



KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 20 – 9th February 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half-term is already upon us and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a break. This week there has been so much happening. The Year Six children have been away at Grenville; I visited them yesterday evening and they all seemed to be having a great time. Below you can see a few of the other exciting activities that have happened this week.

I hope that everybody enjoys half-term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th February.

Year Four

This week, we have been learning the text map for our English topic. Our model text is a discussion on whether children should be allowed to play where they want. The children learn the text by performing actions alongside reading a pictorial version of the text. This supports their memory of structure and vocabulary when they come to write their own discussion.

In maths we are finishing a multiplication and division unit and have been looking at correspondence problems. Holly class had an amazing time at forest school this week. They enjoyed being out in nature and returned, covered in mud, with some fabulous creations they had crafted.



PTFA news

The PTFA Year Four Cake Sale made an amazing £293.15. Thank you to the children, parents and teachers who baked and donated cakes and ran the sale. Our main upcoming events this term are: Bags 2 school - Tuesday 27th February, Disco - Thursday 29th Feb, Parent and Teacher Silent Disco, Crabshell Inn - 16th March, Year Three fun Cake sale - date to be confirmed, and the Fun food and uniform sale - 26th April.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the PTFA. We are working hard to fundraise to support school activities, trips and residential. We give each year group a minimum of £800 to subsidise their memorable activities, we are supporting the forest school and art club and we have funded improvements to facilities on the Forest school site.

After half term, we will also be supporting a gardening club. If anyone has any gardening tools, gloves or timber to donate that could be used for raised beds - this would be much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch. We need help getting the site cleared and weeded ahead of the growing season, raised beds built and regular club volunteers for a Monday lunchtime.

If anyone would like to get involved with helping the PTFA in general please get in touch via our Facebook group or through school or come along to a committee meeting. There is no regular commitment, and you can volunteer to help as and when you can.

Hannah Farrell, Lucy Walker and Sophie Carr, PTFA Chairs

7 Days of Music

On Thursday, all the children in school were visited by Kip and Elfyn, two musicians. They treated the children to a performance which included lots of different styles of music and lots of opportunities for the children to join in, singing along and moving to lots of different songs. There was also a lot of laughter as they were very funny! Maybe you could ask your children to sing you the 'Bing Bong Song'? Kip and Elfyn commented on how responsive and musical our children were and what a wonderful day they had had too. In the Summer Term they are coming back to work with Year Five on a composition project linked to our environment or science curriculum.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. **Place2Be** launched the mental health awareness week in 2015 to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. Every year Children's Mental Health Week sees hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers taking part. Their goal is that no child or young person has to face a mental health problem alone. This week Miss Clemence led a whole school assembly on children's mental health. If you would like to know more, please visit the Place2Be website which has lots of really useful information for children and parents.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Pancake Day

Just a reminder that when we return Pancake Day is on Tuesday 20th February.

New Clubs Starting at School

After reviewing our 'Your voice matters' book in our Rights Respecting Schools meeting, we will be starting a few new clubs after half-term. We will be starting a Playdough club for the children in Foundation. This will be run by Mrs Dustan during Monday lunchtimes.

Miss Thom will be running a lunchtime reading club on Monday in the Music room. This will be a quiet space for the children to come to read during their lunch break. As the weather gets a bit better in the Spring and Summer, we will start to run more sports clubs, for example, football and cricket.

Forest School Lunchtimes

Hawthorn and Elm classes will be going next week. Children in these classes will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. They will also need a packed lunch. For children in receipt of free school meals or any children who would like to buy one, these can be provided by the school kitchen. If you would like a school packed lunch, please tell your child's teacher no later than Monday.

Celebration Assembly, Friday, 2nd February 2024

Congratulations to our CARE Champions

Acorn	Khloe	Conker	Rosa
Beech	Hunter	Birch	Rosa
Cedar	Harry	Cypress	Freddie J
Elm	Kenzie	Elder	Thea
Holly	Anna	Hawthorn	Georgia
Pine	Tiffany	Poplar	Esmae
Horse Chestnut	Ella	Oak	Ayla



Star Class – Pine

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Howells'.

Gareth Howells
Headteacher

Attachments: - Letter for parents/guardians re Infection

Dates for your Diary – 2024

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday – Friday	12th February – 16th February	Whole School	Half Term
Monday – Friday	19th – 23rd February	Whole School	Parents Evening
Tuesday	20th February	Various	Oral Health Study
Tuesday	27th February	Whole School	PTFA Bags 2 School
Thursday	29th February	Whole School	PTFA School Disco
Friday	1st March	Rec & Year 6	Height & Weight Study
Thursday	21st March	Various	Spring Concert
Thursday	28th March	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	15th April	Whole School	Start of Term
Thursday	25th April	Whole School	PTFA Fun Food Sale
Wednesday – Friday	24th – 26th April	Year 4	Residential
Monday	6th May	Whole School	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday – Friday	13th – 16th May	KS2	SATS Week
Monday & Tuesday	20th & 21st May	Whole School	3.45 – 4.15 Open Classrooms
Monday – Friday	27th May – 31st May	Whole School	Half Term
Monday – Monday	3rd – 14th June	Year 4	Multiplication Check
Thursday	6th June	Whole School	Tempest whole school photo
Friday	7th June	Whole School	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday	10th June	Whole School	Tempest Class Photos
Monday – Friday	10th – 14th June	Year 1	Phonics Screening Check
Friday	28th June	Whole School	Sports Day
Friday	28th June	Rec – Year 5	Reports Out – Not Year 6
Friday	5th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday	11th July	Whole School	PTFA Fun Food Sale
Tuesday	16th July	Whole School	PTFA Bags 2 School
Friday	19th July	Whole School	End of Term
Monday - Friday	5th – 9th August	Year 6	Big Step programme at KCC