

Kinsale Infant School

November 2021 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

November 2021		
1 st Nov		Children back to school
2 nd Nov	Pm	Giraffes start Forest School
8 th Nov	3.45-6.45pm	Parents evenings on zoom
16 th Nov	am	Open Morning – booking required
18 th Nov	3.45-6.45pm	Parents evenings on zoom
19 th Nov		Children in Need – letter sent – bright clothes! – donations to CIN
26 th Nov	am	Rocksteady music workshops
29 th Nov	9am	Tigers phonics workshop – school hall
29 th Nov	2.30pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
30 th Nov	9am	Leopard phonics workshop – school hall
December 2021		
3 rd Dec		Last session of Football club
6 th Dec		Post-box in school for Christmas cards! <i>Pls ensure name and class name is clearly on envelope</i> Christmas tree decorating celebration!
8 th Dec	Lunch	Christmas lunch – sitting 1 (wear Christmas jumpers)
10 th Dec		Christmas Jumper day – donations to Save the Children
13 th Dec	2.30pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
15 th Dec	Lunch	Christmas lunch – sitting 2 (wear Christmas jumpers)
16 th Dec		Jack and the Beanstalk panto (online)
17 th Dec		Last day of term – finish usual time
January 2022		
4 th Jan		INSET – no children in school
5 th Jan		Children back to school
11 th Jan		Lions start Forest School
17 th Jan		Clubs start this week. Letters emailed home in due course
31 st Jan	2.30pm	Hot chocolate Monday!

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 8.15am each morning.

	4/10/21 – 8/10/21	11/10/21- 15/10/21	18/10/21- 22/10/21	1/11/21-5/11/21
Leopards Class	97%	94%	95%	89%
Tigers Class	91%	91%	94%	100%
Lions Class	89%	91%	90%	96%
Pandas Class	88%	97%	97%	94%
Elephants Class	91%	92%	96%	93%
Giraffes Class	95%	92%	92%	92%

We thank you for your support with our school attendance.

We love celebrating!

In our weekly celebration assembly, on a Monday morning, 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. Please let us know by the Friday for the following week's assembly.

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. Please remember a drink (preferably water) if having packed lunch.

As we have children and staff 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 Council

Our new school councillors this year are:

Panda – Laycee and Freddie

Lions – Ayla and Elijah

Giraffes – Jacob and Nell

Elephants – Dylan and Ava

They will meet shortly to 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. They brought wellbeing and mental health resources for each class through our crazy hair day last term and they organise charity events such as 'Children in Need' or 'Comic Relief'. After the 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!

Learning Leaders

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

Lions - Isla and Lawson

Pandas - Betsy and Conor

Giraffes - Mia and Oscar

Elephants – Daisy and Myron

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 School. Once a term they will go on a learning walk, to other classrooms, 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 the classes. They will then give feedback to each other and Miss Robinson.

Miss Galley

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 ensure your child is reading AT LEAST 3 times a week, and you sign the reading record book to share this with us
- Please ensure you closely supervise your child/children before and after school – the Junior school have different hours in their school day, and may still be learning when our children have finished for the day. The children MUST NOT be climbing trees or playing games around the buggy park please

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform (which is named) 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.

PE kits should be kept in school until the holiday – they need navy shorts, white t shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Warmer tracksuits would be helpful to be kept in eh PE bag too please.

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.

Christmas 2021

As you will expect, we are updated very regularly in terms of Covid-19 rates in the local area. We are in regular communication with the Local Authority, who offers advice and guidance to all maintained schools (of which we are one). Although the Local Authority have not currently insisted on any new restrictions to Norfolk schools, they are advising us to take precautions in terms of allowing larger groups to gather within the school building. This is in order to help prevent transmission, and to help keep rates from rising too rapidly.

As I'm sure you would expect, we are not in a position to plan for large numbers of parents / carers to enter school over the next month. Therefore, our Christmas celebrations will continue in school; but without live audiences. As we did last year (with lots of positive feedback received), we will be adding a video to Tapestry of your child's class Christmas celebration. This means you will be able to watch more than once, and also allows all family members and friends to share the experience with your child.

We would like to thank you for your understanding at this time.

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. You can contact the school office to make an appointment.

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. Our SENCO (Mrs Wallace) will be happy to help. Please contact the office to arrange to talk to her.

Just one Norfolk website is excellent – please have a look if you haven't already seen it.

Miss Louise Robinson
Head Teacher