

Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 23.10.20



Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have made it to half-term with no positive cases of Covid-19 and children demonstrating really positive mind-sets across the school! I cannot thank you and the staff enough for keeping to our risk assessment and reducing the risk of infection transmission.

After half-term, we will be starting parent consultations. This will be a conversation about your child's attainment and progress but also an opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into their new class. We have considered a number of different options but have decided that the safest option for this year is a telephone appointment. As you can imagine, this is going to be a considerable task to organise especially when we have a limited number of telephone lines! To sign up for a meeting, please go to ParentMail's 'parent evening' section where you will find each class listed with two different days and variety of time slots to choose from.

Thank you for all of your support this half-term and I hope you have a very safe and peaceful holiday.

Mrs. Kate Coates

Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

October 2020
26th - 30th Half term
November 2020
9th - 13th - Parent Consultations (virtually)
05.11.20 - Bonfire Lunch
21st - World Poetry Day
December 2020
15th - Christmas Dinner
18th - Last day of term
19th - 4th Jan. is Christmas holidays
January 2021
4th - Training day for staff
5th - Start of Spring Term for children
February 2021
15th - 19th Half term
26th - Year 3 Bikeability level 1 course
March 2021
26th - End of term
April 2021
12th - Training day
13th - Summer Term starts for children
May 2021
3rd - 9th - Book Week
June 2021
31st May - 4th June Half term
July 2021

House Points

Well done to Red Team who have won the points competition for a second week running!



Dynamic Grouping

We use a programme called Pixl to gather assessment information on children. It is then used to support planning so that it really meets the needs of everyone within the class.

One of the things that we are going to be starting after half-term is dynamic grouping. This means that the children will work in different groups according to need on any particular topic across their year group bubble. Taking this approach should mean that children's progress is accelerated.

Stars of the Week

Today's stars are as follows and they were awarded their certificates in our virtual celebration assembly led by Mrs. Coates:

RE - Hannah O.	RM - Alfie M.
1G - Olliver B.	1P - Whole class
2Re - Sophie H-E.	2Ru - Kayden S.
3M - Chloe-Louise F.	3T - Whole class
4P - Liam T.	4C - Autumn H.
5T - Precious H-F.	5DC - Jack M.
6C - Olivia W.	6L - Bella O'N

Wraparound Care

The Trust and the school will be finalising our decision on wraparound care provision next week.

We will issue a full update in the next newsletter.

School Uniform

Don't forget that we still have items for sale before our new provider starts. Check out ParentMail for the latest list of uniform available.

Pen Licences

This week we are proud to present our first group of children who have achieved their pen licence for consistently high presentation of their work.

Well done to:

Katherina D-P
Daniel F
Autumn H
Abel H
Lily-Mai P
Amelia H
Rayman B



LACA's initiative to encourage schools to allow the return to hot meals ASAP



We understand the return to school has been challenging when it comes to providing meals at lunchtime. Some schools are still choosing packed lunches and we know retailers are promoting the voucher scheme to parents. As the colder months approach, we want to help school caterers return to serving hot cooked meals as soon as it is practicable and safe to do so. As key workers throughout the pandemic, we all know school catering teams are best placed to deliver hot meals safely.

We all know the benefits to children's attainment and development, eating a balanced diet can make, so it's paramount they return as soon as possible.

LACA's new initiative - 'Hotober' – has been created to encourage conversations between caterers, school representatives, on site staff and parents to facilitate the return of hot lunches as soon as everyone feels it safe to do so. We do understand many school caterers have continued to serve hot meals, sadly others have been stopped completely.

We have chosen the 1st October as a date when we would like schools to allow hot school food to be served. We recognise this is mid-week but it ties in with Census Day - a very important date for all schools to see a high uptake. We know this date might not be possible for all and in reality, schools may want to start the week before or the week after – the aim of the promotion is to keep the conversation going – caterers being able to refer to a National Initiative. Rather than leave the date open ended for schools to say we will start after half term or after Christmas, LACA have selected a date to emphasise the urgency – but of course it has to be manageable for all parties.

There are a number of free resources for Hotober at www.thegreatschoolslunch.co.uk/resources.

Resources include, posters, letters, activities and a logo you can use in all communications to stakeholders.

