

Weekly Newsletter



19th January 2018

Another Kingsfield week has flown by. We were disappointed that Year 3 missed out on their trip to Cambridge yesterday, but given the high winds we felt it safer to stay at school. We will try and rearrange the visit as soon as we can. Watch out for further information.

The new system for teaching English is going well and there is more evidence of writing happening across the school. Feedback from the children is that they are certainly enjoying some of the texts the staff are choosing. For example, Year 6 have responded very well to the book, 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown. The Year 1 children have been writing some lovely stories of their own based on the story of The Gigantic Turnip – great!

In addition to the changes to the English lessons, the children are also having daily guided reading sessions. This means that they should be reading twice a week with an adult within a group, carrying out two lots of work linked to the reading they have been doing, some children will complete comprehension activities whilst others will carry out phonic activities. The children now have books to record all this reading work and these will show when adults have read with them. Consequently reading logs will just have the reading the children are doing at home recorded in them. Please speak to class teachers if you have any questions. We really value the time you take to read with your children regularly, please keep doing this as it makes such a huge difference to the children's progress.

We are introducing another new initiative in school – we want to highlight the importance of being polite and respectful to each other. To that end we will be having a focus on a different manner every week. We will share more information with you about this in the in next newsletter.

Behaviour for Learning Focus

The focus for assembly next week is:
Independence

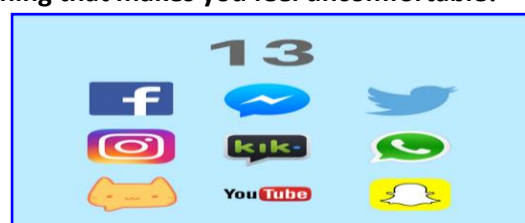
PE/GAMES

Can we please remind parents that during PE earrings should be removed where possible to avoid any accidents whilst using the PE equipment. If you wish your child to cover their earrings with tape, the tape should be provided for them to use.

Start of the Day

There are several children arriving on the school site as early as 8am. Children should not be on site until just before school opens at 8.35am. There are no staff on duty outside to supervise the children.

E-Safety: please be aware of the relevant age restrictions on different social media platforms. Children, if you are accessing these apps please make sure you are supervised and you report anything that makes you feel uncomfortable!



Pinocchio

Reception and Key Stage 1 had a very enjoyable afternoon watching the pantomime (*oh no they didn't...OH YES THEY DID!!*) The children were very excited and full of information about the show when they left the hall. They produced some lovely writing the following day.

Reception News

We have had another busy week in Reception. It started off watching the pantomime; the children joined in, shouting, screaming and clapping excitedly! In phonics we are sending the next stage of tricky words for you to help your child learn. Please feel free to cut the words up and use them as flashcards to help your child learn these words by sight. Phonics homework will also start to look a bit different. We will not be sending anymore new sounds for a while.

We are now at the stage of practising using all the sounds your child has been taught when reading and writing words. In maths we have been learning about simple addition and subtraction. Children have enjoyed being challenged with simple mathematical word problems and it has been wonderful seeing their faces light up when they successfully answer different calculations.

HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice reported could we ask all parents to please check their child/rens hair and treat if necessary.

Celebration Cake

A big well done to class 6PC for 100% attendance.

They really enjoyed their well-deserved cake.



Sporting Events

We are very excited to be entering some more sporting competitions this half term. We will be entering 2 teams into both the Fenland Stacking Cups Competition and the Fenland Quick Sticks Tournament in February. We will update you with the children's achievements after the events; we know they are all busy practising in preparation. Good Luck to all those involved!

BIKES/SCOOTERS

Please remind your children that they must dismount from their bike or scooter before coming on to the school grounds and must wheel them off the site.



Attendance

This week's winners of the attendance cups are:

Lower School

1st place: 2SC
2nd place: RAB
3rd place: 1CE

Upper School

1st place: 6PC
2nd place: 5AT
3rd place: 3CB

Whole school attendance is 96%

Diary Dates

Date	Events
29 th January	Pantomime – Pinocchio for Upper school
30 th January 6pm	Year 2 SATS information evening
31 st January	Year 4 to Fitzwilliam
7 th -9 th February	Year 4 Burwell House
12 th - 16 th February	Half term
19 th February	NSPCC in school
23 rd February	Year 6 Quiksticks competition at Cromwell
w/c 26 th February	Book week
5 th March	Year 2 trip to Stibbington
9 th March	Team building event Year 5
13 th March	Preschool New parents information evening
21 st March	Parents evening
22 nd March	Parents evening (including Preschool till 5pm).
27 th March 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
28 th March 2 pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
29 th March	Last day of term
16 th April	School returns (Preschool staff home visiting)
18 th April	Preschool returns
7 th May	Bank holiday
w/c 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
28 th May – 1 st June	Half term
29 th June	Sports Day
3 rd July	Preschool New parents information evening
6 th July	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production
12 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production
18 th July 3-6 pm	Parent open evening to discuss reports
19 th July 6pm	Preschool last day of term Kingsfield's Got Talent
20 th July 8.50am 8.45am-11.45 am	Leavers' Assembly Preschool Oak room leavers party School's last day of term