

Kinsale Infant School
January 2022 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

January 2022		
Tues 11 th Jan	Pm	Forest school starts for Lions Class
W/B 17 th Jan	After school	Clubs start this week – letter sent
Thur 20 Jan	Lunch	Census day – try a hot meal please!
Mon 31 st Jan	Pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
February 2022		
Wed 9 Feb		Cricket taster sessions Y1 and Y2
14 th -18 th Feb		Half term holiday
Mon 21 st Feb		Children return to school
Tues 22 nd Feb	Pm	Forest school starts for Pandas Class
Mon 28 th Feb	Pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
March 2022		
Wed 2 Mar		Reverend Alder visits Y2
W/B 21 st March		Clubs end this week
Thur 24 Mar		Get Fit Fast! Event
Mon 28 Mar	pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Tue 29 Mar		Y2 visit local church – To be confirmed
April 2022		
4 th April- 20 th April		Easter holiday
Thur 21 April		Children return to school
Mon 25 Apr	pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Tue 26 Apr	pm	Leopards class start Forest School
Thurs 28 th April		Class photographs

Welcome back to school for the start of the new spring term.
We are looking forward to a productive, fun packed term at Kinsale!

Please note: school is closed on Wed 20th April 2022 – this is an additional closure day in lieu of the additional bank holiday on 3rd June 2022; to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee.

Staffing

We have recently said farewell to Miss Steele from Year 1. Miss Steele left us to enjoy spending more time at home with her young baby; she was very sad to leave and we all wish her well.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Godden very soon. Mrs Godden has been at our school in a variety of different roles; but due to family circumstances, is moving on to pastures new. We will miss her a great deal, and hope she will enjoy her new role.

We will also be saying Happy Retirement to Mrs Norton very soon! Mrs Norton has worked at Kinsale Infant as Midday Supervisor since January 2000 – AN AMAZING 22 YEARS!!! WOW!! We will all miss her a great deal, but we all agree she is due a rest!!

Welcome to:

Mr Rowe who has joined us as our new Caretaker. You may have already seen him constructing things around the school site!

Mrs Humphrey (*not to be confused with Miss Humphrey – Elephants teacher!*) is joining Leopards team as a TA and Miss Howell is joining Lions team as a TA and MSA.

We hope all our new staff settle in really quickly.

'COOL' time...

Those children in Reception and Year 1 may talk to you about the learning they do in 'Cool' time at school. I thought an explanation of what it is may be helpful.

In Reception and Year 1 the children's learning during the school day is a mixture of teacher-directed learning through whole class teaching (such as phonics lessons) and learning that is led by the children. At Kinsale, we refer to this child-initiated learning time as 'COOL time', which stands for '**C**reate **O**ur **O**wn **L**earning time'. In our classrooms we plan and develop our classroom environment and resources to encourage children to make good use of this time to extend their learning. This gives children the opportunity to develop important skills, apply their knowledge in unique and meaningful ways and embed their learning. In Year 1, the children are given three independent learning challenges to complete each week during their COOL time, which they are encouraged to manage themselves and even take their own photos for Tapestry!

SEND on our website

If you have a child with Special Educational Needs, please do remember to refer to our school website (SEND section) – There is a statement on INDES which is particularly important, and the website is updated regularly. *If you require support with any SEND matter, please contact Mrs Wallace (SEND coordinator) via the school office.*

If you require an

Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays where possible please.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office is open 8.15am to 3.45pm daily.

**We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves.
Our school target is 97%.**

	6/12/21-10/12/21	13/12/21-17/12/21	5/1/22-7/1/22	10/1/22-14/1/22
Leopards Class	98%	89%	100%	96%
Tigers Class	87%	97%	98%	93%
Lions Class	94%	96%	100%	99%
Pandas Class	96%	96%	95%	97%
Elephants Class	88%	91%	98%	97%
Giraffes Class	94%	91%	95%	97%

Reading and Home Learning

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with your child's learning.

Please may we ask that you ensure your child reads at home at least 3 times a week, and that this is recorded in their reading record book. If they are no longer on the coloured book banded books and are now reading a 'free reader', please record and sign the reading record to say they have read at least 3 times a week.

The children at Kinsale make exceptional progress in reading, and we want this to continue, so your support is crucial and makes a **huge difference**.

Should the school reading book become damaged or lost we require a payment so we are able to replace it.

Please inform a member of school staff.

Thank you.

Just a reminder about Home Learning in Year 1 and 2. We do ask for your support to encourage your child to complete this each term, as it supports learning in class. We allow the whole half term for a selection of the activities to be completed; to ensure it allows families maximum flexibility in terms of when to complete it. If you are finding this difficult to complete with your child, please talk to your class teacher soon.

Christmas Jumper day!

It was so lovely to see all the sparkly, festive jumpers on the 18th December last year!

Your kind donations raised £58 for Save the Children. Thank you.

Reminders please...

All children with long hair **MUST** have their hair tied back for school at all times please. Navy blue hair bands and accessories please – keep lovely coloured, glittery bows for the weekends please!

Children should **not** ride bikes or scooters on the school site, once they enter the large grey school gates. All bikes and scooters **MUST** be locked when left at the racks near the children's centre, as we cannot be responsible should they disappear.

Thank you again for all those who wear the hi viz jackets consistently every day.

We really appreciate all those parents who are making a conscious effort to walk to school or to park away from school and walk a little part of the journey. **Please may we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking for the school journey; taking into account local residents who live close to school.**
Thank you.

Please can I remind all parents / carers that the school doors close promptly at 9am, so please ensure you arrive by this time. Children having to walk through the main school door is not ideal, as they miss the beginning of the school day, when teachers share the timetable for the day ahead.

Apex! £2.59 was raised for Mind & Help the

If you were lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas, or your contact address or phone number has changed, please remember to call into the school office to complete an update form; available in the office entrance. Or email office@kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you this term, and please do not hesitate to email the school office if you would like an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Louise Robinson
Head teacher

Information regarding food and supplies

Parents who don't receive free school meals currently but might be eligible can apply at

- <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

Cheap meal and store cupboards ideas

- <https://cookingonabootstrap.com/category/recipes-food/>
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/raid_the_storecupboard
- <https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/food/recipe-collections/cheap-family-meals-recipes-under-1-per-head-33813>
- <http://www.foodnetwork.co.uk/article/budget-family-recipes.html>
- <http://www.fyf20quid.co.uk> Feed your family for £20 a week have recipes online and on Facebook

Struggling and need help?

Please be aware links below may close or change operating hours, so please contact first.

- Find a community fridge <https://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge>
- Download the free Olio App (like Freecycle, but for food sharing) <https://olioex.com/>
- The Feed (Norwich) have this list of Food assistance on their website <https://thefeed.org.uk/foodassistance/>