

Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 08.09.23



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back from the summer holidays. I hope that you had a really lovely break. It has been great to see the classes so settled already and the children's behaviour has been delightful.

This term, we welcome Miss. Angier as our Family Liaison Leader, Ms. Lucca as our Assistant Headteacher looking at behaviour and attendance, and Miss. Leavey as our new teacher in Year 1. I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and to all the new families that have joined us this week.

As you will see, the core dates for the year are listed on the last page of this newsletter. Please can I point out two dates for next week. Our annual 'meet the teacher' event takes place for all years *except Year 1* on Thursday 14th September from 3:05 – 3:30. Miss. Leavey's session will take place on Tuesday 12th as she is on a course on Thursday.

We have removed the resilience rock award this year and replaced it with a kindness award. We hope that this reflects and recognises the genuine care that children give to one another in our school.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Coates

Congratulations to...

Stars of the Week	Name		Kindness Award	Name
RK	Fikri A		RK	Aalayah M
1L	Leni V		1L	Kane W
2C	Taleigha M		2C	Fedor B
2D	Sebastian M		2D	Charlotte W
3M	Connor B		3M	Maja F
3P	Roman T		3P	Hatun T
4M	Noah-Flynn M-B		4M	Jayden H
4W	Bilal T		4W	Vilte P
5R	Kayden S		5R	Ayshenur A
5T	Aaron H-G		5T	Jessica C
6C	Rhys B		6C	Lily W
6R	Alfie D		6R	Isabella G

Curriculum Updates

Please find this half-term's curriculum update for each year group listed below.

Reception

Class teacher – Mrs. Kent

We are starting this term by learning more about ourselves and our families. In our story sessions, we will be reading lots of books including 'In Every House on Every Street' and 'Once There Were Giants'. In Maths sessions we are focusing on 'looking' and 'noticing'. Mrs Kent will be asking us questions like 'What do you notice?' and 'What do you see?' We will be looking at portraits in Art and thinking about how to create portraits of ourselves, our family and our pets. PE lessons will start this half term too so children will need their PE kit in school from now.

Every child has a reading book and a library book. Please share the reading book with your child every day and write what you talk about in the reading record.

Please make sure your child's clothes are named so we know who to return the lost cardigan or jumper to. It is still quite warm and sunny so please can your child have a hat and a named water bottle in school every day.

Most of all, we want everyone to have so much fun in Reception whilst we are learning. You will see lots of posts on Tapestry about their learning. Share these with your child to encourage a conversation with you about their day. Just a reminder that any injuries or accidents your child has will also be reported to you through Tapestry. If you have any questions or queries about anything please feel free to talk to any of us in the Reception team.

Year 1

Class teacher – Miss. Leavey

I am so pleased to be joining the Kingsfield team this year and look forward to getting to know the children and families in Year 1.

We will be focusing on the topic *Toys over Time*. We will be reading two story books over this half term which are 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas and 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We will use these to help us write adventure stories and non-chronological reports. In our Maths lessons, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction within 10, ensuring that all children have a deep understanding of number within 10 and understand how to use resources to support their calculations.

In Science, we will be investigating *Everyday Materials*. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, rock, paper and fabric. We will take part in practical activities to investigate the properties of these materials and ask questions such as 'which material is waterproof?'. In PE, we will be taking part in activities around fundamentals in games, multi skills and gymnastics. P.S.H.E. lessons will encourage and support us to explore ours and other people's emotions and feelings whilst also considering appropriate ways to manage and express them.

We focus heavily on Phonics and Reading in Year 1, so children will take part in three short phonics sessions per day, allowing us to practise and apply our skills. Reading is an essential part of the curriculum and your continued support with reading at home is vital.

Year 2

Class teachers – Mrs. Culyer and Miss. Davis-Day

This term our core theme is *our school*. We will become historians and learn how Kingsfield came to be the school it is today. We welcome any photographs, memories or artefacts you might have from Burnfield or King Edward schools to share with the children.

In English, we will enter a world of folk tales, studying 'The necklace of Raindrops' which includes several short folk tales. This will be followed by instructional writing using 'The Gigantic Turnip'. Reading will see a range of texts by well-known authors. Handwriting will be taught daily using a continuous cursive script. In Phonics, the children will revisit previous learning and learn new spelling rules. Reading books linked to

your child's phonic stage will be sent home for your child to read with you. Please hear your child read regularly as it does make a massive difference to progress.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value followed by addition and subtraction. We will focus on building our number skills using the 'say it, build it, draw it, write it' method. We will use Numbots to support the development of number facts, logins are in the back of reading records so that children can access this and practise at home as part of their homework.

In PSHE, we will learn about different types of families and friendship. In RE, we will study Christianity, thinking about Jesus' life and teachings. Science will help us learn all about materials and their properties. In PE, we will learn a secret garden dance and play invasion games. Sessions will take place each Tuesday and Thursday so please send kits in on these days. In Art, we will learn about the local artist Fred Ingrams and create our own fenland landscape masterpieces. Computing will see us recognising and learning about information technology. In Music, we will enjoy singing together and using body percussion with a focus on South African music.

We operate an open door policy, please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Year 3

Class teachers – Miss. Payne and Mrs. MacNeil

Our topic for this half term is the *Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age*. We will be learning about these time periods in our History lessons. Linking to this topic, we will be going on a year group trip to Flag Fen. In English, we will be writing a historical narrative and a non-chronological report using the texts 'The First Drawing' and 'The Pebble in My Pocket'. In guided reading, we will be exploring the texts 'Stone Age Boy', 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and 'Stig of the Dump'.

In our Maths lessons we will be learning about number and place value up to 1000. After this, we will be looking at how to add and subtract. The children will be given their usernames and password details for TTRockstars to practise their times tables.

Our Science topic is *Rocks* for this half term. We will be learning about the three different types of rocks and the process of how fossils are formed. We will be exploring how to use charcoal in art, allowing the children to create cave drawings inspired by those in the Stone Age.

Within RE, we will be studying 'The Importance of Jesus' including his life and stories about the miracles he performed. Our two topics for PE will be dance and sustained activity. Our dance unit will be inspired by machines and this will be performed as a group and in partners. The focus of the sustained activity unit is for children to improve their fitness levels and to set personal challenges.

Our first topic in PSHE is beginning and belonging. This will look into settling into a new school class and the adults they have to support them. The second topic will be family and friends. The children will learn about friendship and how they can be a good friend.

Year 4

Class teachers – Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Gordon

This half term our topic is *Romans* where we shall be researching how the Romans changed Britain. Our Roman-linked Art will involve exploring what makes a Roman mosaic eye-catching. We will also spend some time thinking about how Rome is different to the Fens.

During Reading lessons, we are concentrating on inference and understanding new vocabulary with the story, *Varmints*, and will follow this with some topic-based texts. In English, we are reading a wordless trilogy by Aaron Becker while practising and improving our narrative writing skills.

Maths will include revisiting number and place value, recognising the value of each digit in a four-digit number and counting backwards to include negative numbers. We will then look at calculations where we will learn how to solve two-step problems and inverse calculations.

The Science focus this term is *States of Matter* where we will build our scientific knowledge and skills while investigating what melts in the sun and what happens to puddles after it rains. In computing, children will be learning how to design, write and debug a program using software and in French, we are learning to talk about ourselves. This will involve introducing ourselves to others and telling them some things about ourselves.

During music lessons, children will be thinking about what makes a timeless pop song, and in RE we will study what makes a saint in the Christian faith. Our PSHE lessons will include ourselves, our emotions and our relationships.

During PE lessons, children will use teamwork to put together a routine and will practise various exercises while improving agility, balance, coordination, stamina and sportsmanship.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning at home, including reading, spelling and times tables. This really does make a difference. If you no longer have your child's TTRockstars password, please come and ask us for a replacement.

Year 5

Class teachers – Mrs. Tonks and Miss. Rose

This half term, our topic is the Greeks. In History, we will be investigating Ancient Greece, including the lasting impact that they had on the world such as the alphabet, democracy and the Olympic Games. We will be using our knowledge of Greek pottery to create our own Greek vases using papier-mâché in Art.

Our Science topic is based around *Earth and Space* where we will be discussing how the moon appears to change shape. We are going to learn about the different planets as well as how different orbits occur. In PSHE, we are going to be learning about ourselves and our relationships with family and friends. In Music, we are learning to sing and play instruments to Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a Prayer', which we are sure the children will love!

Our PE topics include dance and fitness which will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. In Computing, we will be investigating how the internet connects us through networks. In English, we will be exploring Greek myths and legends and we will also be writing persuasive pieces based on Percy Jackson. In Reading, we will be developing our comprehension skills through reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom' by Louis Sachar.

In Maths, we will begin by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to one million, before moving on to using these skills to explore number and the four operations. Children will continue to use TT Rockstars to consolidate their multiplication tables knowledge and will have a reading book to read daily.

Year 6

Class teachers – Miss. Corrigan and Miss. Rushmer

This half term, our topic will be *World War One*. In English, we will be exploring war poetry and stories linked to this theme. We will also be writing narratives based on the animated video 'The Piano'. In Maths, we will begin by reading, writing, comparing, and ordering numbers to ten million, before moving on to using these skills to explore number and the four operations. In Science, we are learning all about electricity and circuits and we will use these new-found skills and knowledge to support us in creating security alarm systems for trenches in DT later in the term.

Working as historians, we will be learning about World War One and uncovering the causes of war, key battles, life in the trenches and technologies that were used during this period. We will also be thinking about the impact of the First World War on our local area and studying the life of George Clare.

In RE, we will be furthering our learning from Year 5 and will continue to learn about Judaism. This term, we will be making links and comparing stories between different religions, particularly Judaism and Christianity.

Our PE days will be Wednesdays and Fridays, and during this time, we will be learning about the skills needed for both dance and rugby.



Donations Needed!

If anyone has any old buttons, please could you give them to the Reception team or members of the office. This is for a maths activity Reception children will be carrying out looking at noticing and comparing.



The children in Reception are also really interested in farming. If anyone has any toy tractors, farm machinery or animals that their child no longer plays with and would like to donate them to our class, we would love to have them to learn and play with.

Thank you!

Class Assemblies

The King Edward hall door will open at 2:40 with assemblies starting promptly at 2:45.	
Reception – Mrs. Kent	Thursday 25 th April 2024
Year 1 – Miss. Leavey	Thursday 11 th July 2024
Year 2 – Mrs. Culyer	Thursday 30 th November 2024
Year 2 – Miss. Davis-Day	Thursday 25 th January 2024
Year 3 – Mrs. MacNeil	Thursday 21 st March 2024
Year 3 – Miss. Payne	Thursday 20 th June 2024
Year 4 – Mrs. Moss	Wednesday 5 th June 2024
Year 4 – Mrs. Walker	Friday 24 th May 2024
Year 5 – Mrs. Tonks	Thursday 18 th January 2024
Year 5 – Miss. Rose	Thursday 27 th June 2024
Year 6 – Miss. Corrigan	Thursday 1 st February 2024
Year 6 – Miss. Rushmer	Thursday 23 rd November 2024



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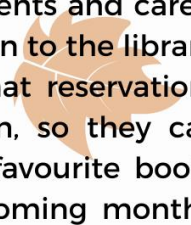


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SUMMER'S OVER, BACK TO SCHOOL!



Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter. A new school year is about to start, with much excitement. We have enjoyed meeting your children over the holidays, as they took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Don't worry if they haven't completed all six books just yet, we still have a few days to finish off.



Thank you to all the parents and carers for bringing their children to the library. Please do remember that reservations remain free for children, so they can continue reading their favourite books and authors over the coming months. We look forward to seeing you all in the library!

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

In conjunction with our Cambs County Council colleagues at Communities Service we are pleased to offer quality, second-hand school uniform free of charge. If you're still looking for uniform for the new school year, don't worry, it's not too late to pick some up! We welcome all donations of school uniform (these items must be clean and of good condition). This offer is available at March, Chatteris, Wisbech and Whittlesey Library.



School Meals and Events

All of our food is provided to us by Caterlink. They adhere to the nutritional standards outlined by the DfE.

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child.





		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1						
4/9/23	Red	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Beef Pasta Bake and Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rice & Salad	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips
25/9/23	Green	Crunchy Top Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese Quiche with Roast Potatoes	BBQ Quorn with Rice and Salad	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Sauce
16/10/23	Blue	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
	Yellow	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese Baguette	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham Baguette	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham
	Dessert	Syrup Snap Biscuit	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Fruit and Ice Cream	Iced Sponge	Oaty Cookie
Week 2						
11/9/23	Red	Mac and Cheese Station Macaroni Cheese with a choice of Toppings	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Wedges	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with Roast Potatoes	Chicken in a Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
2/10/23	Green		Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Wedges	Vegetable Wellington, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Fillet in a Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegan Burger with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Blue	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
	Yellow	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese Baguette	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham Baguette	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese
	Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	Chocolate and Banana Oaty Square	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
Week 3						
18/9/23	Red	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Whirl with Potato	Pasta with Beef Bolognese	Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pitta Bread with Wedges and Salad	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
9/10/23	Green	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Bolognese with Pasta	Roast Quorn, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Potato Parcel with Wedges and Salad	Cheese and Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Blue	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
	Yellow	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese Baguette	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham	Picnic Box Ham or Cheese	Picnic Box Cheese or Ham Baguette
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Chocolate Drizzle Cake	Flapjack	Chocolate Shortbread	Cornflake Tart

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

1st September – PD Day

4th September – Children return to school

17th October – School photographs for all children and new staff

23rd – 27th October - Half term

1st and 2nd November - Parent Consultations

6th November – Flag Fen trip for Year 3

14th December - Reception and Year 1 Nativity, 9:00am start time

19th December – Last day of term

20th December – PD Day

Spring Term

4th January – Children return to school

19th – 23rd February - Half term

21st March – Years 4 and 5 production, 9:00am start time

27th March – Last day of term

28th March – PD Day

Summer Term

15th April – Children return to school

18th April – Class group and Year 6 leavers' photographs

23rd May - Sports Day

24th May – PD Day

27th – 31st May - Half term

16th July – Years 2 and 3 production, 9:00am start time

19th July - Leavers' Assembly (instead of Year 6 production)

19th July – Last day of term

22nd July – PD Day