

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

Kingsholm C of E Primary and Nursery School

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This term's value is responsibility

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February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will of course know by now that the school will fully re-open for all children from Monday 8th March 2021. We are delighted, as I am sure you are, that the children will be returning to us on this date.

School staff have been working hard to prepare for the children's return. As a staff group we have carefully considered the impact on the children of this extensive period of school closure and are planning our approach accordingly. Thank you to the parent group I have met with for their invaluable input which has supported us in planning this approach. Our strategy when the children return focuses on 5 areas:

Well-being: the centre of our approach. Our experience in school when your children returned before was that they were simply over joyed to be back and the 'normal' school experience was what they needed. There are, of course, children who needed and will need something more and we are well-prepared to meet their needs.

Academic: meeting the educational needs of your children and ensuring they are able to quickly get back up to speed.

Learning behaviours: supporting your children to once again cope with school expectations, helping them to learn how to learn.

Socialisation: making the absolute most of the wonderful opportunities school life offers for your children to enjoy socialising; so many of your children will have missed being with other children.

Physical: this lockdown has coincided with a cold and wet winter. The children need as much opportunity as possible to exercise and tire themselves out.

Many parents have asked how they can best support their children and the school as lockdown eases. The answer to this is simple – when you can, do all the things the children have missed. Go the park to play with friends; go for a sleepover; visit relatives you have not been able to see; go to a zoo; encourage the children to roll down a hill with a friend and many more other wonderful memory making activities.

During this period of closure many of you have talked about feeling connected to the school in a way you never thought possible. As a school we feel the same and we very much look forward to this continuing as the school re-opens fully.

Kind regards,

Matt Ferris HeadTeacher



Competition time!

From Monday 1st March we would like all children to read as many books from home or on bug club and answer the comprehension questions during the week. There will be a prizes.

Dress up day (Thursday 4th March 2021)

We would like all children at home, in school and parents to dress up as a book character of their choice. We would like you all to be as creative as possible with your costumes and recycle materials you already have rather than buy new ones. We will be judging the best home-made costumes and awarding prizes for children and parents.

World Book Day tokens

Every child will receive a £1 'World Book Day' token and these will be handed out on Monday 8th March. Local shops accepting these include WH Smith's on Eastgate Street and Tesco's on St Oswald's Street. Please also see the link for more information <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

School Dinner - Spring Menu

The new menu will be available from 8th March and will be on the school website in due course.

Class Active days will resume the week of the 8th March. Please can the children come to school dressed in their PE kits which they will wear all day. Every Monday for Y3. Every Tuesday for Y4 every Wednesday for Y6, every Thursday for Y5 and every Friday for Years 1 and 2. Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part in the parent consultation evenings.
We received lots of positive feedback regarding the video calls. If you were unable to book an appointment and wish to speak to your child/children's teacher please email the virtual office and we can arrange this for you.
virtualoffice@kingsholm.gloucs.sch.uk

Gloucestershire Library Services

With World Book Day just around the corner, although libraries have been closed since March 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, customers can still request books, DVDs and other available materials. Two libraries in each district currently offer this service, they are as follows: Cheltenham, Up Hatherley, Longlevens, Quedgeley, Cinderford, Coleford, Moreton, Cirencester, Tewkesbury, Bishops Cleeve, Stroud, and Wotton
For more information and updates please see:
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/accessing-library-services-from-home/>

Class Dojo

We have introduced a website/app where parents/carers, children and class teachers each have an account. Children's work can be uploaded and teachers can then feedback and comment which both parents and children can view. Children's learning can be uploaded by video or taking a photo. If you have yet to sign up to the ClassDojo pages for your children and yourselves we strongly encourage you to do so. If you require your child's individual log again, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
We really think the children will benefit from using ClassDojo, so go on, give it a try.

Letters for Parents - Please do keep an eye on the school website - Parent Zone – Letters – Parent Letters as all correspondence is added to this page. Text messages are always sent informing parents of any new letters.

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 4: Monday 22 nd February – Thurs 1 st April	Last day of school ends 1:10pm onwards
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 onwards

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.

Monday 1st March
Monday 1st March
Thursday 4th March
Monday 8th March
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Tuesday 9th March

Wednesday 10th March

Thursday 11th March

Friday 12th March

Thursday 1st April

Kingsholm's book week starts
Book reading competition starts
World Book Day – Dress Up Day for Everyone
School Reopens to everyone
New Spring Dinner Menu
Y3 Active Day starts - Children to wear PE kit to school every Monday
Y4 Active Day starts - Children to wear PE kit to school every Tuesday
Y6 Active Day starts - Children to wear PE kit to school every Wednesday
Y5 Active Day starts - Children to wear PE kit to school every Thursday
Y1 and Y2 Active Day starts - Children to wear PE kit to school every Friday
Last day of term