

**Kinsale Infant School**  
**March 2022 Newsletter**



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

**Diary Dates**

<b>March 2022</b>		
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	Active Canaries assembly – part 1 ( <i>see below for details</i> )
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	Active Canaries assembly – part 2
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Red nose day – come to school in your pyjamas!
WB 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Pedal Power sessions- Reception ( <i>see below for details</i> )
Wb 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Clubs end this week
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Am	Active Canaries assembly – part 3
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Get fit fast! – PE visitor ( <i>see below for details</i> )
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Rock steady parents concert ( <i>details to be sent to relevant parents</i> )
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 2 Church visit ( <i>letter sent</i> )
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	Active Canaries assembly – part 4
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Evening	Pre School open evening ( <i>Call 01603 484700 for information</i> )
<b>April 2022</b>		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	10-2pm	Preschool open day ( <i>Call 01603 484700 for information</i> )
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April		Last day of term (school finishes normal time)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Weds 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>Easter Holidays (including extra day in lieu of Queens Jubilee)</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April		Children return to school
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Pm	Leopards class start Forest school
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Am	Class photographs
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30-7pm	Parents evenings ( <i>letter with booking link to follow</i> )
<b>May 2022</b>		
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		<b>Bank holiday – school closed</b>
<b>W/B 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>		Clubs start this week
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Domestic Abuse awareness sessions for all classes
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-7pm	Parents evenings ( <i>letter with booking link to follow</i> )
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.30pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Height/weight/vision check- Reception classes ( <i>letter to be sent</i> )
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Height/weight/vision check- Reception classes
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Last day of term
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		<b>Half term holiday</b>
<b>June 2022</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Children return to school

**Reading**

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 Mrs Clarke in the school office)*

### **World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March 2022**

This year we had a whole storybook of characters coming to life in our school! The day was focused around our love of reading and sharing different books. We were so impressed with all the creative costumes and outfits the children wore. Well done to all!

### **Dinosaur Reading Challenge**

To encourage the children to read frequently at home we are launching a dinosaur reading challenge.

The challenge will last for the whole of the half term ending on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Every time your child reads at home, please sign their reading record so that we can count the number of times they have read.

All classrooms will have their own Reading Dinosaur Display which each child can add their own dinosaur to once they have read a certain number of times.

**Read 8 times** = awarded their dinosaur

**Read 12 times** = colour their dinosaur's legs and arms

**Read 15 times** = colour their dinosaur's head and body

**Read 20 times** = colour their dinosaur's tail

**Read 30 times** – awarded colourful dinosaur to add to the Whole School Reading Dinosaur Display

**Read 40 times** = awarded a certificate and a special book mark to take home.

Please continue to encourage and support your child with their reading and I hope they enjoy the challenge! Remember it is the number of times they read **NOT** the number of books.

Happy reading!

*(Mrs Hazard – English lead)*

### **Red Nose Day 2022**

Red Nose Day this year is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. After much discussion and debate our school council have decided that to raise money this year we will have a 'Come to school dressed in your pyjamas day!'

Please donate online if your child would like to come in their sleepwear, details of this will be sent out soon.

*(Mrs Cletheroe – School Council Lead)*

### **Friends of Kinsale Infant School**

We are delighted to announce we are in the midst of relaunching 'Friends of Kinsale Infant School' - a registered charity to ensure our children get the most out of their school journey.

We have established a small committee that are dedicated to FUN-raising for better resources, organising events and challenges for all to enjoy.

Please join us in welcoming the new team:

Laura Holloway, Joanne Flanagan, Kelly Robotham and Sam Holloway.

### **[A taste of what's to come...](#)**

[After school movie nights](#)

[Easter fun](#)

[Penny Wars](#)

[And so much more!](#)

We are still welcoming additional committee members and if you think you would be interested or would like to know more please get in contact via [friendsofkis22@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkis22@gmail.com) or speak to Mrs Clarke in the office.

If you don't want to fully commit but would be happy to volunteer to help with preparation or be on hand at events please also get in touch.

Parents / carers, grandparents and friends of our school are all welcome.

**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!**

**Watch this space!**

*(Laura Holloway – Friends Chair person)*

### **Pre School open day**

Hellesdon Community Pre School are holding an Open event 10am-2pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

We will also be holding an Easter Fair between these times for all present families, and families of Infant and Junior schools to attend if they would like to.

We are planning to have a jam jar tombola stall, cake stall, Easter Egg hunt, Tin can alley game, Egg and spoon race, face painting, decorate cookies, pin the tail on the Bunny and more!

Please do come along to support us if you can.

More information can be gathered by calling 01603 484700

*(Alison Roberts-Jones – Preschool Manager)*

### **PE and sport at KIS!**

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities in PE this half term!

Reception will be developing their bike skills as we have Pedal Power coming to school to teach the children how to learn to ride a bike or develop their abilities further. This is a valuable skill for the children and will continue to be practiced throughout the school year. We also have a Get Fit Fast! session to look forward to on March 24<sup>th</sup>, which will be focused on gym skills.

Year 1 and 2 will have a weekly assembly on a Wednesday morning which is led by Active Canaries who will be talking about different areas of health, including: being active, the importance of sleep and healthy eating habits.

Lots of exciting PE / sport events!

*(Mrs Kelly – PE Lead)*

### **Reception Snack time....**

In the early part of this year, we introduced Toast making into Reception's daily snack provision. Aside from "making my belly full in the morning" and "toast is my favorite thing to eat", children have developed some really valuable skills.

They have learnt how to use this piece of everyday household technology safely, aware of the dangers that a hot toaster can bring. They all observe a safe distance from the toaster whilst waiting and always use the wooden tongs to remove their toast to put on their plate. They are developing their gross and fine motor physical skills by using their knife to butter the toast and cut it in half. They also use gross motor skills to wash their plate and dry it as well.

Their levels of independence have grown as they carry out the whole toast making process completely independently.

A very tasty bit of success Reception! Well done!

*(Mrs Clennell – Early Years Lead)*

### **Year 1 outdoor area**

As you may have seen at drop off/pick up time in Year 1, we have recently received lots of exciting deliveries for our outside area. The children have all worked collaboratively together to help us sort out the sheds and the organisation of all the different areas. Our aim for our outside learning environment is to make sure that the children have a place where they can fully immerse in all types of learning, whether that be developing their gross motor skills, learning about living creatures or drawing the environment around them.

Allowing the children to have access to different areas in our outside area enhances their learning through their sensory and physical experiences; and allows them to become more diverse learners. There has been some great learning opportunities happening outside and we look forward to many more as we build our area.

Keep a look out....

*(Mrs Kelly and Miss Galley – Year 1 teachers)*

### **Welcome!**

A big welcome to Mrs Osborne who has recently joined us. She is currently supporting the children in Lions Class. We hope she settles in very quickly.

## Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress.

Please ensure children are at school by 9am and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Our school bell rings promptly at 8.50am when the classroom doors open, and it will sound again at 9am as the classroom doors are locked.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning. If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day.

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

	7/2/22 – 11/2/22	21/2/22-25/2/22	28/2/22-4/3/22
Leopards - Reception	97%	73%	89%
Tigers - Reception	90%	93%	98%
Lions – Year 1	87%	89%	100%
Pandas – Year 1	100%	77%	98%
Elephants – Year 2	98%	84%	91%
Giraffes – Year 2	95%	84%	90%

### **And finally.....**

Miss Robinson will be leaving at the end of term, but only for a short time; as I shall be returning with a different name! I am getting married over the Easter holidays at Norwich Cathedral.

Myself and my husband to be are very much looking forward to this special occasion – fingers crossed for some dry weather!

Many thanks for all your support,

Miss Robinson (*soon to be Mrs Mainwaring!*)  
Headteacher

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