

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village

Primary School

15th September 2023



Our School value for this term is:

REMEMBERING

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge 'welcome back' to all the children and staff after the summer holidays. The children have settled in really well into their new routines and look smart in their uniforms all ready to learn.



We welcome to the staff team Mrs Soldano teaching in Reception, Miss Quartermain our new Year 1 Teacher, Miss Peck a new SEND Support Teaching Assistant and Mrs Heigold our new Lunchtime Supervisor. As always, the staff have prepared thoroughly over the summer holidays and our new topics are well underway.

- Reception: All About Me!
- Key stage 1 The Great Fire of London
- Year 3 and 4 The Romans
- Year 5 and 6 Angry Planet



Our Big Maths sessions for KS2 begin next week and we have some new clubs this year including Archery and Performing Arts, that have now already started. Our additional music tuition has also begun this week and if further places are required for any of our extra-curricular provision then please see the before and after school club page for contact details.

Our new wellbeing hub is now complete which will be utilised as a multipurpose space with a keen focus on supporting mental wellbeing for all. Each Class has had a tour of the building this week and we are running a competition to design the logo for the hub. We have lots of plans and events planned once we have managed to get the hub furnished and am so excited to see this project finally launched.



Over the summer Mr Gailiute (parent of Regita in Year 4) rebuilt all our flower / planting beds complete with paving slabs, new storage boxes and composters. I would just like to thank Andrius for his hard work and generosity. The garden area looks amazing and I know the children can't wait to start gardening and maintaining this area of our school grounds. Projects for this area of the school will be initially linked to Forest School and Eco Schools.



Our new Reception children have been coming in for their half days and started staying for lunch last Wednesday. This cohort has settled in really well and the National Baseline Assessments have already been completed. For parents new to our school, a huge welcome and we look forward to working with you.

Attendance this year has become a priority for the school. Holidays cannot be authorised during term time and we will be monitoring all children's attendance closely and offering support if / where required. Please ensure that your child(ren) attends school every day where possible. Days missed from school have a huge impact on the children learning and over time create significant gaps in the children's learning.

Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week (ideally every day) as reading is one of the single most powerful impact parents can have on their child learning. Also writing to your class teacher in the diary is a good way to communicate. Please ask the children to show your message first thing in the mornings.

During the school year we have lots of fun events and activities planned around reading although our key whole school focus this year is Writing.



Golden time that is earned by the children through good behaviour has been revamped this year with an additional sports coach being employed to deliver bespoke sports activities and more staff able to put on various activities. In key stage two a new golden time sign up system has been designed which will give the children greater choice from previous years.

We have an exciting and already fun packed year ahead – Please continue to check the app for key messages and updates and welcome back everyone!

Mr B Gwynne

- Please be advised that parents are not permitted to park in the School Carpark unless issued a permit by agreement with the Head Teacher.
- We are a totally nut free School as we have several children with severe allergies, so please be mindful when packing your child lunch!

Before and After School Clubs

Day	Club & Provider	Year Groups	Time
Monday	Breakfast Club - Pacesetter	Year R to Year 6	7:45am-8:45am
Monday	Basketball - Hotshots	Year 3 to Year 6	8:00am-8:45am
Monday	Performing Arts - Freestyle	Year 1 to Year 6	End of School-5:00pm
Tuesday	Breakfast Club - Pacesetter	Year R to Year 6	7:45am-8:45am
Tuesday	NMPAT – Guitar/Ukulele – Mr Spinner	Year 2 to Year 6	12.40pm-15.10pm
Tuesday	Dodgeball - Freestyle	Year 1 to Year 6	End of School-5:00pm
Wednesday	Breakfast Club - Pacesetter	Year R to Year 6	7:45am-8:45am
Wednesday	Drums – Tom Relihan	Year 2 to Year 6	10.00am-14.40pm
Wednesday	KS2 Tag Rugby Club - Pacesetter	Year 3 to Year 6	12:00am-12:35pm
Wednesday	Chess Club - Mr Gwynne (TBC)	KS2	End of School-4:30pm
Thursday	Breakfast Club - Pacesetter	Year R to Year 6	7:45am-8:45am
Thursday	Gymnastics - Freestyle	Year 1 to Year 6	8:00am-8:45am
Thursday	NMPAT – Brass – Mr Fountain	Year 2 to Year 6	10.00am-10.20am
Thursday	Archery - Freestyle	Year 1 to Year 6	End of School-5:00pm
Friday	Breakfast Club - Pacesetter	Year R to Year 6	7:45am-8:45am
Friday	NMPAT – Woodwind – Mrs Muller	Year 2 to Year 6	11.00am-12.10pm
Friday	Football - Freestyle	Year 1 to Year 6	End of School-5:00pm

Club Contact Details

Freestyle - <https://freestylegroup.co.uk/homepage/>
 (Book online) mail@freestylesocceracademy.co.uk

Pacesetters - 01604 686367
 (Book online) www.pacesetteronline.co.uk/kingsthorpe

Hotshots - **Mark Spatcher** 07775 670375 - **Kris Jenkins** 07768907271
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