

Kinsale Infant School

December 2020 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

December 2020		
Tues 1 st Dec	All day	Flu Immunisation for all year groups
Tues 1 st Dec	Am	Tree Dressing Assembly
Wed 2 nd Dec	Lunch	Christmas Lunch – Reception – Christmas Jumpers for Rec children only
Wed 9 th Dec	Lunch	Christmas Lunch – Year 1 – Christmas Jumpers for Y1 only
<u>Tues 15th Dec</u>		Christmas cards – last post day <i>(If cards arrive after this date I am afraid we are unable to distribute them in class)</i>
Wed 16 th Dec	Lunch	Christmas Lunch – Year 2 – Christmas Jumpers for Y2 only
Fri 18 th Dec	All day	Christmas jumpers for all!
Fri 18 th Dec		End of Term
January 2021		
Mon 4 th Jan		Children back to school
Fri 22 nd Jan	All day	'Day of Calm' in school – more info to follow!
February 2021		
Mon 8th Feb	4.30pm	Governors meeting
15-19th Feb		Half term holiday

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 you inform us if your child is unwell. The office is open from 8.00am to 3.30pm daily.

We thank you for your support with our school attendance.

	02/11 – 06/11/20	09/11 – 13/11/20	16/11 – 20/11/20	23/11 – 27/11/20
Leopards Class	98	96	99	99
Tigers Class	98	99	100	99
Lions Class	99	100	97	99
Pandas Class	98	98	97	95
Elephants Class	97	97	97	93
Giraffes Class	98	98	99	97

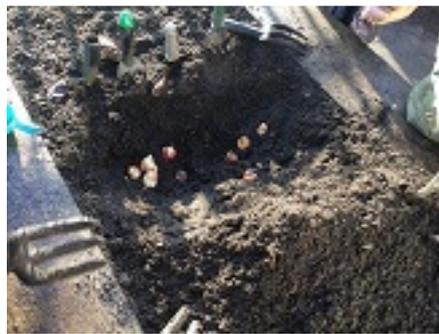
NUT FREE SCHOOL

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 have any food containing nuts.

Sweet free school

As we have achieved Healthy Schools status, we do not allow children to bring in sweets or cakes to give out for birthdays. Please also ensure lunchboxes do not contain sweets. Thank you.

Plant a Bulb



Many thanks to all the parents and carers who sponsored some spring bulbs earlier this term. All the children throughout the school have been busy planting a huge variety of tulips and learning all about seasonal growing. **We would like to extend a big thank you to QD stores** for the generous donation of such an amazing range of different tulips. The sponsorship fundraiser raised £98.00 and these funds have been distributed between all the year groups to buy resources for their classes.

We are already looking forward to spring and a burst of colour to brighten up our school.

Mrs Clennell

Children in Need

Everyone came dressed in their bright, colourful rainbow clothes on Friday 13th November for Children in Need. We had a fantastic day with all year groups completing 'Five to thrive' activities to promote the children's wellbeing. The School Council reported back that Joe Wicks exercises and yoga were popular for physical wellbeing and Reception also made glitter jars to relax their minds.

As a school, we raised an amazing £159.27 for this wonderful charity. Thank you very much for all your kind donations.

Mrs Coughlan

School Cross Country Event

On Wednesday 25th November, the whole school took to the field to take part in our Intra Bubble Cross Country competition. Everyone took part in their separate bubbles, and the staff were delighted to see the children work hard to challenge themselves and encourage one another. A great time was had by all and trophies were awarded to some of the children at the end of the day to celebrate their achievements, including trophies for children who had shown determination and resilience.

Well done Team Kinsale!

Mrs Godwin

Friend in Deed Charity

One of our parents has brought this charity to my attention recently.



Friend in Deed is a Norfolk based charity that creates friendship across generations through various intergenerational schemes. We aim to reduce loneliness and promote kindness.

It is a marvellous charity, working to support residents in care homes, by linking young people. We hope to get involved with the pen pal scheme early in 2021. You may be interested to have a look and see how your child could get involved.

Just One Norfolk Campaign

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership

We want you to know - we're still here.

These are unusual times for families. No matter your age or circumstance, many of us are facing increased stress or maybe things are cropping up that we don't know how to deal with.

Just One Norfolk has support and advice for families so if you need us, contact us.

0300 300 0123
www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

Christmas £30 food vouchers.... IMPORTANT.....

If you are eligible and register for means-tested Free School Meals, you will receive a £30 supermarket voucher for the Christmas holidays and also £15 for February half term.

YOU MUST BE ELIGIBLE AND REGISTERED SO WE CAN ARRANGE YOUR VOUCHERS.

Please follow this link to see if you may be eligible:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Staying safe during school pick up and drop off – A message from Norfolk County Council...

Keeping a 2-metre distance from other parents and carers at busy times during school pick and drop off will help prevent the spread of coronavirus in your community.

Wear a face covering if appropriate or if advised by your school and please don't be tempted to chat and linger with other parents in groups. Please also stick to the advised staggered pick up and drop off times to help reduce crowding outside the school gates.

Coronavirus cases in Norfolk continue to rise and it's even more important that these simple guidelines are followed. (Norfolk County Council)

Please remember:

- Drop off is 8.40 to 8.50am for beginning of alphabet / 8.50-9am for end of alphabet
- Please stand behind the designated area when dropping off / collecting and wave so the class adult can identify you (it is harder to see who it is due to the face masks!)
- Please wait 'dotted about' (rather than in a line) so the teachers can release the children as they are ready

Christmas Jumpers

Children may wear Christmas jumpers with their usual school uniform on their Christmas lunch day.

Then on Friday 18th December, our last day of term all children may wear a Christmas jumper to get us in the festive spirit!

Change in family circumstances – please tell us....

It is a stressful time at the moment for many, and we want to reassure you all that school is here to support in any way we can.

Please talk to us if you feel you would like any support; there may well be agencies we can suggest.

We also would like to remind parents and carers that it is really helpful to keep school staff informed if there is a change in circumstance at home; as the children's attitudes or behaviour can be affected.

Staff are always confidential and sensitive, so please be assured we will deal with information shared in the best way to support your child.

Flu Immunisations

Many children had their flu immunisations this week. If your child did not, please can we request that you endeavour to arrange this yourself in order to help keep our school community as healthy as possible.

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The School House, 1 The Street, Framingham Earl, Norwich, NR14 7QY

New Governors

We still have 2 vacancies on our governing body. If you are interested in becoming a governor or know someone in the community who has an interest, they do not need to be a parent, please speak to Miss Robinson, Mrs Hazard or let Mrs Lake know.

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!)
- Please may we remind parents / carers not to drive onto the school site during the day, unless they have special permission beforehand and also to park considerately when parking near local residents. Thank you.
- FREE Christmas Tree – Our Christmas tree will be available to collect from 3.30pm on Friday 18th December – please contact Mrs Lake if interested!
- Please remember there is a tab on our website if you need to read our website in a language other than English
- Thank you to all those parents who ‘attended’ parents evenings via zoom. They were a great success and we appreciate you joining us virtually. If you have not talked to your child’s class teacher yet, please call the school office to arrange a telephone call.

Finally, I would like to let you know the sad news that Mrs Meyer (TA in Year 2) will be retiring from Kinsale at the end of this term.

Mrs Meyer joined Kinsale Infant School in November 1991 – so she has just completed 29 years here! What a commitment to our school that is.

She is a fabulous member of our team; and I know those of you who know her will miss her greatly; as will the staff.

We are going to ensure she has a good ‘send off’ at the end of term; and I know you will all want to send your best wishes for her future retirement.

Many thanks for your continued support during the last term. It continues to be a challenging time for all; but I am exceptionally grateful for all the support and positive feedback I have received from parents.

If you have any feedback you would like to give us, please either ring or email the school office or talk to a member of school staff.

We wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in 2021!

Miss Louise Robinson
Head Teacher

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