



Headteacher's Update

What an amazing half-term, ending in a range of Easter Eggs-travaganzas! I have loved seeing all of the amazing bonnets and egg-based scenes for our competition – A big well done to ALL of the competition winners, the creations were absolutely brilliant. – it was so hard to decide. I have also enjoyed the connection with Reverend Mandy and our local church, St Barnabas. It is important to learn the origin of the Easter story and the resonance of key images. We capped it off with an awesome nursery parent workshop and a fabulous Easter show from Year 3 – I am really feeling in the Easter spirit.

We have also had a massive array of trips, visits and visitors this term – too many to list here (please read the weekly Newsletter for regular updates). I was so proud of Year 4 on their trips this term – they really showed our school value of Respect. In addition, our Reception children have met a range of different professionals in their topic – the role play village in the Main Hall will be a stand out for me this year.

Our pupils have shown great resilience this term, especially with our big attendance drive. We had 200 pupils achieve 100% attendance for the half-term, as well as their 23-day streak! All pupils who qualified for streaks were entered into the big prize draw, which was taken today – names have been announced; prizes will be chosen by pupils (agreed with parents/carers of course) and ordered. We also have our Easter disco in the new half-term to come for all those with 23-day streaks! I am excited with the focus on attendance, and look forward to sharing next term's major drive.

I wanted to take a moment, during this time of year, to thank the staff, who go above and beyond on a daily basis to support our pupils. I would like to thank our pupils for their enthusiasm and aspiration.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers for their support – you are the champion of your child; I am proud to be their headteacher.



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!



IT'S A DATE... (for your diary!)

Friday 27th March – School finishes for the Easter break

Monday 13th April – School re-opens to pupils

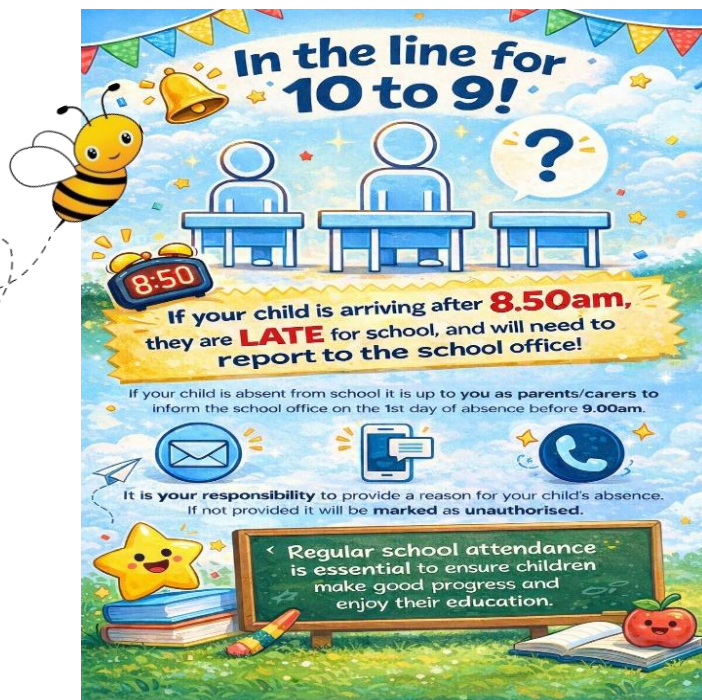
Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Tuesday 5th May – School re-opens to pupils

Thursday 21st May – School finishes for Whitsun Break

Friday 22nd May – INSET DAY, school closed to pupils

Monday 1st June – School re-opens to pupils





OUR FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

We're Here To Help

Just a reminder that 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.



NURSERY NEWS

Bluebells and Snowdrops - please keep up the good attendance and try your best to get your child into Nursery on time, every day as there's so much they won't want to miss!



This term is packed with many exciting opportunities, including a **"People Who Help Us"** topic, where we'll be welcoming visits

from the Police, Fire Service and Paramedics. Children will enjoy amazing hands-on experiences, exploring real equipment and even climbing aboard their vehicles! Alongside this, we'll be learning all about **Spring**, with plenty of planting activities and a very special experience of watching real chicks hatch from eggs. The children will observe their journey, help care for them and even have the chance to hold them. It really is going to be a truly magical term!



SPORTING SUPERSTARS

A specially selected group of Year 6 pupils represented the school at the **Pentathlon Bowling Challenge** at the Acocks Green bowl. They did a fantastic job, scoring several strikes and spares and all came back with beautiful medals. A special mention goes out to two members of the team who scored over 100! Many thanks to Mrs Curley for taking the children to this fun event.

Also, a big well done to our **Girls 4-A-Side** football team who have had a winning streak over the last few games and made it to the final in April. Good luck girls, you can do this!

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

Connecting to Dojo is just a few simple steps, so please see your child's teacher if you have not yet set up an account. Dojo is a main source of school-to-parent communication and you could be missing out on many exciting opportunities and important messages from school.



...And now for something 'eggs'-tremely funny to 'crack' you up! (answers below)

1. What do you call a mischievous Easter egg?
2. What kind of music does the Easter Bunny like?
3. What type of films do hens like to watch?

1. A Practical Yorker 2. Hip Hop 3. Chick Flicks





SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS AT KINGSHURST

School Trips/Visits

Below is information and a list of our exciting school trips - some of which have already taken place and others that are planned over the next few months.

Year 1 – Had a ‘*Wild Time*’ at the **Zoological Gardens** on 4th March, seeing many varieties of animals and birds. The experience was enjoyed by all who attended.

Year 4 – Visited **Dudley Zoo** on 19th March and luckily, the animals all came out to greet them in the sunshine. They all had a fabulous enjoyable day.

Year 2 - **West Midlands Safari Park** on 30th June - Children will hopefully have a fun filled day and be able to learn all about the many types of animals they will see at the park.

Year 6 – The residential trip to **Overstrand Hall** from 1st-3rd July is getting ever closer. We bet those children attending will be really looking forward to taking part in the many exciting activities available at the venue.



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 ‘*Wear Red for Comic Relief*’. The whole school were invited to wear **RED** to school for a donation of £1 on Friday 20th March, with all proceeds going to the Comic Relief Charity.

World Book Day was again a great success earlier this month with children and staff coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters. The costumes were amazing and it was a fun day all round, based around books and reading.

Buttercups Goes Wild was a great success with parents and younger children visiting our Forest school enjoying the activities based around the great outdoors - many also came along and visited our Nursery Open Day too!



Flourishing Futures

Last Friday also saw the return of our fantastic **Flourishing Futures Extravaganza!** This brings an end to this half-term’s Flourishing Futures workshops and the children got the chance to show off the skills they have learnt over the last few weeks. Well done to them all on their achievements.



Parents and Carers Consultations

On Wednesday 18th March, Parents/Carers were invited in to school for our Parents/Carers Consultation day. As usual, this was an Inset day, and the school was closed to pupils. We hope the consultations with the class teachers were what you were hoping for (and hopefully better). It is always nice to be able to chat to and get to know as many parents/carers as possible on a face-to-face basis during the meetings.



Have an enjoyable Easter break everyone.
School re-opens on **MONDAY 13th APRIL**



...and don't forget to ‘*Spring forward*’ this weekend!

