

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

29th September 2023



Our School value for this term is:

REMEMBERING

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has definitely turned Autumnal and the children have been practicing singing our harvest songs with our Harvest Service at the church taking place yesterday. Thank you to all our families that sent the children with produce for the church which will go to the local Hope Centre for members of our community who need a little extra support.

Our breakfast club is being well attended with the school currently funding any short fall with Pacesetters. There are still places available for early morning drop offs just contact the school or Pacesetters directly to book a place.

Unfortunately, we have already had some pupil and staff illnesses (as tends to be the case this time of year.) We will continue to encourage good hand washing habits at the school with the children as there are quite a few virus's circulating at present. Also, please ensure that the children arrive to school with a suitable coat and include a jumper and joggers in their PE kits for when they do PE outside.



The School had a fire inspection from the County Fire Officer last Monday and passed with flying colours. We also hosted the County School Improvement Manager who quality assured the school leadership team against the schools' data and priorities which again was overwhelmingly positive. Our visitor carried out a learning walk into writing across the school and the children as always did the school proud. The staff at KVPS continue to work extremely hard to provide the best experiences for your children.



The children have been voting for their next School Council Representatives this week, and the results were announced in Friday's celebration assembly. Congratulations to all that were voted in. One of the School Councils first jobs will be to organise Halloween events and to make suggestions for the next whole school treat linked to the collection of our term's pebbles.

Our Reception children experienced their first whole school assembly on Monday and were brilliant. Some of the children even managed to join in with the singing. Our new cohort in Reception have settled very quickly and there is some super learning taking place which I'm sure the parents are enjoying viewing on Tapestry.



This year there is a strong focus on improving our writing across the school and we have already had some high-quality written pieces from the children linked to our Talk 4 Writing initiative. Encouraging the children to write at home where possible will also help support the school, for example recording the families takeaway order on a Friday, writing a Christmas list or for our younger children writing their full name and numbers to twenty. I know we have lots of children that like to write stories or keep diary's which is brilliant.

This term I am also looking for some more pieces of outstanding work to go on display behind the Perspex outside my office, this could include any homework tasks as well as class work. Please continue to support your child(ren) with their home learning including the all-important reading.

Finally, the children seem to really enjoy our new golden time arrangements that we have put in place for them this year and we will continue to be creative in the activities we put on for the children to enjoy.

Mr B Gwynne



Wellbeing Hub

As Mr Gwynne has stated, our new Wellbeing Hub is now refurbished and the children have been to have a look. The Wellbeing Hub will enable the school to have designated space to provide support for improving and maintaining wellbeing. We are still in the planning stages of what that might look like but we hope to create a calm and relaxed space for children and adults to learn strategies to cope with wellbeing issues, through family support groups within special educational needs, mental health and other family support areas. We will keep you updated as this project progresses and how you might become involved in one of our support groups.

Mrs Tillman

KS1 – Wow Day

Year 1 and 2 started their topic of 'The Great Fire of London' with a brilliant Wow Day. We started the day with exploring what London was like in 1666 and then we created artwork inspired by the fire. In the afternoon, we worked as a team to pass a bucket of water along the line to put out a fire, similar to how they would have done this in the past. We also learnt to sing 'London's Burning' which we enjoyed singing in three different parts.



Music Mark

I am delighted to say that Kingsthorpe Village has been awarded the Music Mark again. We are incredibly lucky enough to be able to provide string, woodwind, drum and brass lessons along with whole class brass in Year 4 along with choirs in KS1 and KS2 which is why we have given this award.



From Inside the Governing Body

I am delighted to write the first of this school term's Governor updates for the school newsletter. It is an aim of our school's Governing Board to ensure communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children are efficient. Hopefully providing updates in this newsletter will help with this. Each month you will hear from a different member of the Governing Board. You can remind yourself of who we all are by visiting the school website (Governing Board page). As Chair of the Governing Board I am in close liaison with the Senior Leadership Team and visit the school on a regular basis. We are planning our next Governor Fortnight in November, so do encourage your children to look out for us around school and talk to us about their learning.

Marie-Clare Soan, Chair of the Governing Board

To book a space visit

<http://www.pacesetteronline.co.uk/kingsthorpe>

Harvest Food Donations

Thank you for all of your food donations they were gratefully received by St John the Baptist Church. They have informed us this was enough to feed one hundred families!



Monday 2 nd October 5.00pm	Parents' Evening bookings open (on ParentMail)
Wednesday 4 th October 3.30pm-4.30pm	No Chess Club – after School
Monday 9 th October 9.15am	Height/Weight Checks Reception & Year 6 – School Nurse Team
Monday 16 th October 9.00am	School Photographs - Tempest
Tuesday 17 th October 5.00pm-8.00pm	Parents' Evening (Late)
Thursday 19 th October 3.50pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening (Early)
Friday 20 th October 3.30pm	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 30 th October 8.45am	Pupils return back to School
Tuesday 7 th November	Forest School starts – Year 3
Tuesday 7 th November 9.30am & 2.00pm	New Parent Tours
Thursday 9 th November (Monday 6 th November e-consent form deadline)	Flu Vaccinations – School Nurse Team
Thursday 16 th November 2.00pm	New Parent Tours

