



Newsletter

September 2021



And October!

A rather belated welcome back from the summer holidays. It has been an absolutely hectic start of term, but all children have now settled back in and it has been lovely to meet our thirty new Reception children who started school for the very first time.

Half Term

Don't forget that our half term is for two weeks, with the last day of this half term being 15th November and the children due back on the 1st of November.

Hallowe'en Disco

On Thursday 14th October we will be holding our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 'spooky' discos in the school hall. KS1 disco runs from 4.30 to 5.15 and the KS2 disco from 5.30 to 6.15.

School staff will be in attendance to make sure all children have a great time whilst remaining safe. We hope that every child will be able to attend.

Christmas Fair

We are very excited to announce that this year we will be holding a Christmas Fair on Thursday 16th December. We already have a fantastic number of local businesses who want to have a stall with us and if you know of anyone who might like to book a stall please let them know to contact the office.

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising this and we hope to raise as much funding for the school as possible through events such as this.

If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please contact Ms Smallshaw in Primrose class.

Theatre Alibi visit

We are delighted to welcome back Theatre Alibi to Kingsteignton School on the last day of term to perform their newest creation. This year we will be joining in with their new celebratory piece *Stand Up! (And Boogie)*, a welcome respite after the past year which aims to **help pupils stand tall and be proud of what it means to be them**

A cleaner and an Ofsted Inspector are quietly carrying out their jobs in a South West Primary school, when it gradually becomes clear that there's a lot more to them than meets the eye... Culminating in a joyful extravaganza of live music, wonderful dance and fantastically extravagant costumes, the pupils come to know these larger than life characters for who they really are and are given the chance to join in on a celebration of the pair's new found confidence.

The Theatre company have made sure **Stand Up! (And Boogie) is COVID safe**. Rather than performing for the whole school in one go, they will visit each class separately over the course of the day'

School Uniform

We would just like to remind you that it is very important that all children wear school uniform every day unless otherwise advised. Please ensure that the uniform is clean and as specified on the school website. PE kit has been particularly varied at the moment but should be a white t-shirt, black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers. Many thanks for your support in this. Every piece of clothing including shoes and slippers must be labelled.

Slippers

We would like to return to all children and staff wearing slippers after the half term. We would be very grateful if you could ensure that your child brings a pair of slippers into school on the first Monday back. Please try to avoid the enormous animal/dinosaur slippers as they do restrict your child's movements and can be a trip hazard.

Picking up of children

We would be very grateful if, when your child is being picked up from school by someone other than you, you let the office (not the class teacher) know in advance if possible. We will not let any child go home with someone who we have not got permission from you on the day.

Parking

Please make sure that you are a considerate and safe driver and park sensibly around the school site. Please try to park further away and walk, scooter or cycle into the school site. It will keep you healthy and ensure that our local community are not enraged but being unable to get out of their driveways or concerned that children might well be injured when parking is not careful and considerate.

Entrance times for children

In order to ensure the safety of the children, a member of staff will be on the doors of each year group every day, however this means that they are out of the classroom and not getting on with their daily routines which is fine as long as children arrive in school at their designated times and not late. The doors for KS2 will be opened and manned from 8.45 to 8.55 and will be closed before and after those times. If you arrive after 8.55, please take your child to the Admin reception and sign them in there. Many thanks,

Weather

This term is always a difficult one to know what the weather is going to be like, it can be freezing cold one day, pouring with rain the next and warm and sunny the next one after that. We need the children to be able to go outside whatever the weather (unless it is a downpour) and therefore they need layers, suitable outdoor shoes and, most importantly, a warm and waterproof coat. Please ensure that all children bring in a coat every day without fail otherwise they will be unable to access the outside space for play and exercise.

Water bottles

We would just like to take this opportunity to remind you that water bottles should only contain water not fruit juice or squash. Taking sips of water throughout the day is fine but, for the sake of your child's teeth, please ensure that water is all it is.

'Hello Yellow' - World Mental Health Day

We have been so pleased to see so many children wearing Yellow today to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Many thanks for your contributions to the charity which will be sent on asap.

NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe, online programme

We will be having a dress down (mufti) day on Monday 1st November where, for a small contribution, the children can come into school in their home clothes. See letter 16.09.21 for more details.

DATES for your Diary

June	
14 th October	Hallowe'en Discos
15 th October	Last day of this half term
1 st November	Back to School NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe dress down day
16 th December	Christmas Fair (PTFA)
17 th December	Theatre Alibi Performance Last day of term

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