

Kinsale Infant School
April 2021 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

April 2021		
Mon 12 th Apr		Children back to school
Wed 14 th Apr	AM	Pandas Forest School starts
Tues 20 th & Thurs 29 th Apr	3.30- 7.30pm	Parents Evenings – details emailed for online booking
26 th Apr	Pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Thurs 29 th Apr	Am	Class photographs
May 2021		
3 May		Bank Holiday – School closed
7 May	All day	Day of Calm – more info to follow from Mrs Wallace
24 May	Pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
24 May & 25 May	Am	Reception NHS checks (height, weight and vision) – info sent out already
31 May to 4 June		Half term holiday - school closed
June 2021		
9 June	Am	Lions Forest School starts

Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. Please ensure children are at school on time and collected promptly at the end of the day. 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.

We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves.

	1 st March to 5 th March	8 th March to 12 th March	15 th March to 19 th March	22 nd March to 26 th March
	WOW!!			WOW!!
Leopards - Reception	100	99	96	100
Tigers - Reception	100	98	96	100
Lions – Year 1	100	99	100	100
Pandas – Year 1	100	99	98	100
Elephants – Year 2	96	96	92	93
Giraffes – Year 2	100	100	97	97

Book Week

Our book week was slightly different this year due to lockdown, however we still celebrated our love of reading and our love of books! All children enjoyed hearing a huge number of favourite stories virtually, read by different staff within the school. This was a lovely experience for the children as due to the 'bubbles' they rarely get to see different members of staff outside their own 'bubble'. All year groups created their own books. Year 2 focused on fantasy stories about aliens and wrote their own alien class books, describing aliens that they had created. Year 1 read Cinderella and created their own versions. Reception focused on the book The Odd Egg and created a book called The Super Egg which they all contributed to.

Mrs Hazard

Rube Goldberg Challenge March 2021

We were so impressed with all of the families who created their own Rube Goldberg Machines. There were some ingenious ideas for the different types of machines invented such as feeding pets, making breakfast, feeding the baby, turning the kettle on, brushing your hair and watering the flowers to name just a few. Another very well done to everyone who took part in the competition. All of the children received certificates in a special assembly at the end of the Spring Term. It was a very difficult decision to choose the winning machines as they were all so amazing! However we finally came to a decision so a huge congratulations to our 3rd place winner: Ryan in Lions, our 2nd place winner: Elijah in Leopards, and our 1st place winner: Ava in Giraffes. Congratulations to you all, maybe some of you will become engineers and inventors when you are older- watch this space!!

Mrs Hazard

Easter Creative Challenge

We certainly have some very creative children in Kinsale Infant School! Well done to everyone who completed some of the Easter Challenges and uploaded them to Tapestry. We really enjoyed seeing what you created. There were many Easter egg hunts completed, lots of delicious Easter treats made, carefully designed models built, lots of you explored the local environment and spotted plants and trees, many of you got out in the garden and planted some seeds or bulbs and a number of you created wonderful Easter bonnets and decorations. A massive congratulations to the 25 children who completed all 9 challenges – you worked extremely hard and persevered to be as creative as you possibly could!

Creativity is the whole school focus for the summer term. We can't wait to see the amazing things the children create during their learning in school!

Mrs Hazard

Spring is finally here!

Beautiful arrays of tulips and other spring flowers are popping up around the school. These were planted by all children in the autumn term as part our spring bulb fundraiser. These spring offerings are making us feel happy and hopeful. We would just like to extend another thank you to QD stores for their kind donation of these lovely bulbs.

Mrs Clennell



Hot Chocolate Monday

Hot chocolate with Miss Robinson is awarded to one child from each class who has shown they can keep all our JONK (Joy of Not Knowing) dispositions:

1. Collaborative (as a bee)
2. Resilient (as a penguin)
3. Resourceful (as a squirrel)
4. Curious (as a cat)
5. Reflective (as an owl)
6. Creative (as a bird)

They enjoy a hot chocolate and chat with Miss Robinson on a Monday – socially distanced of course!
This happens once a month (dates at top of newsletter)

Well done to our March winners!

Lions – Belwin

Pandas – Edward

Elephants – Olysia

Giraffes – Neil

Mrs Sidy (JONK co-ordinator)

Just one Number

0300 300 0123

Just One Number is our single point of access for all Norfolk Healthy Child Programme services. Find out more about the care we can offer for you and your child from age 0-19 [here](#).

You can get in touch with Just One Number by calling **0300 300 0123**.

Your call might be for an appointment change, or you might have a parenting question or a worry about your child's physical or emotional health. Whatever your reason to call, our team are here to help you.

Parents / carers can refer themselves by ringing 0300 300 0123, or if you prefer please talk to us and we can make the call for you. There is an option to see the website in different languages if that helps. (Tab at top)

There are also great resources on the Just One Norfolk website (<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>) for helping children with anxiety and mental health difficulties.

You can also enrol for a Solihull parenting course for free.

Staffing update

We have welcomed 2 new Teaching Assistants to our team. Miss Steele and Mrs Horner have joined Reception, and are setting in very well. We hope they will be very happy at Kinsale.

We have said farewell to Miss Riches, our Sports Apprentice, who has moved on to pursue new ventures. We thank her for her hard work at Kinsale.

I am delighted that Miss Edmead (teaching student) is to stay in Reception for this term. Miss Edmead was originally meant to finish her placement at Easter, but due to the turbulent spring term with Covid restrictions, placements have been extended. We are delighted that Miss Edmead is staying with us until the summer.

It has been a very challenging last couple of terms for all children in school; but I am constantly amazed by the resilience and enthusiasm they show. All children in school have worked and behaved so well since school fully reopened, and we are so pleased to be starting a new term with everyone back.

We hope to arrange some summer activities; in line with Government guidance, so keep a look out for emails giving further information.

I understand it is currently more challenging to talk regularly to the class teachers; but please do contact the office if you would like a longer conversation with the teacher and this will be arranged.

Our Senior Leadership Team are on duty at the school entrance every morning from 8.35am; and will of course answer any questions you have:

Monday and Tuesday = Miss Robinson (Head teacher)

Wednesday = Mrs Clennell (Early Years lead)

Thursday = Mrs Wallace (SENCo)

Friday = Mrs Hazard (Deputy Head teacher)

We look forward to 'seeing' you all at parents evenings starting next week.

Yours Sincerely
Louise Robinson

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