

Kinsale Infant School

October 2021 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

October 2021		
Thur 14 Oct		Flu Immunisation for all year groups – consent letters sent (These immunisations are <u>optional</u> for Rec, Y1 and Y2)
Tues 19 Oct		Last Forest School for Elephants Y2
Wb 25 Oct		Half term
November 2021		
Mon 1 Nov		Children back to school
Tues 2 Nov	pm	Giraffes Y2 start Forest Schools
Tues 2 Nov	5.30-6.15pm	EYFS curriculum meeting via zoom
Mon 8 Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evenings day 1 – bookings open soon
Thur 18 Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evenings day 2 – bookings open soon
Wb 29 Nov		After school clubs finish this week
Mon 29 Nov	9am-10am	Tigers phonics workshop
Tues 30 Nov	9am-10am	Leopards phonics workshop
December 2021		
Mon 6 Dec		Christmas card post box out!
Tue 7 Dec		Last Forest School for Giraffes Y2
Fri 17 Dec		End of Term – finish at normal time
January 2022		
Tue 4 Jan		INSET – no children in school
Wed 5 Jan		Children back to school
Tue 11 Jan		Lions Y1 start Forest Schools

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 by 9am and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments **MUST** 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 8.15am each morning.

We thank you for your support.

	6 th – 10 th Sept	13 th – 17 th Sept	20 th Sept – 24 th Sept	27 th Sept- 1 st Oct
Leopards Class	N/A	89%	94%	95%
Tigers Class	N/A	99%	98%	97%
Lions Class	99%	97%	99%	97%
Pandas Class	99%	94%	93%	95%
Elephants Class	100%	96%	92%	98%
Giraffes Class	94%	98%	94%	98%

School Photographs

Tempest photography was in school today taking our school photos. Ordering and payment is done online and all the information you need is on the photos that the children will be bringing home today. Please be aware there is a deadline if you would like the photos to be delivered back to school. Or you can order them to your home and pay postage and packaging.

Reception Cohort 2021

We have been really impressed with how well all of the Reception children have settled into school. All of the children have picked up our daily routines very quickly especially coming into school in the morning on their own. They know to put all their belongings away, choose their lunch and find their space on the carpet. They have all been exploring the different areas in both classrooms and outside. It has been lovely to watch the children make new friends within our team. We are excited for the year of learning ahead.

Mrs Clennell, Mrs Godwin & Mrs Coughlan
Reception Teachers

Congratulations and farewell!

You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Sidy had a baby girl on 22nd September. She is named Ella and they are both doing well. I am sure you will join us in sending her and her family a huge congratulations!

On a different note, we are saying a fond farewell to Miss Matthews at the end of this half term. She has been one of our teaching assistants here for twelve years, supporting so many different children with their learning. She has worked extremely hard, also leading school council and as a member of the breakfast club team. She is about to embark on a new adventure and go travelling around the United Kingdom. We look forward to receiving lots of postcards and hearing about all of the exciting places she has visited. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to Kinsale Infant School and wish her lots of luck in the future. Bon Voyage!

October half term

I am aware there is some confusion around the upcoming October half term. To clarify children are in school Thursday 21st October and Friday 22nd October.

Half term is Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October.

We return to school on Monday 1st November.

School lunches

The lunch menu will change after half term and this will be sent to you as soon as it is available. Remember that all our children are entitled to a delicious, free hot lunch provided by our suppliers Edward and Blake every day!

Please contact the office if your child has any dietary requirements we are unaware of.

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2021/2022

The school based nasal flu vaccination programme helps protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Your child is entitled to the Flu vaccination free from the NHS.

A letter was emailed in September to all parents with the information and a consent form was sent home. If you require further advice or information please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01462 341173 or email EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk

Reading

Please continue to hear your child read at home, as this practice helps them to develop their skills and become more confident at reading. It is really helpful to ask your child questions about what they are reading to check their understanding. There is a list of suggested questions you could ask, on our website, under the Curriculum tab. Please write in their reading record every time you hear them read, making notes of anything they did really well at, like using expression or remembering their tricky words, or any sounds or words they struggled with. They can change their book on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is useful for your child to read a book more than once when they are developing the early skills of reading, as this helps them to become a more fluent reader.

Celebration Assemblies

Every Monday we have a celebration assembly in school where we celebrate the children's achievements. One child in each class receives a superstar learner certificate for something they have done well during the previous week. This may also link to the JONK learning dispositions, of being curious, creative, collaborative, reflective, resourceful or resilient. We celebrate who has shown golden behaviour the week before and see if anyone's work had been placed in the silver frames, displayed in the corridor. When a child's work is displayed in the corridor, they will also receive a special certificate.

Curriculum Overviews and Newsletters Reception

Curriculum Overview

This will be emailed home at the beginning of each half term.

Once the children's interests / ideas have been added, an annotated Curriculum Overview will be resent at the end of the half term.

A new Curriculum Overview will then be sent every half term throughout the year.

Newsletters

These are emailed home every Friday.

Y1 and Y2

Curriculum Overview

This will be emailed home in the 3rd week of each term.

Newsletters

These are not sent in Year 1 or 2 as the Curriculum Overview and Home Learning activities cover all information about learning and how you can support your child.

They will also be displayed on our school website.

Reminders

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

- Please ensure that a spoon is included in your child's packed lunch for yogurts – the school cutlery is disappearing!

'Free School Meals' and pupil premium entitlement

If your household income is less than £16,190.00 school may be entitled to receive funding to support your child in school. If your situation has changed, please contact the school office for a form to complete or click the link below for more helpful information.

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

Forest school

If you have any old trousers/ long sleeve tops/jumpers/socks, old waterproofs etc please could we have them as spares for children doing Forest School!
Feel free to drop off at the office. Thank you!

Site Manager Vacancy

If you know anyone who may be interested and suited to this role, please pass on our attached advert.

Tots to Teens

Please see attached a Tots2Teens Brochure for October Half Term 2021.

They offer 50% discount to those on means tested benefits to attend sessions and precautions have been made at all sessions to limit the spread of Covid-19 where possible. All sessions are completely inclusive and they are happy to work with parents/guardians to give extra support to any child that may need it.

NUT FREE SCHOOL – Please remember we are a nut free school, as we have children in school who have severe allergies. We appreciate if you can check your child’s packed lunch contents to ensure no nuts are included – this is to ensure ALL our children are safe in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss L Robinson
Head Teacher

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