



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the heatwave upon us, we can certainly say that the Summer has arrived! I hope the fair weather continues to enable you all to have a super summer.

It has been a very busy but successful term for everyone here at Kingsfield. As always, it is wonderful to see the progress the children have made and to have celebrated their achievements. I am extremely proud of our 'Team Kingsfield' and am very excited to be able to be a part of its continued growth next year.

Some of our celebrations are detailed below.

Thank you for your continued support, as always, it is much appreciated.

Mrs Evans



School Daze

What a wonderful production!

Our Year 5 and 6 children worked so hard to entertain us with their 'look back from the future' production about school life in 2016! Audiences at both performances were entertained with the humour portrayed.

My thanks go to all the children involved and of course, to Miss Candish, Miss Lott and the team of staff helpers for their efforts. Well done!



Sports Day

Another amazing Kingsfield event!

We were very fortunate with the weather this year and were able to run our event on its given day (despite the odd spot of rain over lunchtime!) We have a wonderful set of sportsmen and women

at Kingsfield; their determination, skills and team spirit were a delight to see.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and family members who also made the day such a success by cheering the children on.

Summer Reading



Challenge

Our Year 4 children have recently been lucky enough to have been invited to be a part of the 'Big Friendly Read' project, promoted by Steve Barclay, MP. They have all received a book to enjoy over the summer.

If you would like to be a part of the project, please note the following:

'The Big Friendly Read Summer Reading Challenge at your local Library this summer!

You can sign up at the library from Saturday 16th July! Just read six books during the long summer holiday (*at least one per week). You can read whatever you like just as long as they're borrowed from the library. Collect a Roald Dahl Character postcard each week – some are scratch and sniff! There's a certificate and gold medal, at a special library ceremony, for everyone who finishes!'*



Summer Fair

Last week, we held our annual Summer Fair. It was a lovely event with many stalls and activities for our visitors and indeed, it was extremely well attended.

We raised a staggering £1010. This money will be used to purchase new dictionaries and thesauri for our pupils to support them with their spelling and choice of good vocabulary when writing.



Facebook

I have been very dismayed to hear of a number of negative commentaries recently about Kingsfield on social media. Please find below a message from the Active Learning Trust with regard to Facebook:

'Unfortunately, we have recently been made aware of a couple inappropriate messages that have been posted on Facebook. I am sure you will appreciate that this is upsetting to all concerned – particularly where children and staff have been named, and the posts are actually untrue.

Kingsfield Primary School does not condone this behaviour in any way. We would ask that you consider the implications of posting comments on social media and refrain from posting anything that could be hurtful or harmful to the children, staff or the school.

Should you receive/read a message of this nature, we ask that you contact the school. When the school is informed, Mrs Evans (or a member of the senior leadership team) will contact the writer and ask that the message is removed, and should the comments be of a serious nature, further action will be taken.

Please remember: if you have a complaint, your first point of call should be the school. It is not helpful (and in some cases counter-productive) to post on social media without giving the school the opportunity to respond appropriately.

We thank you for your support'.

I would personally like to reinforce the above. Do come in and see me to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Thank you.



Parents' Forum

Earlier in the month we held our second Parents' Forum. Mr Harvey, our Maths Co-ordinator led a very informative session about the methods we use to teaching the four operations. Thank you to all parents who attended and made contributions to our discussions.

Our next session is planned for Thursday 29th September. We hope to be able to run an evening session on that day too. One of the discussion points for the meeting will be the format of our school reports and gathering your views on how we can improve on sharing progress data with you about your children.

Look out for invitation letters early on in the Autumn term.



Cycles and Scooters

We have had a number of reports of 'near misses' on the cinder path used for access to and from school. Could I therefore ask parents to remind their children of the need for safe conduct on this path and indeed on any road/pathway. All members of the public should be able to walk along the path safely without fear of an accident occurring.

I would also remind parents that cycling and scooting within the school grounds is not permitted.

Thank you for your understanding.



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 children. We need to make sure that the site is accessible in the event that we would need to have emergency vehicles on site.

Thank you again for your co-operation.



DIARY DATES

July 21st ~ School closes for Summer

Sept 1st ~ School training day

Sept 2nd ~ School training day

Sept 5th ~ School reopens to pupils

Sept 7th ~ Year 3 visit to Cadbury's Wold

Sept 8th ~ Year 4 visit to Cambridge

Oct 21st ~ School training day

Oct 24th—28th ~ Half Term

Dec 20th ~ School closes for Christmas



Wishing you all, on behalf of the Staff, Governors and Active Learning Trust, a very happy Summer holiday!



Attendance

We have made some very positive progress with our new attendance initiatives in school. 6LL were the overall winners for the term and enjoyed their party to celebrate. Well done 6LL!

Our current attendance to date is 95.33%, still under our target of 97%, however will be continuing to promote good attendance next year and hope that you will continue to support this by not taking holidays in term time and by ensuring that medical appointments are arranged outside of the school day.

Thank you.



School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school clothing are clearly named ready for the new year. It may be that the weather is still sunny on our return in September so please continue to ensure that children have sunhats to wear at break times.



Building Works

Just a reminder that our building works are taking place over the summer holiday.

Our Extended School provision/holiday club will be operating from the Pre School building. We would ask that you be aware that there may be some contractor access via the Larham Way entry point to the school grounds.



September Classrooms

You will be aware that some of the classes are moving over the summer. On 5th September there will be clear signage on each of the classroom doors with year group and teacher names. Staff will be on hand at the start of the to point you in the right direction.