

Kinsale Infant School
July 2022 Newsletter

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Diary Dates

July 2022		
Weds 6 th -Fri 8 th July		Horstead Centre residential visit – Year 2
W/B Mon 11 th July		Clubs end this week
Tues 12 th July	pm	Rocksteady today (<i>instead of Monday</i>)
Weds 13 th -15 th July		Transition days – more information below
Thur 14 th July	2.30pm	Y2 parents meet KJS parents (<i>if applicable</i>)
Sat 16 th July	10-3pm	Hellesdon Carnival
Wb 18 th July		Work experience students in school
Mon 18 th July		Forest School ends this week
Mon 18 th July	Pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Mon 18 th July		End of year Reports out to parents (<i>via email</i>)
Mon 18 th July	2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert – invites only
Weds 20 th July	2pm	Year 2 Leavers show – Year 2 parents only (school hall)
Fri 22 nd July		Last day of term – finish at normal time
Sept 2022		
Fri 2 nd Sept		INSET – no children in school
Mon 5 th Sept		INSET – no children in school Reception parent meetings – letters sent previously
Tues 6 th Sept		Year 1 and 2 children back to school Reception parent meetings – letters sent previously
Wed 7 th Sept		Reception start part time
Mon 12 th Sept	2.30pm	Meet the Y1 teachers (all Y1 parents)
Tues 13 th Sept	pm	Y2 start Forest schools
Weds 14 th Sept	2.30pm	Meet the Y2 teachers (all Y2 parents)
Weds 14 th Sept		Reception start full time
Thurs 29 th Sept	Am	Individual School Photos
Oct 2022		
24 th – 28 th Oct		Half term holiday – school closed
31 st Oct		Flu immunisations for all in school – info to follow in sept

Attendance

	6/6/22-10/6/22	13/6/22-17/6/22	20/6/22-24/6/22	27/6/22-1/7/22
Leopards - Reception	87%	90%	86%	98%
Tigers - Reception	95%	94%	93%	89%
Lions – Year 1	97%	96%	91%	94%
Pandas – Year 1	90%	94%	96%	96%
Elephants – Year 2	98%	99%	98%	94%
Giraffes – Year 2	96%	95%	97%	95%

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

Thank you to all parents and carers who value and support their child's good attendance at school.

If your child has a minor cough, cold, aches, pains or tiredness and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them into school and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day.

Children should not be absent from school for routine medical and dental appointments. Please endeavour to make these at the end of the school day or during the holidays.

Children's attendance is measured in sessions throughout the year, and they are marked in for a morning session and an afternoon session everyday (2 sessions per day).

School driveway

You will have seen significant drain repairs happening on the school driveway currently.

Unfortunately, the drain collapsed, so emergency repairs had to be started. We apologise for the inconvenience of this and hope the work will be completed very soon.

School reading books / Lost Property

All school reading books must be returned to school for the summer break so they can be audited and replaced if necessary. We have ordered a large number of exciting new books which will be issued in September.

Please return all books and reading record books to your class teacher on Thursday 14th July.

Any lost or damaged books must be paid for please (£5 per book will be charged – please contact the office if you need to make payment)

Lost property is outside under the buggy shelter. Please take anything which belongs to you (lots is unnamed). If not collected by Monday 11th July, it will be disposed of.

Sports Morning

We had a fantastic time at our sports morning on the 21st June. All of the children really enjoyed participating in a range of activities with their teams. It was wonderful to see the children cheering on their team, helping each other and showing great sportsmanship. We were all so impressed with the speed and determination that the children showed in their races! The **terrific tomatoes** were the winners this year (and last year!), I wonder if another team will win the trophy next time...

Mrs Kelly

Year 1 visit to the Royal Norfolk Show

On Wednesday 29th June Year 1 went on a school trip to the Royal Norfolk Show. All the children were extremely excited as this was their first school trip due to coronavirus. We had such a lovely day and saw so many amazing things ranging from horse jumping, to parachute jumping and seeing the emergency services, we even got to dress up as Fireman Sam! The children learnt so much about agriculture and took part in lots of different activities which kept them busy all day. All the children were exceptionally well behaved and many members of the public even commented on this and as teachers we were all very proud of the children. We had a fantastic day and are looking forward to the next school trip whenever that may be.

Miss Galley and the Year 1 team

Gressenhall visit

Reception had an amazing visit to Gressenhall on Wednesday 29th June.

We stepped into the land of fairytales with the theme to our visit of 'Once upon a time'. During the day, we were on a quest to find the 4 fairytale museum objects that the wicked witch had hidden. Along the way we met different fairytale characters and got involved in fun activities such as cleaning Cinderella's house and making magic potions. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day. Tigers and Leopards were so enthusiastic, behaved perfectly and everything ended happily ever after!

Mrs Coughlan and the Reception team

September 2022... Not long now!

The children in Reception and Year 1 will be meeting their teachers and support staff on 13th, 14th and 15th July. They will spend the 3 days in their classrooms and will be very excited to tell you about their new year group at the end of the first day.

On weds 13th, please collect your child as normal from their current class.

On Thurs 14th and Fri 15th, please drop your child off at their new class door in the morning and collect from there at the end of the day (usual times apply).

We wish the Year 2 children luck as they enjoy time at either Kinsale Junior or Firside Junior School. It is an exciting time, but there is also an element of anticipation! *(Please remember on transition days, Year 2 go straight to their Junior school in the morning).*

Goodbye and Good Luck!

It is the time of year when we say a fond farewell to staff who are moving onto pastures new.

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Humphrey at the end of this term. Miss Humphrey has been employed for the last year to cover Mrs Sidy's maternity leave, and she has settled into our staff team so well. She has worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, and we are really sorry to see her go.

Miss Humphrey is relocating to Sheffield to join a new school – we wish her lots of luck.

Mrs Sidy will be returning to school in September to teach in Year 2.

Mrs Hazard – *Deputy Head and Head teacher (on a Friday!)*

Mrs Hazard is also going to be leaving our school at the end of this term. Mrs Hazard has been a central part of the Kinsale team for the last 8 years, including leading our school for a year as Head teacher, and also leading the school through our last Ofsted inspection in 2020.

Mrs Hazard has had huge impact on all children and staff over her time with us, and we are extremely grateful for her commitment, dedication and high standards.

We will all miss her at Kinsale, but we are delighted that she will be leading her own school from September! Mrs Hazard will be the new Head teacher of Great Hockham Primary School near Thetford. The school is very lucky to have her, and I am sure she will be very successful in her first headship.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Hazard for all her hard work, and we look forward to wishing her well with all the children in the final week of school.

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers who have worked with us to support all elements of school life at Kinsale over the last academic year. We value the fantastic support you give, and the children progress exceptionally well here as a result.

A huge thank you to our new Friends of Kinsale Infant School team, who have re-established this year, and are working tirelessly to raise money to support the learning of our children. So much time, effort and planning goes into all of the events they organise, and we really appreciate everything they all do! If any other parents or carers would like to get involved, even if it is just to help at a stall at the Christmas Fayre, please get in touch with us. Every little helps!

I hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year annual report, and my thanks are extended to all the staff here at Kinsale for their exceptional hard work and commitment to the children and our school. We would appreciate you returning the comments form which is at the back of the annual report. This helps us to plan and improve.

On behalf of the Governors and staff, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

Mrs Louise Mainwaring
Head teacher