



Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic (and very wet) half-term! We now reach the half-way point of the academic year; thank you for all of your support as we reach this point. So much has happened this half-term – where do we start?

I have been so happy to enjoy so many great times with the staff and pupils this half-term – I think one moment that really stands out is sitting in the hall, dressed in all my rock star regalia, in a Times Tables Rock Star battle with our top three pupils. I was so impressed with how much times tables are becoming part of our daily diet.

Our pupils have shown wonderful Resilience this half-term – from our new starters in Nursery, all the way up to Year 6. Our eldest pupils have been working so hard in readiness for their SATS; there are less than 50 school days until they start – that's less than 10 school weeks!

Attendance continues to be our daily focus, as we drive forward on supporting pupils to be in school. As Headteacher, I look forward to every day – there is always something fabulous going on – I don't want to miss out! We want to keep rewarding those children who are doing the right things, and being our **HERO** pupils – Here Everyday, Ready and On time.

As we look ahead to the next half-term (the shops are already full of Easter eggs) we have our INSET Day on Monday 23rd February, where the school will be closed to all pupils. We will have lots of exciting events, including our Easter showcase for Year 3. Thank you for all of your kindness, support and engagement this half-term – I am looking forward to seeing you after the break!



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

JUST A REMINDER:

Our **FREE OF CHARGE** breakfast club will continue each morning in the hall, starting at 8am.

The club is open to children from Nursery to Year 6. There is no need to book your place as children can simply turn up to the hall for a nutritious filling breakfast with friends to kickstart their day!



USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th February School finishes for Half Term break

Monday 23rd February School closed to pupils for Inset day

Tuesday 24th February School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 18th March Parent/Carers Consultations – Inset Day

Thursday 19th March School re-opens to pupils

Friday 27th March School finishes for Easter break

Monday 13th April School re-opens to pupils



GO TEAM KINGSHURST!

We have had so many exciting sporting events happening in school recently. Our Sports Coach, Ms. Kelleher, has been very busy as our

Year 3 Gymnastics team had a brilliant time last week at a local event and the Year 5 Basketball event supported by Mrs Marshall was also a great success, with pupils having an equal taste of victory, defeat and draws. In addition to this, Mrs. Ashworth accompanied our Year 5 pupils on their HAL workshop event and Miss Hall took a group of pupils to the BCFC Foundation Centre, where they met the Blues Goal Keeper James Beadle. A great time was had by all who took part in these events.





PARENTS & CARERS – F.Y.I

Uniform Matters - Our lost property collection is steadily growing. Can we kindly remind parents/carers to label items that their child brings or wears to school. This will help to easily identify and return belongings to their rightful owners as quickly as possible, as replacing school uniform can be quite costly.



Forest School Fun - A friendly reminder from Nursery that every Monday morning, children are encouraged to come to Nursery prepared for an adventure at Forest School. They should wear their 'wellie boots' and a warm coat, and also bring a change of shoes in a labelled carrier bag. Please ensure that the spare shoes are easy for the children to slip on themselves (no laces, tight trainers or boots). This will support their independence while at school. Here are a few pictures from recent visits to Forest School with Miss Hall.



Family Support Team – We're Here To Help

Here at Kingshurst Primary we are proud of the fact that we have a team of Family Support Workers within school. If you find yourself in need of any advice such as, family and relationships, housing, finance etc or just need a friendly ear, please do not hesitate to contact our support staff based in the Inclusion office at school. Rest assured that your discussions and enquiries will be in the strictest confidence and a member of the team will do their utmost to help. Please call 0121 788 6510 and press option 3 for Inclusion.



Nowadays, many children have access to a variety of electronic tech devices at home including iPads, laptops, mobile phones, and gaming consoles. Therefore, it's crucial to ensure their safety while they are online especially during school holidays when they tend to connect with their friends. There are countless enjoyable activities for children on the internet, but it's essential to remind them that the online world is not a private space, and they should be cautious about the information they share. For more information on how to keep children safe online, please visit the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>



Kingshurst Caterpillars Playgroup

(based on site at Kingshurst Primary School)

Free funded places available for 2 & 3 year olds

With qualified, experienced and friendly staff

Rated 'Good' by Ofsted



Spaces currently available for

Morning sessions 8.30-11.30am

Afternoon sessions 12.15-3.15pm

All day sessions 8.30am-3.15pm

(All Term time only)



For more details call us on 07947 661067

Alternatively, you can Email us at:

kerie@kingshurstcaterpillars.org.uk

or feel free to pop in and see us anytime!!!



SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS AT KINGSBURST

School Trips/Visits

We are excited to announce some of our school trips and visits for 2026, which currently include:

Year 1 - Wild Zoological Gardens on 4th March

Year 4 - Visit to Dudley Zoo on 19th March

Year 3 - Twycross Zoo on 18th June

Year 6 - Residential - Overstrand Hall, Cromer from 1st-3rd July

Year 3&4 - Residential - Boreatton Park, Shropshire from 30th September - 2nd October



Further trips and visits will be arranged soon, so please keep a look out for more information from your child's class teacher and via class dojo.

Non-uniform, Awareness and Fundraising Events

Last week saw us taking part in many activities within school, in support of **Children's Mental Health Week** - '*This is my place*'. The whole school were invited to wear something **pink** or **red** to school on Monday 9th – and what a wonderful response we had! This was followed by activities in class such as producing and sharing art work, exploring how to connect and belong safely online and creating a whole school paper chain to show that we all 'belong'. The aim of these activities was to show that children should always feel included, safe and valued, which can all play a vital role in children's mental health and well-being, and how they will flourish, learn and grow in the future. Please keep a look out for more non-uniform days and exciting fundraising events coming soon!



Flourishing Futures

Last Friday saw the return of our fantastic **Flourishing Futures**. It really is a highlight of the week! This six-week block, where pupils will take part in a series of sessions developing their understanding of different career paths, will culminate in our extravaganza in March – watch this space!



Parents and Carers Consultations

On Wednesday 18th March, we will hold the next round of Parents/Carers Consultations. As usual, this will be an Inset day, and the school will be closed to pupils. Please keep an eye out for our appointment booking system, which will be available soon. Please ensure that the school has your current email address and phone number to avoid missing the opportunity to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.



Remember to Stay Connected...and discover all the amazing things happening in your child's class by following their Class Story via **Class Dojo**!



Have an enjoyable half-term break everyone.
School re-opens to pupils on
TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY





In the line for 10 to 9!

If your child is arriving after **8.50am**, they are **LATE** for school, and will need to report to the school office!

If your child is absent from school it is up to you as parents/carers to inform the school office on the 1st day of absence before **9.00am**.

It is **your responsibility** to provide a reason for your child's absence. If not provided it will be **marked as unauthorised**.

< Regular school attendance is essential to ensure children make good progress and enjoy their education.

