

Kingsgate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22 October 2021



Dear parents and carers

We have noticed that some children are regularly arriving late for school. This means that they may be embarrassed to walk into class, are not having a good start to their day and are missing out on valuable learning time. The children have early morning work from 8.20am in KS2 and 8.50 in KS1. Lessons start promptly at 8.30am in KS2 and 9am in EYFS and KS1. Please ensure that your child is coming into school on time. Thank you for your help with this.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward

Headteacher

Keeping children safe online

This is a child friendly internet search engine. Your child can use it to research subjects. It has extra filters to keep children safe when using the internet.

<https://swiggle.org.uk/>

New website

We have done a lot of work updating our website. I hope you all like it. There is a lot of information about the school on the website so, if you have time, do have a look.

Our goal is to maximise the life chances of all our pupils by making sure that they are ready for the next stage of their education.

We aim to:

- Give every pupil the knowledge, skills, confidence and motivation to be successful in their learning and lives
- Help our pupils to develop into well rounded individuals who have much to contribute to society.
- Develop in our pupils a spirit of tolerance and understanding for all cultures, traditions and faiths
- Teach our pupils to be ready, respectful and safe

Our driving principles are:

- Excellence
- Confidence
- Resilience
- Citizenship



Giving medicines to children during the school day

We are allowed to give prescribed medicines only to children. Unfortunately we are not allowed to give medicines that you have bought over the counter, such as Calpol.

Year 5 workshops on the Anglo Saxons

Year 5 enjoyed their work shop on Anglo Saxons. The children explored the settlement, life and culture of the Anglo-Saxons, and re-enacted the dramatic legend of the warrior Beowulf.



Governor Visit day

Last week our governors visited our school. They visited classrooms and talked with children and staff. Governors help the head teacher and senior leaders to make good decisions about our school. One way for them to stay well informed about the school is to visit classrooms and talk to children and staff, as well as coming to meetings.

Governors are volunteers who give up their time to help us and we would like to say a big thank you for the valuable job they do.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus

1. If your child is showing one or more symptoms of coronavirus, they should not attend school and you must arrange a PCR test for your child.
2. If your child receives a positive test result, they must not attend school for the specified period that NHS Test and Trace advises
3. From 16th August, children are no longer required to automatically self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive Covid19 case. This means that whole classes will not be sent home to isolate any longer. Instead, you may be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take your child for a PCR test if they have been deemed to be in close contact with a positive case

The latest Government guidance 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges' can be viewed via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whatparents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-yearsproviders-schools-and-colleges-during-thecoronavirus-covid-19->

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October— School closed for half term

Friday 17th December—Last day of autumn term

Tuesday 4th January—First day of spring term

Friday 11th February—INSET day. School closed for parent teacher meetings

