



KIDSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we settle into another exciting term, I want to take a moment to talk about the importance of reading at home. Reading is not just a lovely activity; it's vital for your child's development and love for learning!

We expect our pupils to read at home five times a week. For our youngest learners in EYFS and KS1, just 10 minutes a night is a fantastic start, while our older pupils in KS2 are encouraged to read for 20 minutes each evening. These small snippets of time lead to amazing progress and instil a genuine love for reading.

Each week, all pupils will have a dedicated session in the library where they can choose a book that captures their interest. This weekly activity is designed to foster excitement about books and stories.

In Nursery, our reading journey begins with sharing wonderful stories during the Autumn term. Throughout the Winter and Spring, we incorporate picture books to enhance vocabulary and comprehension skills. By Summer, we aim to match books to their phonics learning, helping to build confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing a passion for reading in your children. Happy reading!

We are so proud of our children's positive attitude to their swimming lessons again this week. It has been a privilege to see the determination and courage shown and then the proud smiles. I know we have had a few issues with the pool, so we have it on site till Tuesday 15th October.



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Punctuality Poster – Every Minute Counts



8.40 – 9am

The school day begins at 8.40am with a soft start when the gates and classrooms open. Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends, complete a morning challenge to reinforce learning and give in lunch orders.

9am

The gates will close, and the registers are taken

9.00 – 9.30

Children who arrive between these times will be asked to sign in at reception, as the register will have been completed. Please note that 5 minutes late per day means 3 days lost a year.

9.30am onwards

Registers will close in the office. If your child arrives after this time, then it will be marked as an unauthorised late and will affect your child's attendance record. You will be asked to sign in at reception, giving reason for lateness. Please note that 15minutes late means 9 lost days a year.

Children find arriving at school late upsetting and they miss out on important opportunities. Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office on 01782 973970 before 9.15am, or the absence will be recorded as an unauthorised. As a school we ask that you ring in daily, so we know where your child is. A reason for any absence will be sort.

No holidays will be authorised, and the local authority will be issuing fines for any unauthorised leave of 10 sessions (half days) or more within a 10-week period.

HELP with Safeguarding

Come immediately and see Mrs Johnson (Headteacher) or Mrs Newbon (reception Class teacher) or phone 08001313126

**FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**

Are you entitled?



**Nursery and Reception class
places available for immediate
start.**

Ask about vacancies in other year groups throughout the school.

Full-time
funding
available



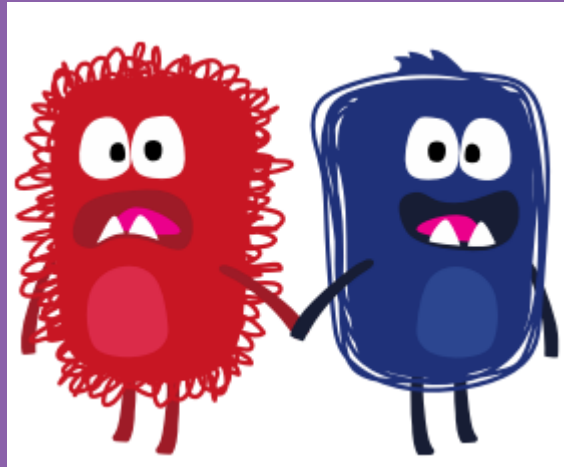
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At Kidsgrove, we use a programme called Red2Blue where children will develop the mental skills and resilience needed to perform under pressure. We understand that pressure comes in all different forms, and this is why the Red2Blue programme is so effective with our children.

The Red2Blue programme provides an immediate accessible link between mindset and performance, enabling pupils to recognise when they are diverted, and access tools in the heat of the moment to get back on task.

As a Red2Blue School, all staff and pupils will develop and coach the mental skills and resilience needed to perform under pressure, while also building a sustainable performance culture.

How can you support your child at home using Red2Blue?

Red2Blue is something that can be used anywhere, anytime. Being in a Red Head space is when you are stuck and cannot move forward. This could be when you are upset, angry or even feeling just like you can't complete something. We recognise that being in a Red Head space is okay and we find ways we can move towards more of a Blue Head space. Being in a Blue Head space means we are in control of our actions, and we are focussed to continue our day. This series of exercises/rituals on the next page will help you get out of a Red Head and get back to the present moment with a Blue Head. Like any other skill, they need to be practiced to find out which ones work best for you and in what situation



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EXERCISE 1
GET PHYSICAL

When you feel your
Red Head coming...



- 1 Place tongue on the bottom of your mouth
- 2 Feel ground under your feet
- 3 Feel your stomach move in and out as you breathe
- 4 Hold the first two fingers of your left hand (optional)



When you feel like you've been in a Red Head for too long draw a picture of what happened and how you feel.

Think about what you would say or do for a friend who was feeling like that.

Can you do that for yourself?



Re-draw the picture with your Blue Head...
What would that look like?





World Mental Health Day



To celebrate World Mental Health Day 2024, Foxes have talked about what makes us happy and why it's important to talk about our feelings. Using doodles, we drew pictures of people, places or objects which make us happy and talked about why they are important to us and our mental health 🧡

Today nursery mice celebrated 'yellow day' to support the Young Minds charity. We had fun making faces out of natural materials from our forest school walk. The children made some fabulous sunshines with collage materials.



Today is World Mental Health Day and to celebrate the children have been talking about their feelings. We spoke about how if we are ever struggling with our feelings we can ask for help from an adult we trust. To support our discussion, the children drew pictures of the people, places and things that make them happy and they were able to tell us why they are important to them. 🌟🌻🧡😊🌙🍊🍷



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Seeing is Believing



Join us on Thursday 17th 9 – 9.30am for our first Seeing is Believing session of this academic year.

Come and join your child in class for their phonics / reading skills lesson o pick up some hints and tips on how to support them at home.



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Save the Date

KIDSGROVE PRIMARY PRESENTS

KPS CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come along and join the festive spirit at our KPS Christmas market.

Where: Kidsgrove Primary School
When: Friday 6th December
Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS STALLS

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR

KPS HOMEMADE CRAFT STALLS

TOMBOLA £1 A GO

MEET SANTA & GIFT £3.50 PER CHILD

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Dates

September 24	WC 30 th September – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons
October 24	WC 7 th – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons Thursday 10 th – Hello Yellow Day £2 donation Thursday 17 th – 9am – Seeing is Believing – Phonics / Reading – Join us in school and learn with your child WC 21 st – Year 5/6 Bikeability Friday 25 th – Halloween Dress up day £2.00 donation
November 24	Friday 8 th – Year 3/4 Bikeability Thursday 14 th – School Photos Tuesday 19 th – 1 till 2pm Reception Intake 25 Open Afternoon Wednesday 20 th – Flu Vaccinations Thursday 21 st – 9 till 10am - Reception Intake 25 Open Morning Thursday 28 th - 9am – Seeing is Believing – Maths – Join us in school and learn with your child Friday 29 th – Bring in a bottle for our tombolo store in return Non-Uniform
December 24	WC 2 nd – Assessment Week Friday 6 th from 3.30pm – Christmas Market Wednesday 11 th – 4 till 6pm – Parents Evening Monday 16 th – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day Wednesday 18 th – 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 18 th – 2pm – KS2 Christmas Performance Thursday 19 th = 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance
January 25	
February 25	Thursday 13 th – Valentines Discos 1-2pm – EYFS 2 – 3pm – KS1 3 – 4pm – KS2 Friday 28 th – 9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit



Dates

March 25	Thursday 6 th – World Book Day WC 24 th – Assessment Week
April 25	Wednesday 2 nd – 4 – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
May 25	Commencing May – KS1 Sats Friday 9 th -9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit WC 12 th – KS2 SATS
June 25	WC 2 nd – Year 4 MTC WC 9 th – Year 1 Phonics Checks WC 30 th – Assessment week
July 25	Monday 7 th – 9am – EYFS Class Assembly Tuesday 8 th – 9am – Squirrels Class Assembly Wednesday 9 th – 9am – Foxes Class Assembly Thursday 10 th – 9am – Badgers Class Assembly Friday 11 th – 9am – Owls Class Assembly Friday 11 th – Reports go home Tuesday 15 th – Sports Day and Parents Picnic Wednesday 16 th – 5 till 6.30pm – Year 6 Prom Thursday 17 th 9am – EYFS / KS1 Acorn Awards Thursday 17 th – 2pm – KS2 Acorn Awards Friday 18 th – 2pm Year 6 Leavers assembly

**Save
the
Date**



More dates to follow – so
watch this space



Term Dates

Term and holiday dates for academic year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 28 April

Term Starts: Tuesday 29 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset day: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August



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