



Kingsgate Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 8th February 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We have seen a drop in the number of children coming to school late. Thank you for getting your children to school on time. Teachers have said that it has made a big difference to the beginning of the day.

I would like to wish you all a happy half term. See you all back in school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes
Liz Hayward
Headteacher

Change to EYFS/KS1 Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is very popular. However, the numbers have grown and we need to limit the numbers of children. This is for reasons of health and safety. We have decided that we can accommodate a maximum of 50 children.

Please note the following:

- Starting Monday 26th February only children who are registered will be able to come to Breakfast Club
- Registration will take place from 19th February—23rd February
- To register you can phone the school office or you can register your child when you drop your child off between 8am and 8.15am
- We will prioritise working parents
- If necessary we will ask parents to give us proof that they are working
- We have a maximum of 8 places that we can provide for nursery age children

Times Tables

In school we are having a big push on learning times tables.

The government expects all children by the end of Year 4 to quickly remember the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Please help your child learn their tables as it makes an enormous difference to their maths progress.

In school we are using 'Hit The Button', this a free, online game to help learn times tables and division facts.

Your child can play Hit the Button at home too.

Help your child to win an award.

Finalist	Can count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s Know doubles and halves to 10
Bronze Award	Know by heart all multiplication and division facts for their 10, 5 and 2 times tables (up to 12 x 10, 12 x 5 and 12 x 2).
Silver Award	Know by heart all multiplication and division facts for their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
Gold Award	Know the multiplication and division facts for 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables
Platinum Award	Can complete a timed challenge on mixed multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12



World Book day.

On Thursday the 1st of March Kingsgate will be celebrating World Book day.

Children are invited to come into school dressed up as a character from a book.

Have a look at <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> for inspiration and ideas.

COFFEE MORNINGS

EYFS/KS1

22nd February Red Book information session with School Nurse

1st March Get into Learning—fun activities for parents

KS2

23rd February Sidings Community Centre information session

2nd March FGM with Ubah Egal, Director of Camden Somali Cultural Centre

Medical appointments

If possible please make appointments after school. Thank you.

Keeping children safe—What do we do if a child is not in school?

- We take registers promptly
- We listen to calls from parents or voicemails telling us about a child's absence.
- We make a list of children absent with no phone call or explanation from the parent.
- We text their parents and ask them to call us to give us a reason.
- If we do not hear back from the parents within 30 minutes, we call everyone on the contact list until we get an answer. We leave messages if there is a voicemail option. We call the contact numbers at least twice.
- If the family has a social worker we contact them.

MAKE SURE SCHOOL HAS YOUR UP TO DATE MOBILE NUMBER

MAKE SURE SCHOOL HAS 3 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT MOBILE NUMBERS

MAKE SURE YOU TELL SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL BY 8am

Online safety

Does your child play a game called Roblox?

If so, they are able to send and receive messages from other players that they do not know.

These strangers may be adult players.

Make sure that you know how to help keep your child safe. Read the following link:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>