
2.30-Red, Purple & Green Classes

Wednesday 2nd November

School Disco 5.00-6.00pm

Thursday 3rd November

Phenomenal Phonics Fun for
Parents & Children 2.45 pm

Friday 4th November

Parent to Lunch

Wednesday 9th November

Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 11th November

Open Day – Tours for prospective
parents 9.30, 10.30 & 1.30

Parent to Lunch

Meet the Teacher Meetings

All parents and carers are invited to a meeting with their child's new teacher. Here, the teacher will go through their plans and expectations and share the school's ethos, as well as explaining how the school week is organised, for example they will explain how it works when children have PE, library sessions or swimming etc. and many other aspects of day to day life for your child. Parents/carers are able to ask questions, become familiar with the classroom and generally get to know the teacher and assistants.

The dates of the meeting are:-

Reception	Year 1	Year 1
Friday 16 th Sept 12.30 pm	Friday 16 th Sept 2.40 pm	Monday 19 th Sept 2.40 pm

If you cannot make it to the meeting notes will be sent home. Please use the North Approach entrance.

School Fund Contributions

Contributions of £3.50 towards school funds are now due. The money will be spent on food for cooking, art, and science and technology materials. Please send your contribution to school, cash in a named sealed envelope, cheques payable to Kingsway Infant School. You may pay £3.50 per term or just £10.00 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.

Watford's Big Sports Day

One day, six hours, sports galore: football with Watford FC, tennis, athletics – even a sack race, BMXing, a climbing wall, exercise classes, and more. Watford's Big Sports Day will be in The Parade on Saturday 10 September from 11am to 5pm. Try something new, get fit and have lots of fun. More information at www.watfordbigevents.co.uk.

Contactline 01992 588574

Contactline is a 'quick queries' service for members of the Hertfordshire community. Please call if you would like to discuss an issue or query about a child or young person's development, learning or emotional wellbeing, or if you just want to find out more about the way they work. During school term-time Contactline will run on a Tuesday and Wednesday 2.00 – 4.30pm and during school holidays on Wednesday only.

Good Eye Health

Boots Opticians have developed a free story book in partnership with the National Literacy Trust that also helps parents check their child's vision. Download your free story book at zookeeperzoe.co.uk.

Beating Cancer with FTWUK – Raising Money for Ossie – Friday 21st October 2016

Full Throttle Wrestling UK are staging an event to raise money for a seriously ill child, Ossie, who may have to go to another country for treatment. The event is at Watersmeet, High Street, Rickmansworth and doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start finishing at approximately 10pm. Tickets are £12.50. Go to www.ossieboysfund.co.uk to buy tickets, find out more or make a donation or phone Sara on 07939 560159 or Nick on 07494 970385.

FREE Primary School Magazine

Take a look at this great digital magazine FREE for all parents of primary school children. It's packed full of advice to help you get the best out of primary school for your child.

Just visit this link to read completely for free: www.backtoschoolmagazine.com

DIARY DATES

Mon 14th-Fri 18th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 18th November

Children In Need Dress Up Day
Flu Vaccinations Year 1 & Year 2
Parent to Lunch

Thursday 24th November

Non Uniform Day – Jazzy Jars & Bottles for Tombola Stall

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

Friday 2nd December

Non Uniform Day – Cakes for Fair
Parent to Lunch
Christmas Fair 2.30-4.00pm

Friday 9th December

Parent to Lunch

Monday 12th December

Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm

Tuesday 13th December

Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Show 2.00pm
2 ADULT TICKETS PER FAMILY

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Dinner & Parties

Thursday 15th December

Reception Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm

Friday 16th December

Reception Christmas Show
2 ADULT TICKETS PER FAMILY

AUTUMN TERM 2016 ENDS

Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm

SPRING TERM 2017 STARTS

Thursday 5th January

HALF TERM

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February

SPRING TERM 2017 ENDS

Friday 31st March at 1.30pm

SUMMER TERM 2017 STARTS

Tuesday 18th April

MONDAY 1ST MAY

School Closed – Bank Holiday

HALF TERM

Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

Occasional Day – School Closed

SUMMER TERM 2017 ENDS

Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm

FRI 21ST & MON 24TH JULY

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

Letters Sent Out This Week

Musical Theatre Club

Kingsway Katz Club

Multisports Club

Year 1 Art Club

Data Collection Sheets

Year 1 & 2 Flu Consent Form

Children's Centre Programme (by email & on website)

eSafety Newsletter (by email & on website)