Kinsale Infant School
October 2022 Newsletter

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

Diary Dates

October 2022		
Fri 21st Oct		Last day of half term
Mon 24th –Fri 28th Oct		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 31st Oct		Children back to school
Mon 31st Oct		Flu immunisations – letters sent
Mon 31st Oct	Pm	Hot Chocolate Monday
November 2022		
Tues 1 Nov		Forest school begins for Y2 Beetles Class
Weds 2nd Nov	Am	Open morning for Reception cohort 2023 – book a slot with the office
Mon 7th Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening day 1 – online bookings open soon
Thur 17 Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening day 2 – online bookings open soon
Fri 18th Nov		Children in Need
Mon 28th Nov	pm	Hot chocolate Monday
December 2022		
Thurs 1st Dec		Flu immunisations catch up session
Mon 5th Dec	2.30pm	Rock Steady parent concert- invite only
Mon 5th Dec		After school clubs end this week
Thurs 8th Dec		Christmas jumper day – charity donation
Mon 12th Dec	3.15pm-5pm	Friends Christmas Fayre TBC
Weds 14th Dec		Christmas Lunch!
Fri 16th Dec		Last day of term.. Merry Christmas!
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 2nd Jan 2023		Christmas Break
January 2023		
Tues 3rd Jan		INSET – no children in school
Wed 4th Jan		Children back to school
Tues 10th Jan		Year 1 start Forest schools

Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress.
Unauthorised absence from school may result in a penalty fine being issued.
Please ensure children are at school by 9am and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments MUST be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Please ensure you inform us each day if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning.

If your child has a minor cold or cough, please administer medication at home, and if they are unwell whilst in school, we will not hesitate to contact you.

We thank you for your support.

	6th – 9th Sept	12th – 16th Sept	19th Sept –23rd Sept	26th Sept- 30th Sept
Grasshoppers	**100%**	**99%**	**95%**	**89%**
Butterflies	**91%**	**97%**	**100%**	**89%**
Ladybirds	**97%**	**97%**	**100%**	**95%**
Beetles	**98%**	**98%**	**94%**	**97%**
Dragonflies	**91%**	**94%**	**92%**	**93%**

How are the 'Classes of 2022 settling into school life?

Reception….

We have been really impressed with how well all of the Reception children have settled into school. All of the children have picked up our daily routines very quickly especially coming into school in the morning on their own. They know to put all their belongings away, choose their lunch and find their space on the carpet. They have all been exploring the different areas in both classrooms and outside. It has been lovely to watch the children make new friends within our team. We are excited for the year of learning ahead.

Mrs Clennell, Mrs Godwin, Mrs Coughlan and Mrs Belson
Reception Teachers

Year 1….

What a great first term of Year One! All of the adults have been so impressed with how enthusiastic the children are about their learning and what a great attitude they have. We have been working on being more independent with tasks such as organising ourselves in the morning and getting changed for PE. It has been great to see the children adjust to new routines, such as having to pay for their own snack and organise their work into a "finished" or "not finished" tray, depending on whether it's something they want to come back to. We are looking forward to the rest of the term, where we will be introducing 'Independent Learning Challenges' and learning new sounds in phonics.
Mrs Kelly. Mrs Clennell, Mrs Coughlan and Mrs Godwin
Year 1 teacher

Year 2….

Beetles and Dragonflies have settled into their new classes extremely well. They have quickly got used to their new routines and learning at tables.
We have learnt so much already within our topic 'Poles Apart'. We began by finding snowy animal footprints in our classrooms and white fur on our windowsills, with a letter from its mum saying her baby was lost. We had to learn and find out lots of information, including animal classification, hot and cold countries, to finally figure out we were visited by a polar bear!

Mrs Siddy, Mrs Wallace, Miss Galley, Mrs Belson
Year 2 teachers

Kinsale Infant School – What a FABULOUS place to learn!

Take a look at the data for our school compared to National and Norfolk schools for 2021/2022:

	Our School	National Data (England)	County Data (Norfolk)
End of Reception Good Level of Development	**88%**	Info unavailable	Info unavailable
Y1 phonics test	**89%**	75%	72%
Y2 reading results	**78%**	68%	65%
Y2 writing results	**75%**	58%	53%
Y2 maths results	**88%**	70%	65%

*** So our school was **ABOVE** Norfolk schools and national schools in
ALL AREAS of assessment in 2022 ***

Come and visit Kinsale Infant School!

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2023?

We would love to invite you to come and visit our FABULOUS school.

Choosing the right school for your child to learn and grow is so important, and EVERY school is different.

From Forest school to P.E, phonics to number lines every day brings new adventures and an opportunity to put into practise our Kinsale philosophy for learning. Come and see us to find out more…..

Our Open Morning is:

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

The morning will run from 9.30am– 11.30am in half an hour timeslots.
You must book your time with Mrs Clarke in the school office via phone or email.

Office@kinsaleinfant.co.uk
01603 405227

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Keeble to a new role in school this term.
Mrs Keeble is currently a Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA), and she has just been successfully appointed to lead the team as Senior MSA.
She has also been appointed as a Teaching Assistant to support in Reception in the mornings.
If you would be interested in working at our great school, we have vacancies for relief lunch staff and TAs – please see Mrs Clarke in the office or talk to a member of SLT.

Learning Leaders

Our Learning Leaders meet once a month, with Miss Galley (JONK lead) and their role is to discuss and plan ideas, to support our learning experiences at Kinsale Infant. Once a term they will go on a learning walk, to other classrooms to see how JONK (Joy Of Not Knowing) is 'seen' in our learning environments, focusing especially on how the JONK vocabulary (school values and learning dispositions) are being used by children and staff within their class. They will then give feedback to each other and Mrs Mainwaring.

Our Learning Leaders this year are:

William and Ruby – Year 2
Chester and Amira – Year 2
Norah and Oliver – Year 1
Elliott and Beau –Year 1

Eco Council coming soon…

We have some exciting news to share, this year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here
https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/
With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.
The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.
Within Eco-Schools' simple framework young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, represented by ten Eco-Schools topics. Once young people have chosen their topics, they decide what actions they would like to take and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor looking over a school's application and evidence, with a view to recognising and celebrating their achievements.
The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994, is delivered in more than 70 countries around the world and in England is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example schools participating in the programme planted 37,865 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.
As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.
If you would like to support our work or know more about the Eco-Schools programme please contact Mrs Belson.

Facebook and Website COMING SOON!!!

We will soon be launching our new school website. A lot of work has gone in to designing a new site which is as accessible as possible for parents and carers.
Any comments / suggestions gratefully received…..

We will soon have a Kinsale Infant School Facebook page, which will hopefully help to keep you informed about school life.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography were in school last week taking our school photos. Ordering and payment is done online and all the information you need is on the photos that the children brought home.
Please be aware there is a deadline if you would like the photos to be delivered back to school. Or you can order them to your home and pay postage and packaging.

School lunches

The lunch menu will change after half term, and this will be sent to you as soon as it is available. Remember that all our children are entitled to a delicious, free hot lunch provided by our suppliers Edward and Blake every day!
Please contact the office if your child has any dietary requirements, we are unaware of.

NUT FREE SCHOOL – Please remember we are a nut free school, as we have children in school who have severe allergies. We appreciate if you can check your child's packed lunch contents to ensure no nuts are included – this is to ensure ALL our children are safe in school.

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2022/2023

The school based nasal flu vaccination programme helps protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Your child is entitled to the Flu vaccination free from the NHS.

A letter has been emailed to you with an e-consent link that needs to be completed by the 17th October. It is important you still complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.
If you require further advice or information, please contact the School Immunisation Team on **01462 341173** or email **EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk**

Celebration Assemblies

Every Monday we have a celebration assembly in school where we celebrate the children's achievements.
We award many certificates and awards:

- Superstar Learner Award: Great learning or a positive attitude.
- Head teachers Award: For good behaviour or learning.
- Attendance Award: To the class with the highest % attendance from the previous week
- Birthdays: We sing and give out birthday pencils to birthdays in the week ahead
- Silver frames: we award a certificate for a child who has their learning in the silver frame. This is displayed in the main corridor for all to see.
- Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards: When children have gained all their stamps they receive bronze, then silver, then gold certificates.
- Golden Pegs: If they have been on gold traffic light the previous week, we read their name out and celebrate. Then they are all put in a golden box and 3 winners are chosen. They sit at the Top Table on Thursday with me and a friend of their choice.
- We also like to celebrate achievements from out of school. If your child wants to share an achievement or bring in a certificate, rosette or trophy on a Monday they can share in assembly in front of the whole school.

Curriculum Overviews and Newsletters

Reception

Curriculum Overview

This will be emailed home at the beginning of each half term.

These overviews show what we want the children to learn as guided by the Early Years Framework's educational programmes for each of the 7 areas of learning. The curriculum overview is, therefore, adult led. The children's interests and fascinations feed into the daily and weekly planning of provision available to them in the learning environment. This can be best seen through individual Tapestry observations.

Newsletters

These are emailed home every Friday.

Y1 and Y2

Curriculum Overview

This will be emailed home in the 3rd week of each term.

Newsletters

These are not sent in Year 1 or 2 as the Curriculum Overview and Home Learning activities cover all information about learning and how you can support your child.

They will also be displayed on our school website.

Reminders

- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden when on the school site – Please use the scooter and bike rack near Beetles Y2 class door (much better storage for scooters!)

- Please ensure that a spoon is included in your child's packed lunch for yogurts – the school cutlery is disappearing!

- There can often be cases of head lice in school, so please check hair daily and treat with lots of conditioner and a very fine comb.

- Please ensure you do not drive onto the school site, unless we have allocated you a permit. Please also show courtesy on Kinsale Avenue, and DO NOT park across residents' drives. We have had a few complaints recently. The yellow zig zag lines on Kinsale Avenue should not be parked on or opposite.

‘Free School Meals’ and pupil premium entitlement

If your household income is less than £16,190.00 school may be entitled to receive funding to support your child in school. If your situation has changed, please contact the school office for a form to complete or click the link below for more helpful information.
https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk

Safeguarding

Please take a few moments to look at our Safeguarding Policy and let us have any feedback.
http://www.kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Model-School-Safeguarding-Policy-Revised-September-2022.pdf

Senior Leadership Team

Our SLT lead on various areas across school, which it may be helpful for you to be aware of:

Mrs Mainwaring: Safeguarding, Health and Safety
Mrs Clennell: Assessment, Transition
Mrs Wallace: Attendance of pupils, Transition, Special Educational Needs
Mrs Godwin: Pupil Premium funding, Friends of school and Volunteers / students
Mrs Siddy: Covid Catch up & Recovery Funding

Should you wish to talk to your child’s teacher, please see them at the end of the school day.
If you would like to discuss a matter in more detail, please make an appointment with the teacher via the office.
Teachers are available after school – *I often have to encourage our teachers to go home at 6pm each night!*

Thank you for your continued support.

Louise Mainwaring
Head Teacher