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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Great start to term

Over the past couple of weeks, we have become more used to the new systems and routines of the school day. Information from the DfE arrives frequently and we hope we are keeping you informed of our actions. As ever, we welcome any feedback (both positive and constructive) to help us keep you feeling informed, safe and secure in your child's welfare at KPS.

Off to a flying start

The children new to our school in Reception have made a fabulous start to school life: they have been very settled, have come in to school really well every day, are forming new friendships and are getting used to the rhythm of a full day at school.

We know well that these early stages are tiring and very new for the children; please remember that we are here every day to talk with you if you have any concerns, questions or queries. Sending your child to school for the first time can feel quite daunting: we're here to help and support you and your children in every way we can so if you need a time to talk, just let us know via the office on admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk.

Throughout the rest of the school, the children have done just as well: they are working hard, making great progress and are becoming used to the new routines.

Parents' Evenings

Due to the current situation, we have decided to postpone our usual parents' evenings booked for 7th and 8th of October until after half term. We have not confirmed the date but will respond to the situation with C19 in the hope that we can have face to face meetings at some point.

If you are disappointed about this and were waiting specifically to meet to talk through your child's progress or any concerns, please contact the class teacher through Class Dojo or via email to the school office and we will arrange a telephone meeting.

Similarly, should your child's teacher have any issues to discuss or raise, they will make contact with you directly.

I hope you understand and support the reason for this decision.

Helpful Information and Reminders

We have our own new school app!

Our new ParentApp is working amazingly. Thank you to all of those parents who have already signed up and are using it to report absences, appointments and send us messages. This is the App the office is using and replaces our texting system. It is separate to Class Dojo and Tapestry which are class/teacher based.

We still have several parents not yet signed up. It is vital you sign up and download the App to avoid missing important messages and information, including any COVID updates throughout the year.

If you require a new invite to be sent or are having problems setting it up, please pop and see Mrs McIntyre in the office

We do need ALL parents signed up to this please

Attendance - What a great effort everyone is making to ensure their child(ren) is coming to school. It is lovely to see such happy faces in the morning. Attendance is really important and we have only had a few children being late. **It is important to remember** your allocated times slots for dropping off your children. This helps reduce crowding on the playgrounds and enables us all to keep safe by socially distancing from each other. Keep up the good attendance and Stay Safe.

Homework - We are looking at ways of sending homework virtually that is easy for all children to access. More information will follow shortly. In the meantime, we would like children to read at home as often as they can, preferably 5 times per week but a minimum of 3 times per week and to complete their reading diary.

Water bottles - Please can parents/carers ensure that their children bring a water bottle to school. We are still having some warm days and we need to make sure the children stay hydrated.

Five Ways To Well-being

Last week the children covered the 5 ways to well-being in their afternoon sessions, focusing on one of the key areas each day. **Monday** we looked at Connect: Connecting with yourself and to others; **Tuesday** we focused on Being Active and thought about fun ways to keep fit; **Wednesday** our focus was Keep learning and the children came up with lots of things that they wish to learn and find out about each other; **Thursday** we focussed on Give and spoke about charities, giving up time for friends and family and items for children less fortunate than ourselves; finally on **Friday** we thought about Take Notice where we complete mindfulness activities and how we could take more notice of things in our everyday lives, eg walking to school.



Each child in KS2 made their own 'Go to Wellbeing card' with activities that were personal to them in order to remind themselves about the 5 ways of wellbeing and to take control in solving and improving their own well-being. KS1 completed a class well-being card to do this also with the support of an adult. This is important for us to do as adults as well, please click on the link to find out more information and chat to your children at home.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>

Pupil Voice - Coming back to school after lockdown.



Reading and Phonics

The school term has started with excitement about the new selection of books that are available across the school. Children in years 1-3 are enjoying being back in their routine with daily phonics session.

The whole school is working hard in their reading VIPERS sessions to understand the texts that they have read.

Great work from you all.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise

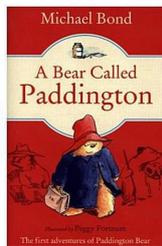


What have the children been up to at school?



I think this picture is evidence of the very busy few weeks that Swan and Kingfishers have had. They had so much fun getting to know each and every child and have been so proud of how well they have settled in. The children have started to learn phonics sounds, actions and rapping the rhymes too! The Swanfishers are looking forward to continuing their learning journey and taking many adventures through the story books that are shared in class.

In Year 2 we have been enjoying our class reader Paddington and have been learning all about modern London where he now lives. We've learnt about exciting places to visit, where they are on a map and how to travel there.



Year 3 had a great visit from the Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue. The children spent all day outside learning about the types of things hedgehogs like to eat, their habitat, the dangers that affect the hedgehogs and how we can help them. They had a great time laying footprint traps which have been placed around the edge of the field. KPS are now officially part of the Hedgehog Republic.

Year 5 had a great time during art drawing fresh lilies. They also had the chance to then to dissect the lilies to see the reproductive parts of a flower and label them.



There was also a lovely scent wafting around the classroom from the smell of the lilies.



Our Class Readers



The children are currently enjoying some amazing stories in their Year groups. These are known as 'Class Readers'. Here is a quick look at the wonderful books that are being shared and read by their teacher.

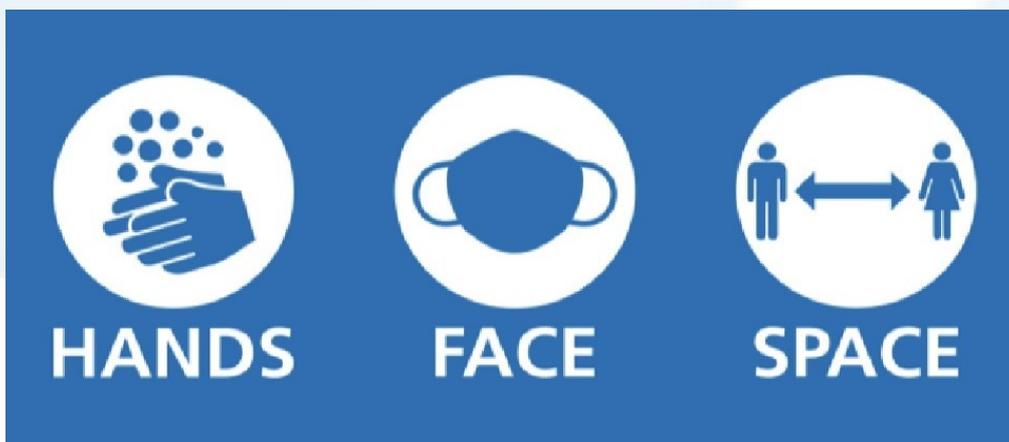
- Reception - Stone Soup
- Year 1 - Jim and the Beanstalk
- Year 2 - A Bear called Paddington
- Year 3 - Hairy Maclary
- Year 4 - The Creakers
- Year 5 - The Nowhere Emporium
- Year 6 - reading 2 books Fox and Holes

Coronavirus Information

Coronavirus Information can be found via our school website or from the following :

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Or check out our school website www.kingswayprimary.org.uk/coronavirus/



Important Diary Dates

September 2020

1 Sept 2020 - INSET Day

2 Sept 2020 - INSET Day

25 Sept 2020 - SOKs welcome party and AGM - TBC

October 2020

1 Oct 2020 - School Photographs

November 2020

2 Nov 2020 - INSET Day

13 Nov 2020 - World Kindness Day

16 –20 Nov 2020 - Anti-bullying and Road Safety Week

December 2020

7-11 Dec 2020 - Enterprise Week

Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 3rd Sept - Fri 23rd Oct 2020

Term 2: Tues 3rd Nov - Fri 18th Dec 2020

Term 3: Tues 5th Jan - Fri 12th Feb 2021

Term 4: Mon 22nd Feb - Thurs 1st April 2021

Term 5: Mon 19th April - Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6: Mon 7th June - Weds 21st July 2021

Welcome back to school. It's great to see all your lovely smiling faces.

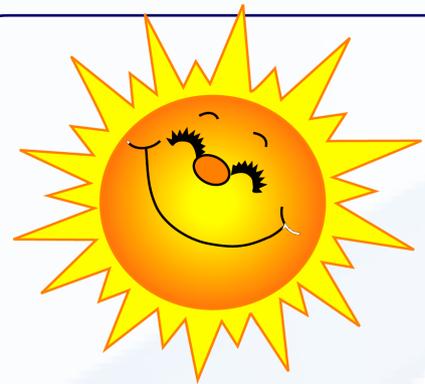
Notices and Events in and around our community

If you would like more information regarding The KEY Pre-school, please contact the Pre-School Manager on

Tel: 01452 725293 or

email nursery@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

They will be happy to help with any questions you may have.



As the weather is starting to change please could parents/carers ensure that their children bring coats with them to school and footwear is appropriate for the wet weather. Sitting in damp/wet clothes can be very uncomfortable for the children.





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Know Your Symptoms

Covid-19

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath

Flu

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Runny Nose
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Muscle and Joint Pain

Cold

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Aches and Pains
- Watery Eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

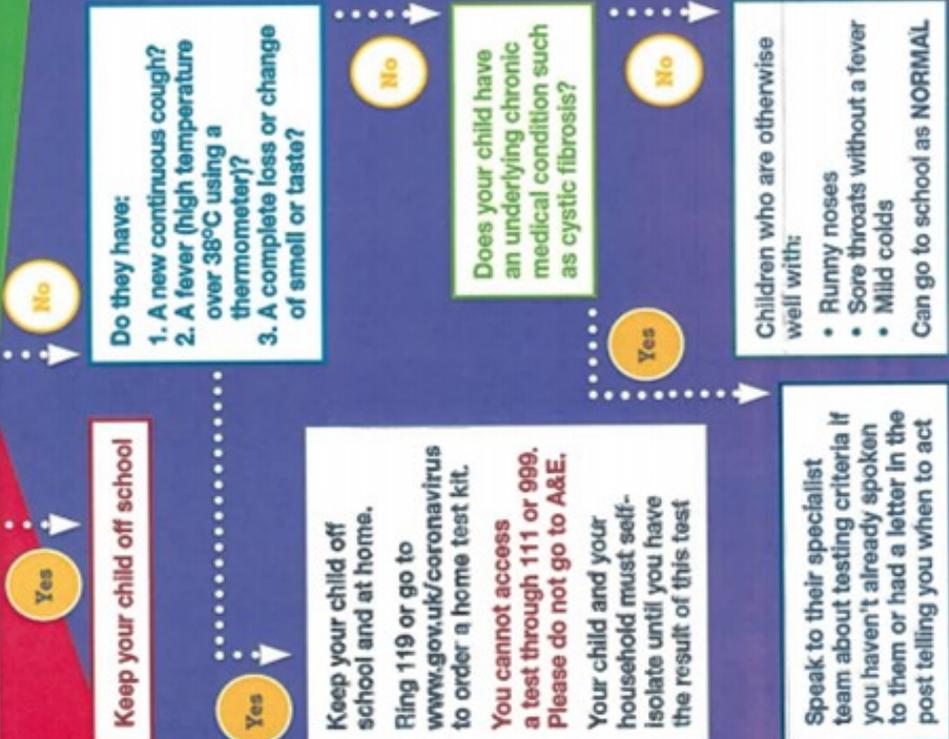
Allergies

- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Itchy Eyes
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Please check gov.uk for up to date information regarding Covid-19 information.



Would you have kept your child off school before Covid?



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