

KINGFISHER NEWS

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KINGFISHER
PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Ms Fiona Armstrong

It has been amazing to get back into school after the summer holidays and welcome the children back. It is a pleasure to have each and every child as part of our Kingfisher family. We have also welcomed our new Swans Class who have settled in really well to school life.

Our after school clubs have been launched and are well attended. If you would like your child to attend a club please speak to the school office. The children really enjoy attending, making new friends and learning new skills.

If you haven't visited our new school website yet, please do check it out and let us know any feedback.

I hope you found the yearly events list that came out in our previous edition helpful. We will continue to up date this to help with our communication. We are looking forward to welcoming families back into the school through workshops, parent forums and celebratory events. Our first few events are outlined in this issue. We look forward to seeing you over the year. As always, please come and see us if you need any help.

Events

MEET THE TEACHER



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We would love to welcome you in to the school on **Friday 23rd from 3pm** to meet your child's new teacher, see their classroom and have a look at the amazing work your children have done so far. You will also receive a hand out of key information and it is an opportunity to informally talk to your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and sibling school photographs are being held on the morning of **Monday 17th October**.



COMMUNITY BIG DRAW EVENT

Kingfisher Primary School will be holding a community event on **Saturday 8th October 9:30-11:30** to celebrate the Big Draw. This will be an opportunity to explore different art workshops with your family. More details to follow. All children must be accompanied by at least one adult. All ages welcome.

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Reading



READING VOLUNTEERS

Could you spare a few hours a week helping our children with their reading? We are looking for volunteers to come into school and work with our children to support their fluency and love of reading. If you are interested please contact the school office or come along to our coffee morning on **Tuesday 4th October 9-10am.**

READING AT KINGFISHER

Reading is a key priority for us at Kingfisher this year. We expect every children to read at home for at least 15 minutes and for this to be recorded into their reading record book. Children from year 2 onwards will also have access to Accelerator Reader which is a fantastic tool for raising the profile of reading and logging the children's reading times. We can also use it to track their reading age and their progress so it is vital that all children choose books from their ZPD range and access the quizzes as soon as they have finished reading their book. If you need any further help with this please contact your child's class teacher.



PARENT WORKSHOP

For parents who have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we are holding a parent workshop on **Wednesday 5th October at 9am** to explain our phonics programme Read, Write Inc (RWI). Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

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Summer Updates



SCHOOL MAKE-OVER

Our wonderful school has been busy over the summer period and has had a few revamps. We now have new toilets in FS1, FS2, Year 1&2. The FS and KS1 classrooms have all been repainted. The hall has been repainted and is currently undergoing some cosmetic work to make our hall an amazing, ceremonial space and you may have seen that outside the front of the school, there has also been substantial painting and repair jobs. A huge thank you to Mr Hollands for working tirelessly over the summer to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be.



HALL GRAND OPENING

We would like to invite all of our families to our grand opening of our school hall on **Thursday 3rd November**.

Please join us for refreshments from 2:30pm and also enjoy looking around the school at our summer changes and seeing your child's classroom.



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Other News



ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS

Our class with the best attendance is:



SWANS CLASS!



Well done for your super attendance.

PARKING

Again it has been brought to our attention that parking on Kingfisher Drive is causing concern for the safety of our children, especially at pick up times. We ask parents to please be considerate when parking and that no cars should be parked on the yellow zig-zag lines, directly outside the school gate as this is illegal. Members of staff will be challenging any illegal parking.

May I also remind you not to park over residents' drives and be mindful that you are not causing obstructions, especially if an emergency vehicle needed to get through. We promote active lifestyles so please do walk or cycle where you can and ensure that all of our children are safe on the roads at drop off and pick up times. We really do need everyone's help to ensure the safety of all our families.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that our gates open at 8:40 am and close at 8:50am. Children who arrive after this time will need to come through the office and may receive a 'late' mark.

Children begin their learning at 8:50 and if children are persistently late, they are missing vital learning time and being able to settle into the classroom routines.

Our gates open again at 3:15pm for Reception children and 3:20pm for everyone else. Parents who are picking up FS, year 1 & 2 children, please kindly wait in the queue so we can send the children out as quickly as possible. Our teachers are finding it difficult to locate parents quickly when they are faced with a sea of faces. We appreciate your support with getting your children to you quickly and safely. We also have an expectation that all children should have at least 96% attendance. This equates to no more than 10 days absence across the year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality, please do come and see us.

DOGS

As much as we love seeing your 4 legged friends, dogs are not permitted on site and we kindly ask you not to leave your dogs with our school staff. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Yearly Planner

Please note key dates for the year. Any amendments are in red.

Week	Date	Cycle	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	29-Aug		BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED
1	05-Sep	1	INSET DAY	INSET DAY			
2	12-Sep	1		Ronald Dahl Day			
3	19-Sep	1	BANK HOLIDAY		Mayor of Medway visit am		Meet the teacher 3pm
4	26-Sep	1					Macmillan coffee morning
5	03-Oct	1	Black history month Big Draw week	Volunteer reading coffee morning 9-10	Parent RVI workshop	GSF	GSF Saturday- 8th Big Draw community event
6	10-Oct	1					
7	17-Oct	1			Harvest festival		Parent Book look & Diwali festival
	24-Oct		HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
8	31-Oct	1	SAF 1 opens FS Pumpkin festival			Hall Grand Opening	
9	07-Nov	1					SAF 1 closes Remembrance Day
10	14-Nov	1	Anti-bullying week		Parent consultations	Parent consultations	Children in need
11	21-Nov	1					
12	28-Nov	1	Griffin Children's Chorus Carols Performance			Christingle	
13	05-Dec	1					Christmas jumper day
14	12-Dec	2	FS & KS1 Nativity	FS & KS1 Nativity	The Grinch Performance in schools		
	19-Dec		Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
	26-Dec		BOXING DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY (Substitute)	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
15	02-Jan	2	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Substitute)	INSET DAY			
16	09-Jan	2					
17	16-Jan	2					
18	23-Jan	2	Chinese New Year				RSPB Birdwatch
19	30-Jan	2					
20	06-Feb	2	Shakespeare week	Safer Internet Day			Parent Book look
21	13-Feb		HALF-TERM (K, La, L, R, SW, WB)	HALF-TERM (K, La, L, R, SW, WB)	HALF-TERM (K, La, L, R, SW, WB)	HALF-TERM (K, La, L, R, SW, WB)	HALF-TERM (K, La, L, R, SW, WB)
22	20-Feb	2					
23	27-Feb	2	SAF 2 opens				Founders Day
24	06-Mar	2	GSS				SAF 2 closes
25	13-Mar	2	British science week				Comic Relief
26	20-Mar	2					
27	27-Mar	2		Parent consultations	Parent consultations		
	03-Apr		Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	GOOD FRIDAY
	10-Apr		EASTER MONDAY	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
28	17-Apr	3	SAF 3 opens				
29	24-Apr	3					SAF 3 closes
30	01-May	3	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY				
31	08-May	3	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	
32	15-May	3					
33	22-May	3					Parent book look & Big Sing
	29-May		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
34	05-Jun	3					
35	12-Jun	3					
36	19-Jun	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
37	26-Jun	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
38	03-Jul	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
39	10-Jul	3					Book look and reports
40	17-Jul	3					
	24-Jul	3		Schools finish			