

**Our Kingsholm family, learning together successfully to make a positive contribution to our world
(School vision)**

Kingsholm C of E Primary and Nursery School

www.kingsholmprimary.co.uk

This term's value is respect

Do to others as you would have them do to you, Matthew 7.12

Issue 2

October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for the positivity and community spirit you have demonstrated throughout this half term. The children have THOROUGHLY enjoyed being back and have gone from strength to strength over the last few weeks. The staff have been delighted to see the children's confidence grow and the classrooms have had the most wonderful buzz.

It has been especially wonderful to see how our new reception children have settled into life in school. They were so brave coming in on their own in the first few weeks and I was delighted to read the comments parents made showing how much they are enjoying school. Our nursery children have had a super start too making the most of all the wonderful (and sometimes messy) learning opportunities the staff have organised for them.

As we go through the next half term up until the Christmas holiday I very much look forward to us continuing in the positive way we have started. Have a relaxing half term holiday, the children certainly deserve a rest.

Kind regards,

Matt Ferris HeadTeacher

Parents' Evenings this term will be via telephone call on:

- Wednesday 21st Oct 4.30pm– 7.00pm
- Thursday 22nd Oct 3.30pm – 6.00pm

With the exception of 5S, their evenings will be Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October.

To book an appointment, please visit:

www.kingsholmprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

The online booking system will close at **12pm on Tuesday 20th October.**

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office and we will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Meeting
Reminder!

Kingsholm Virtual Office.

If you need to contact the school, please feel free to email virtualoffice@kingsholm.gloucs.sch.uk

The School's website provides a great deal of information for parents and children. Please familiarise yourself with it, if you haven't already.

School Website – At present we are making slight changes to make the website more streamlined and easier to use. All letters will be added onto the website and a text will be sent out informing parents of new letters.

https://www.kingsholmprimary.co.uk/virtual_office/virtual_office.html

Under the 'Virtual Office' you will find all the relevant office forms, e.g. Medical, Pupil Amendment forms, Request for Absence, Year 6 permission to walk home alone etc.

School Photos

This year the School photographs will be taken by an external company called Academy Portraits. They will be in school on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22 October.

Please see the school's website – Letters – Letters to Parents regarding the letter which was sent home on 9th October.

Please note that we are unable to take sibling photos due to the rules around mixing year groups. We will hopefully be able to offer this in the summer term.

Flu Consent Forms

If you have yet to complete your flu form or require another copy, please contact the Virtual Office and we can send one home.

Alternatively, you can complete a form on line.

Please return the form EVEN if you do not wish for your child to have the nasal spray. The school nurses will be here on the 14,15,16 December.

Inset Day

Please note the school will be closed on **Monday 2nd November** for staff training.

Cool Kids

A reminder to all parents, if you would like your child/children to attend Cool Kids, you will need to contact the School Office and request a weekly text which will have a link to a request form. Payments need to be made in advance by ParentPay before confirmation of a place can be sent. **We are no longer able to accept children on an ad-hoc basis.**

After School Clubs

If your child attends a club after school, they can come into school on the day of their club in either PE kit for the sports clubs or suitable outdoor clothes (which you don't mind getting muddy) and wellies in a plastic bag for Nature and Art / Gardening Clubs.

Breakfast Club

Pre booking is not required however pre-payment must be via ParentPay before a child/children can attend.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those parents/carers, who have taken the time to complete the google surveys. Your opinions matter. A huge thank you for all your Harvest Festival donations to Gloucester Food Bank. The van was bursting at the seams with all of your generous offerings!!

School Dinner - Winter Menu

The new menu will be available from 9th November and will be on the school website in due course.

Please be aware – Railway lines & Crossings

The Gloucester area will experience increased rail traffic through level crossings over a two-week period that includes half term:
25 October - 6 November
Due to engineering work in the Bristol area.

New Reception Starters September 2021

If you have a child starting reception in September 2021, you should receive a letter in November from the Gloucester County Council – School Admissions about how to apply. If you do not receive anything by 1st December please make contact with them.

School.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

DEADLINE TO APPLY 15 Jan 2021

Kingsholm School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available to view via the school office.

Term Dates for 2020 – 2021	
Term 1: Wednesday 2 nd September – Friday 23 rd October	Last day of school ends 2:45 onwards
Term 2: Tuesday 3 rd November – Friday 18 th December	Last day of school ends 1:10pm
Term 3: Monday 4 th January – Friday 12 th February	Last day of school ends 2:45 onwards
Term 4: Monday 22 nd February – Thurs 1 st April	Last day of school ends 1:10pm
Term 5: Monday 19 th April – Friday 28 th May	Last day of school ends 2:45 onwards
Term 6: Monday 7 th June – Friday 16 th July	Last day of school ends 1:10pm

Dates for your Diary 2020–2021

Please see the dates below. More details for the events will follow and information is also available on our school website calendar.

Friday 16th October

Week Commencing 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

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Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October

Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

Thursday 5th November

Friday 6th November

Y1 University Afternoon – Children to come in wearing their own clothes. They may get messy due to the activities (sport/art/outdoor learning)

No clubs due to parent consultations (via telephone)

Parent's Consultations 5S ONLY

Virtual Harvest Festival Assembly

Parent's Consultations All Years

Parent's Consultations All Years except 5S

Y2 University Afternoon – Children to come in wearing their own clothes. They may get messy due to the activities (sport/art/outdoor learning)

INSET DAY

Term 2 Begins

Bonfire Lunch

Y3 University Afternoon – Details to follow