



Kinsale Infant School
January 2023 Newsletter



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



Diary Dates

January		
Week begin 9 th Jan		Clubs start this week – letter emailed
Tues 10 th Jan		Year 1 start Forest schools – letter emailed
Weds 11 th Jan	Am	Mad Science whole school assembly
Mon 23 rd Jan		Indoor Athletics event at HHS (Reception group)
Wed 25 th Jan	Am	Reverend Alder to lead assembly
Thur 26 th Jan	pm	Learning Leaders meeting
Mon 30 th Jan	Pm	Hot choc Monday!
February		
Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th Feb		Half term break – school closed
Mon 20 th Feb		Children back to school
Wed 22 nd Feb	am	Rev Alder to lead assembly
Thur 23 rd Feb	pm	Learning Leaders meeting
Mon 27 th Feb	Am	PE dance event at HHS (Yr 1 group)
Mon 27 th Feb	pm	Hot Choc Monday!
March		
Thurs 2 nd March		World Book Day – details to follow
Mon 6 th March	3.30-5pm	Open classes- Butterflies and Dragonflies
Weds 8 th March	3.30-5pm	Open Classes- Grasshoppers, Ladybirds and Beetles
Week beginning 13 th March		Science week – details to follow
Tues 14 th March	Am	Whole school Science morning
Fri 17 th March		Comic Relief – details to follow
Mon 27 th March		PE netball event at HHS (Yr 1 and 2 group)
Mon 27 th March	2.30pm	Rock Steady parent concert- Invites only
Mon 27 th March		Hot choc Monday!
Wed 29 th Mar	am	Rev Alder to lead Easter assembly
Thur 30 th Mar	pm	Learning Leaders meeting
Fri 31 st March		Last day of term
April		
Mon 3 rd April-Mon 17 th April		Easter holidays – school closed
Tues 18 th April		Children back to school
Mon 24 th April	3.30-6pm	Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent
Thurs 27 th April	Am	Whole Class photographs
May		
Thur 4 th May	3.30-6pm	Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent

Christmas at KIS

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended our performances in December. The children did a FABULOUS job.

We must of course thank the staff for all their hard work at this very busy time of year.

A huge **WELL DONE** to our Friends committee for organising such a successful, fun and magical Christmas Fair. It really was so nice to see the Kinsale Infant community all come together to celebrate.

We will update you soon with the exact total raised and I'm sure our chairperson Laura Holloway will have news of upcoming events in the very near future.



These wonderful opportunities for our children can only happen with parent and family volunteers. If you can help in anyway at all with future events please do email Laura - friendsofkis22@gmail.com

A HUGE thank you to Laura and the other Friends team for all their planning and preparation for the Christmas fair. It was such a success.

We also need to thank Taverham Garden Centre and Manor Farm Partnership who very kindly each donated Christmas Trees to our school. They helped to bring the joy and twinkly lights to our December!



It was so lovely to see all the festive jumpers on the 8th December. Your kind donations raised £107 for Save the Children. Thank you.

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 you inform us if your child is unwell. The office is open from 8.15am to 3.45pm daily.

Please can I remind all parents / carers that the bell rings at 8.50am and the classroom doors close promptly at 9am, so please ensure you arrive by this time. Children having to walk through the main school door is not ideal. They miss the beginning of the school day, when teachers share the timetable for the day ahead.

We thank you for your support with our school attendance.

	28 Nov-2 nd Dec	5 th Dec-9 th Dec	12 th Dec-16 th Dec
Grasshoppers	85%	81%	78%
Butterflies	86%	77 %	88%
Ladybirds	93%	87 %	87%
Beetles	86%	88 %	91%
Dragonflies	93%	90 %	92%

Curriculum

Just a reminder about Home Learning in Year 1 and 2. We do ask for your support to encourage your child to complete this each term, as it supports learning in class. We allow the whole half term for a selection of the activities to be completed; to ensure it allows families maximum flexibility in terms of when to complete it. If you are finding this difficult to complete with your child, please talk to your class teacher.

Reminders please...

All children with long hair **MUST** have their hair tied back for school at all times please. Navy blue hair bands and accessories – keep lovely coloured, glittery bows for the weekends please!

Children should **not** ride bikes or scooters on the school site, once they enter the large grey school gates. All bikes and scooters **MUST** be locked when left at the racks near the children's centre, as we cannot be responsible should they disappear.

Thank you again for all those who wear the hi viz jackets consistently every day.



We really appreciate all those parents who are making a conscious effort to walk to school or to park away from school and walk a little part of the journey. **Please may we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking for the school journey; taking into account local residents who live close to school. Thank you.**

We hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break, and are returning to school feeling refreshed.

It is going to be a very exciting 2023 at our school!

Our new website will be launched in the next couple of weeks, the launch of our Facebook page and some Chickens will be becoming part of the Kinsale Infant family. Watch this space.....

Year 2 (Dragonflies class) are lucky to be welcoming a student teacher into their class for the Spring Term. Mr Knights will be joining the class, learning and developing under the direction and expertise of Miss Galley.

Following the success and positive feedback about our Open Classrooms last term, we will be inviting parents and carers into school again in March and June. I know the children will once again enjoy showcasing their learning.

If you were lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas, or your contact address or phone number has changed, please remember to let Mrs Clarke know by email office@kinsaleinfant.co.uk

We look forward to working with you this term, and please do not hesitate to email the school office if you would like an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you.

Kind regards, Mrs Mainwaring – Head teacher