



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first half term of the new academic year. It has been a busy but rewarding few weeks and I am very proud of the way in which all our pupils have settled into their new classes and how they have demonstrated a really positive attitude to their learning.

Here are just a few things that we would like to celebrate and share with you from the first half term.

Wishing you a very enjoyable half term.

Mrs Evans



### The Kingsfield Code

We launched our Kingsfield Code at the beginning of the year and have been very pleased with the impact that it has made in school. The children are working very hard and are very proud of the coins they receive for their efforts. It is also such a pleasure to award the Behaviours for Learning Certificates in our Praise Assemblies and I have been particularly impressed with the motivation children have shown for homework—I have really enjoyed seeing the bridges constructed by the Y4 children and the independent practice of spellings and times tables.



### New Look Praise

#### Assemblies

In order to make our Praise Assemblies more personal (and more comfortable!) we now have two Praise Assemblies: one for Key Stage 1 on Tuesday and one for Key Stage 2 on Thursday. We award Headteacher's Certificates and Behaviour for Learning Certificates.

We are continuing with our class assemblies; so far this term, we have enjoyed presentations from 6VH, 6PC and 5NF.

It is lovely to see so many parents and carers taking time out of busy schedules to attend these celebrations.



### Attendance

During the Praise Assemblies, we also celebrate good attendance. Classes in KS1 and KS2 are awarded First, Second and Third place certificates ... and we also have a cake for the classes with 100% attendance for the previous week. So far, we have presented 3 cakes to 4AP, 5NF and 1MN. Well done!

Whole school attendance to date is 96.4%, slightly below our target of 97%. Let's see if we can be above our target by the time of my next newsletter.



### Dictionaries

Dictionaries and thesauri have now been purchased for each of the classes with the proceeds from the Summer Fayre. Children are making good use of them in their classes to support their written work.

### New Website



Our new website is now live and we are beginning to build up the content for you to access. One key element to look out for is a new half-termly year group newsletter. This will give key information about events and curriculum/topic work for the forthcoming term. It will also include some key word spellings to practice.



### Educational Visits

We have undertaken three key educational visit activities this term. Year 4 have been to Cambridge to look at the architecture and magnificent buildings in the city; Year 3 had a very chocolatey experience at Cadbury World and our Y6 children have enjoyed their residential visit to Grafham Water.

As always the children involved represent Kingsfield in an exemplary manner; it was indeed a pleasure to take part in the Cadbury World visit and witness the enthusiasm and engagement of the children.



### Quantum Theatre

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have recently enjoyed a visit from the Quantum Theatre group to support their maths work. The 'Desperate Measures' production brought mathematical shapes to life; the children were enthralled with the 'Star Wars' themed approach to 2D and 3D shape, measure and area.



### Bikes and Scooters on Site

Recently we have seen a rise in the number of scooter and bike users in school. It is lovely to see everyone being so keen to keep fit! It is however important that we keep everyone safe on school grounds; could I therefore ask that you help us to ensure that the children are pushing their scooters or bikes once they are through the school gates. Likewise, if you are bringing a younger child along with a scooter or bike, could you please ensure that you remain vigilant and not allow them to ride around the playground.

Thank you for supporting us with this matter.



## Parents' Forum

It is great to see how our Parents' Forum is growing in membership and your continued comments and feedback are warmly welcomed. The recent meetings focused on our new Behaviours for Learning and on the format of school reports. We agreed a new format for the reports: a summary report at Christmas and Easter, followed by a longer report at the end of the year. Look out for an information sheet which will give you more detail on the proposed new formats.

Our next Forum meetings will be on Thursday 8th December 2016. Please come and join us.



## Parking on Site

Could I also kindly ask that (unless in an emergency or if you have a Disabled Parking Badge) you do not bring your cars on site when collecting or bringing your children, or their belongings, in to school. We need to make sure that the site is accessible in the event that we would need to have emergency vehicles on site. The office staff have now been asked to advise you to park outside of school.

Thank you again for your co-operation.



## Mobile Contacts

We now have a new texting system in school to help us communicate key information to you. It is vital therefore that we have your most up-to-date mobile numbers on our school records. If you do change your phone and update your number, please let us know—that way we can contact you quickly and efficiently.

Please note that we will be issuing text reminders for absences; the texts will prompt you to explain why your child is absent if you have not already let the school know.



## DIARY DATES

- Oct 21 ~ School training day
- Oct 24—28th ~ Half Term
- Nov 3 ~ Maths / Literacy Workshop for Parents (Years 4, 5 and 6)
- Nov 8 ~ Individual Photos
- Nov 17 ~ Maths / Literacy Workshop for Parents (Years 1,2 and 3)
- Nov 18 ~ Flu vaccination day for Y1,2 and 3
- Nov 21~ Information sessions for Y6 Parents re SATs
- Nov 28 ~ 2nd Dec ~ Book Fayre
- Dec 1 ~ Christmas Fayre
- Dec 8 ~ Pre School & Yrs R, 1 & 2 Christingle in KE Hall ~ pm
- Dec 12 ~ Pre School/Rec Nativity ~ pm
- Dec 13 ~ Pre School/Rec Nativity ~ pm
- Dec 14 ~ Pre School/Rec Nativity ~ am
- Dec 14 ~ Y1/2 Xmas Production ~ pm
- Dec 15 ~ Pre School/Rec Nativity ~ am
- Dec 15 ~ Y1/2 Xmas Production ~ pm
- Dec 19 ~ Carol Service at Church ~ am
- Dec 20th ~ School closes for Christmas



**Wishing you all, on behalf of the Staff, Governors and Active Learning Trust, a very enjoyable half term holiday!**

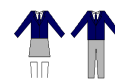


## Information from our School Nurse

During our recent Parent's Forum meeting, we were asked about head lice. I have taken the opportunity to speak with our School Nurse, Karen, who advises regular combing through wet hair (with conditioner applied) to check for the presence of the lice and eggs. A fine-toothed nit comb should be used.

If you do encounter eggs/lice, please inform school so that we can then advise classes/parents as necessary.

We will also be holding a 'Bug Busting' day on 31st January 2017. More information about the day will be available nearer the time .



## School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named; after the first few weeks we already have a growing collection of jumpers and cardigans in lost property. Thank you,



## Mathletics

The Mathletics program is now up and running in school and your child should have his/her individual login details so that the program can be accessed at home. It is a great way to practise the maths skills acquired in school.



## Parent Pay

Parent Pay is a quick and efficient way of making payments to school; we would be grateful if you would use this method when paying for school meals and educational visits. Activation letters can be obtained from the school office. Paypoint cards are available to those who do not have access to the internet.

Thank you!