

# Kinsale Infant School

## November 2020 Newsletter



*Developing a love of learning for all. Always ready to learn.*

### Diary Dates

<b>November 2020</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		Children back to school
10 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.45-6.45pm	Parents Evenings via Zoom
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15 – 12.15	Inter Bubble Competition – info to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Whole School Cross Country – info to follow
<b>December 2020</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All day	Flu Immunisation for all year groups – consent details already sent (These immunisations are <u>optional</u> for Rec, Y1 and Y2)
		Christmas Lunch – to be a Wednesday in December
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec		End of Term
<b>January 2021</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Children back to school

### Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress.

Unauthorised absence from school may result in a penalty fine being issued.

Please ensure children are at school on time and are collected on time. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.00am each morning.

	<b>28/09 – 02/10/20</b>	<b>05/10 – 09/10/20</b>	<b>12/10 – 18/10/20</b>	<b>19/10/ - 21/10/20</b>
<b>Leopards Class</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Tigers Class</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Lions Class</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Pandas Class</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Elephants Class</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Giraffes Class</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>

**We thank you for your support with our school attendance.**

### New Governors

We recently put an advert out for new Governors to join our board. We are very pleased to welcome Mr Marc Lillystone and Mr James Collins to our Governing board. We thank them for their willingness and enthusiasm to join the Kinsale team. Our Governors have profile pages on our school website if you want to read more about them.

We still have another 2 vacancies – please talk to the office if you are interested.

### **New Staff**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Godden to our staff team this half term. Mrs Godden has worked at Kinsale Infant previously, and we are delighted she is joining us again. Mrs Godden will work alongside the Reception children in Tigers and Leopards.

### **Blended Learning**

Before the half term holiday, we emailed you our Blended Learning offer, outlining our plan for children learning remotely at home in the event that isolation is required by individuals or a whole bubble.

Please ask the office if you require another copy, or see 'Learning at Home' section of our website where it is also available.

### **We love celebrating!**

In our weekly celebration assembly, we enjoy awarding certificates for fabulous learning and outstanding behaviour. I am sure many of your children have come home with certificates and awards.

We also like to celebrate events that take place outside of school. If your child achieves something outside of school (swimming certificate, dance or sport award, musical exam etc) please send in their certificate or email the office to tell us and we will celebrate it in school assembly.

### **Lunches at school**

#### **Hot lunches**

Thank you all for your patience this term regarding school lunches. I know the hot lunches have been very well received, and I can reassure you I constantly monitor the quantity and quality of them. Should the lunch staff be concerned about your child not eating enough at lunchtime, they will pass this onto the class teacher who will let you know.

I hope you all had a chance to help your child develop their cutlery skills over the holiday. I know this is a challenge! Our lunch staff always ask the children to attempt to cut their own food first before they help. It is very much appreciated if children can cut their own food, as helping over 100 children is a challenge!

#### **Packed Lunches**

Please may we ask that you ensure packed lunches contain a balanced diet. Packing a lunch box with 4 or 5 items and then a drink is ample. If they have 8 or 9 items they will struggle to eat everything. Our lunch staff will encourage the children to eat everything, so it helps if you provide the quantity that they can manage please.

A healthy lunch box example would be: sandwiches (or similar alternative), yoghurt, crisps or savoury snack, biscuit or chocolate bar (**one is sufficient**) and some fruit.

### **School Council**

Our new school councillors this year are:

Pandas – Silver

Lions – Connor

Giraffes – Charlie

Elephants – Erin

The school council have a meeting every fortnight with me and Miss Matthews and here we share and discuss ideas or issues to help make our school a better place to be. The school council help to make decisions about how the school is run, they work to solve any issues by taking on little or big projects to improve our school e.g. we created the 'Quiet area' in the playground and they organise charity events such as 'Children in Need'. After our meeting, the school councillors report back to their class and collect the views of their class ready for the next meeting. Congratulations to the new team! Mrs Coughlan

## **Learning Leaders**

The following children were chosen by their class to be their 'Learning Leader'.

Lions - Bernadette

Pandas - Lily-Rae

Giraffes - Tommy

Elephants – Olysia

Learning Leaders meet once a month, with me (JONK lead) and their role is to discuss and plan ideas, to support our learning experiences at Kinsale Infant. Once a term they will go on a learning walk, within their classroom, to see how JONK (Joy Of Not Knowing) is 'seen' in our learning environments, especially how the JONK vocabulary (school values and learning dispositions) are being used by children and staff within their class. They will then give feedback to each other and Miss Robinson. Mrs Sidy

## **Education Library Service – Online Poetry Workshop from Norfolk Libraries**

**Saturday 7 November 11.00-12.00 via Zoom: National poetry day ambassador Simon Mole is coming to help your imaginations take flight . . .**

Build skills and confidence through games and activities before being supported to write your own poem! The workshop (funded by Arts Council England) includes Simon's performance of his debut picture book KITES: a moving poetic story about friendship and belonging.

What would you make a kite out of if the only limits were your imagination? Will it fly above Norwich or Namibia? Most important of all, how will people know your kite is yours?

Suitable for children aged 4-8 years with parent/carer support; to book your child's place, email: [libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk) with the header KITES.

## **Reminders**

- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden when on the school site – Please use the scooter and bike rack near Giraffes class door (much better storage for scooters!)

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

As we have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts, we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child's lunchbox does not contain any food containing nuts.

## **School Uniform**

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform with sensible black shoes. We already have a large number of un-named school sweatshirts in lost property so if your child is missing one, please come to the office and check. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back every day and children are wearing navy blue hairbands, bows or headbands.

All children now have their hi viz jackets, which forms part of our school uniform policy. Please ensure your child wears theirs everyday to and from school. If children cycle or scoot to school, the expectation is that they wear a helmet please. This will help to keep them safe.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's well-being or progress in school please ask to talk to your child's class teacher, who will be only too happy to help.

Should you require any support for your child or the wider family unit please contact us. We have access to a variety of agencies who can offer support for families.

Miss Louise Robinson  
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