

Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a very unusual term and one that has demonstrated the great spirit of our community. Children, parents and staff have coped admirably and I have been proud of our school's response to every challenge. I would like to thank you all for supporting us and working in close partnership so we, too, can support you and your children.

As you will see from this letter, we have managed to achieve a great deal in the past four weeks and make great progress. We remain optimistic about a continued journey along the Roadmap outlined by the government and have started to plan what we hope to be a more normal term ahead. Of course, we must remain focused on staying safe and following guidelines, and we hope to be able to introduce some of the activities that make school a special place to be.

During the past few weeks, we have worked closely with every child to understand any gaps they may have in their learning across the core subjects of reading, writing and maths as well as in other subjects such as history, geography and science. We have also asked children to tell us how they have been feeling about a return to school. We have learned that children are delighted to see their friends, the staff and also to be back into a routine of learning again. In the summer term, we have adjusted our curriculum to help children catch up on key elements of missed learning as well as giving a rich experience in all subjects. Of course, through PSHE, assemblies and relationships education, we will also focus on helping children to feel safe, secure and happy in order that they can thrive. We know that Kingsway Primary School is a special place for all.

I wish you all a wonderful couple of weeks away from school. Please remember to stay safe, to look after each other and rest, ready for a wonderful term ahead.

With best wishes

Mr Pajak



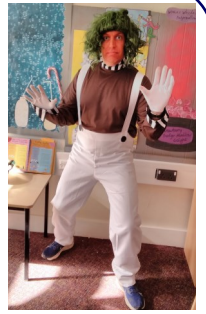
What have the children been up to at school?

World Book Day

The whole school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up in an array of colourful character from their favourite book. The whole day was spent reading, sharing their stories and doing World Book Day activities such as designing and front cover of a book, write a book review, a quiz, create some characters selfies, design finger puppets and much more.

The day finished with an assembly, which shared children's work from across the school. It was wonderful to see a slide show of objects that children had turned into book characters while they were still at home doing remote learning!

Thank you for your support in making this day so special for the children. We are delighted that we could celebrate in school together and it added a much-needed touch of magic and excitement to our return to school.



Whole school dance - Jerusalema

The whole school took part in the Jerusalema dance routine celebrating our 5 Ways to Wellbeing. All the teachers and children practiced for over a week to get the routine just right. Everyone watch video's of people dancing all over the world as this dance went viral. Mrs Head spent time showing the teachers before school started, so that the teachers could then show their class. The children were great and picked-up the dance steps really quickly. It was great to see how the children were able to teach each other, showing patience and understanding when even the teachers got it wrong.

The dance was a lovely way to stay connected, being active, taking notice, learning and giving which is all about our 5 ways to wellbeing. We shared a lot of smiles and laughter which made it even better.

Here is a video of people all over the world dancing to Jerusalema with their own variations of the dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unVoLZCihqw>

Quote from a student teacher

Hi, my name is Miss Hudd, a student teacher at Kingsway.

In the short time I've have spent in Year 5 so far, I have felt extremely welcomed by everyone. Dressing up for World Book Day and taking part in the 'Jerusalema' dance with the teachers and children, gave the whole school a lovely friendly and connected feel, unlike any other school I've been in before. I look forward to learning more over the next coming weeks about teaching, not only from the teachers but the children to. I look forward to seeing you all again after the Easter holidays.



Notices

Thank You

We would like to say a very big to Tesco for the donation of cereals for Breakfast Club. The support from Tesco is very much appreciated and the children love the different varieties of cereals given to the school.



Tesco also donated a large quantity of bird seed which will be used in our Forest School.

Online Safety - Information

Check out our website for information about on-line safety.

<https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/online-safety/>

School Admission Information

Admission to reception at Primary school/ Year 3 Junior School & lower to middle school places for September 2021 - Gloucestershire County Council

You can make a "Late" application using the late common application form or by sending an email to school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk. For more information please see link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

Please be aware that as a late application it will not be considered until all the on-time applications have been processed; and in some cases, a school place may not be allocated until the second stage which means that you may not be notified of your child's school place until after 14th May 2021.

Important Diary Dates

Please be advised that this is only a rough outline of the year ahead. More dates will be added in the new year and some events may be subject to change due to Covid.

April 2021

2nd: Bank Holiday
2nd - 18th: Easter Holidays

May 2021

3rd: Bank Holiday
10th: KS2 SATs Week
31st: Bank Holiday

June 2021

Year 1 phonics screening check
16th: Sports Day (TBC)
23rd: Sports reserve day (TBC)

July 2021

5th: Annual reports to parents
14th & 15th: Year 6 Production
20th: Final day of school for children
21st: INSET DAY

Term Dates

Term 5: Mon 19th April - Fri 28th May 2021
Term 6: Mon 7th June - Weds 21st July 2021



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Coronavirus Information



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REMINDERS: Face masks should be worn on school site at all times to help protect everyone, unless you are exempt. If you are exempt it would be helpful if we could ask that you wear an exemption lanyard or similar to avoid us having to challenge you. We really want to keep everyone as safe as possible and we are sure you wish to support us with this. Please see Coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmap link below with new regulations. Please ensure these guidelines are followed over the Easter Holidays.

From 29/3/2021 the rules on social contact, business and activities, and travel are changing as part of the coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmap.

Outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the rule of 6) or 2 households will be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports. All children will be able to access any outdoor childcare and supervised activities. Parent and child groups, for the benefit of children aged under five years, can also take place outdoors with a limit of 15 attendees (children under five years of age and group facilitators do not count towards the attendee limit). Parent and child groups must be organised by a business, a charitable organisation or a public body. The 'stay at home' rule will end, but many restrictions will remain in place.

Information can also be found via our school website www.kingswayprimary.org.uk or from the following :

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary> (covid-19 Roadmap)
- <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>