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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I wanted to write to you all with a few reminders of our expectations at Kingshurst Primary School.

However, firstly, I would like to say a big well done to all of the children for their return to school this half term. It is the first full half term back in school since before Christmas and although we have observed that they have become tired towards the end, they continue to work hard and make progress within the recovery curriculum. All of the staff are working hard to ensure we recover any lost learning time the last year may have caused. I am still proud of the children's attitudes to learning and the outcomes they are producing.

Our recovery overviews can be found on the school website and continue to be adapted as we measure the progress the children are making.

A few reminders to all parents and carers:

Attendance

We have noticed that there is an increase in the number of parents picking children up before the end of the day. We ask that parents avoid doing this where possible as it does impact on attendance and the children do miss out on learning when they are not here. **All medical appointments should be arranged for outside of school hours please wherever possible.** If you are given an appointment within the school day, please try to re-arrange this for after school.

A reminder that any child entering the classroom after 9am will be marked as late and this will impact on their attendance each time. These are recorded as U codes as per the school's attendance policy. Gates and doors close at 9am – please ensure all children enter the gates no later than 8.55am to allow them to get into class on time.

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that children are only to bring in healthy snacks (e.g. fruit) for mid-morning break. Children will not be allowed to eat any sugary snacks, crisps or other types of snacks at this time. We do provide fruit for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

PE Kit and Uniform

Children must wear full school uniform and black shoes each day. Please do not send your child to school in trainers – this is not school uniform. We are continuously trying to improve standards across school and high standards of uniform is an important part of this.

PE kit is black/blue shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and a plain white T-Shirt or a white PE top with the school logo only. There are still children not wearing the correct kit. From next half term, you will



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receive a reminder message if your child comes to school dressed in inappropriate PE kit and will be asked to send in the correct clothing.

We know that many parents would like children to continue to wear PE kit next year on their PE days. This has worked well across school but it may need to be reviewed if children do not dress appropriately.

Thank you for your support with these things. School and parents/carers working together promotes higher standards for the children and ensures we all have a mutual agreement of high aspirations in all areas for our children.

School Improvement

We continue to strive towards improving all areas of school to ensure we provide the best provision and experiences for our children. We have recently had an OFSTED remote monitoring visit and a Local Authority reading review. Both have highlighted the significant improvements we are making across school, particularly in reading. Please continue to support your children by ensuring they read daily at home and practice phonics if these are sent home.

I am pleased that we are now beginning to be able to provide exciting experiences for our children again. Although we still have some restraints due to the pandemic, we have been able to invite external companies into school to enhance the curriculum. Year 6 completed a two-week swimming course and made excellent progress as well as having lots of fun. Year 1 had a visit from Nature's Burrow where they met different types of animals and Year 6 took part in a World War experience day. Our Reception children have started weekly yoga bug sessions and our Nursery children are glad to welcome back Groovy Movers. The music service have continued to deliver engaging music sessions across Years 4, 5 and 6 and I know the children thoroughly enjoy their lessons each week. Year 3 are planning a themed picnic next half term and year 2 look forward to their African day. These are just some of the examples of events that have taken place this half term.

We have been able to start some clubs (within year group bubbles) this half term and we will continue to plan as many experiences as we can for children in the coming months.

Once again, a huge well done to all of the children; it has been a challenging year in lots of ways but I know they will continue to make us all proud during their final half term of this academic year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 7th June.

Miss Hunter

Headteacher