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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we have spent time reviewing and developing our homework offer to children and you will receive this half-term's homework on Wednesday next week. Our new approach is intended to support children to develop a love of learning and will give you an insight into the topics taught in school. Each year group team will be sending out a list of suggested project ideas for children to complete at home and we ask that you support your child to work on just one of these ideas. The projects should be handed in on Monday 17th October so that they can be displayed and presented in school.

In addition to the projects, we ask that children read for 10 minutes each day at home, recording their reading in their Reading Journal. We have also developed our TTRockstars offer and ask that Key Stage 2 children work for 20 minutes across the week on the activities set by their teacher. In Key Stage 1, children should use the Numbots app (part of TTRockstars) to support them to develop their basic calculation skills. Finally, we will be sending home a suggested list of spellings to practise at home each half-term to support children to learn their year group spelling list. We hope that you enjoy engaging in a project with your child; we are looking forward to celebrating their outcomes just before the half-term break.

This week in school Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Kent and I have visited each class to see how children are learning in their English lessons. We are pleased to report that children were seen to be working hard to meet high expectations set by teachers and clear progress in learning was witnessed in all classes across the school.

We have identified priorities for the coming year which we feel will help our school to develop further. This year our focus will be on:

- Improving further our outcomes in reading, writing and maths;
- Increasing children's attendance in school;
- Giving children more opportunities to learn about the world around us; and
- Developing our new governing body.

If you would like to support the school on our improvement journey, we would love for you to join our new team of governors. See below for more information.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Read

Head of School

House Points				
This week's points are:				
Blue	372	Green	235	
Red	288		325	
		Well done to	Blue Team!	

Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

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Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock	
RK	Evie S	Charlotte P	
1B	Jacob A	Lenny B	
1M	Abigail F	Ellie F	
2C	Star M	Thomas K	
2D	Mustafa T	Jack R	
3LM	Grabriella M	Abdullah T	
3S	Ted B	Riley C	
4P	Finley W	Harrison B	
4W	Alfie And	Logan S	
5Ro	Mila L	Rhys B	
5Ru	Milasi D A	Diya T	
6C	Filip B	Jayden B	
6T	Autumn H	Logan T	

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Showing Our Respects

Following the sad news last week, we have set up a special area in school to show our respects to HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Willow (RK) also brought in her doll of the Queen, knitted by her Grandma. Thank you to Iris (1M) who laid a sunflower at the gates of Sandringham House on behalf of all at Kingsfield.



Please remember school will be closed on Monday 19th September for the public holiday due to the royal



A plea for some socks!

Our Reception class would appreciate a donation of some socks. Their stocks of age 4-5 socks are very low meaning they are not



able to provide socks when children have accidents in school. If you have any socks that you could donate to school, please could you contact Mrs. Kent on ckent@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk or catch her on the Reception gate before or after school.

Help Needed

We are looking for local businesses who might like to support the school's initiative to promote reading.

Last year, we started to reward children who have read at home 50, 100, 150 or 200 times with a certificate and a book. This has helped to encourage more children to read at home and we would love to continue this during this academic year.

If you know of a local business who would like to sponsor the purchase of some of the books used as prizes, please get in touch with Mrs. Read via the school office or on Iread@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk.

School Governance

We are looking to form a new, local governing body for our amazing school. Being a governor is a volunteer role which is highly rewarding. You will get to see the inside workings of the school and support senior leaders in key areas. You do not need to have previous experience but we do ask that you are enthusiastic and willing to learn.

Meetings will vary on number depending on the role undertaken but they will be held at least termly within the school day. Active Learning Trust will provide appropriate training for new governors and there is an ongoing cycle of training for those experienced members.

If you are interested in being considered for a governance role, please contact Mrs. Kate Coates on head@kingsfield.cambs.sch.uk.

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Celebrating Success

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House Captains 2022 - 2023

We have seen democracy in action in Year 6 this week! We were thrilled that so many children chose to put their name forward to be House Captains, writing a letter to explain why they would make a good representative for other children. After presenting their letters to their peers, the house members voted for their new captains.

Congratulations to Ava J & Lacey L,
Connor K & Rosie M, Cameryn &
Katherina and Oscar W & Shelby R.

In addition to the House Captains, we have a Rainbow Captain, elected to chair meetings and organise the work of the House Captains. Congratulations to Erin S.

We look forward to seeing the children blossom in their new roles.



Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday this week was Roald Dahl Day which was celebrated throughout school. Mr. Rhodes led our assembly, sharing character descriptions from Roald Dahl books for children to match to images of the characters. In classes, children listened to and read favourite Roald Dahl books. Here are Reception wearing yellow for the day.



Whole-school Nurture



Over the past two years, we have worked hard to develop a nurturing approach throughout school, based on our school ethos and values **Ready**, **Respectful**, **Safe**, and the six nurture principles. Our nurture groups will be re-starting from Monday and letters have been sent out this week for those children joining the groups. If you would like to know more about this, please speak with Miss. Mills.

Our nurture approach is part of our SEND strategy used to support children with additional needs in school. If you feel that your child has additional needs and you would like to discuss this with our SENDCo, Miss. Mills, please contact the school office to book a slot at one of her Wednesday morning drop-in sessions held fortnightly. The next session will be on Wednesday 28th September between 8.45am and 10am.

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Check Your Diary...



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Upcoming Events For Families

School closure - 19th September 2022: Please remember that this date is a public holiday so school will be closed. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 20th September.

Year 6 Residential Visit 20th & 21st September: Children should meet at the Furrowfields car park and the coach will leave at 9am. Please remember your packed lunch and refillable water bottle.

Year 6 children not attending the visit should enter school and register at the school office with Mrs. Read before joining your allocated class.

<u>Church Assembly - 29th September:</u> Juliette and Claire from Chatteris Parish Church will be joining us for our Singing Assembly.

Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week. New dates or changes are highlighted in red font.

Autumn Term Dates 2022

14th September—7th December - Y5 Swimming

19th September - School Closure

20th to 21st September - Year 6 Residential Visit to Grafham Water

26th & 28th September - Open morning for prospective Reception parents

29th September - Church Assembly

6th October - Year 1 Walk to Church

7th October - Slip Into Slippers Charity Day

7th October - Year 2 visit to King Edward Centre

7th October - Year 1 Bikeability

10th October - Year 5 Bikeability

13th October - Whole-school Skipping Event

14th October - Year 1 History Off The Page Visitor

18th October - Individual & Family photographs

19th October Speed Stacking Competition

19th October - Parent Consultations

20th October - Parent Consultations

21st October - Play Leader Training

24th to 28th October 2022 – Half term

7th November - Flu vaccinations

11th November - Girls' Football Festival

18th November - Tag Rugby Competition

7th December - EYFS Nativity 9am

12th December - Flu vaccinations

14th December - KS1 Christmas Production 9am

20th December – Last day of term

21st December 2022 - PD Day

Spring Term Dates 2023

4th January - Children return to school

11th January—29th March - Year 4 Swimming

13th January - Year 3 &4 Bikeability

19th January - Reception Vision Check

13th to 17th February – Half term

20th February – PD Day

21st February - Children return to school

27th February - Year R Bikeability

21st March - Year 3, 4 & 5 Production 1.30pm

22nd March - Parent Consultations

23rd March - Parent Consultations

31st March – Last day of term

Summer Term Dates 2023

17th April - Children return to school

19th April—28th June - Year 3 Swimming

20th April - Group Photographs

1st May – Bank Holiday

23rd May—11th July - 6C swimming

25th May—13th July - 6T swimming

26th May – PD Day

29th May to 2nd June - Half term

5th June - Year 6 Bikeability

13th July - Year 1 Visit to Wicken Fen

18th July - Celebration of Work

18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Production 6pm

19th July - Year6 Leavers' Assembly 9am

19th July – Last day of term