



# Kinsale Infant School

## February 2023 Newsletter



<b>February</b>		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		NSPCC number day- non uniform numbers style dress!
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.15pm YR & Y1 4.25pm Y2	School disco- letter sent from Friends of KIS
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Local Police Officer to introduce himself to children in assembly
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Half term break – school closed
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Children back to school
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	pm	Additional Forest school sessions start for specific children
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Am	Rev Alder to lead assembly
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	pm	Learning Leaders meeting
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Am	PE dance event at HHS (Yr 1 group)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb		International polar bear day – Eco work planned for classes
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.40pm	Hot Choc Monday!
<b>March</b>		
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Pm	School council meeting
<i>Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March</i>		<i>NEU potential Industrial Action day</i>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		World Book Day – details to follow
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Am	‘Tiger who came to Tea’ Reception theatre visit -letter sent
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		World Wildlife day – Eco work in classes
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Walk to school week- details to follow
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-5pm	Open classes- Butterflies and Dragonflies
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8.50-9.50am	Book and Breakfast in hall (invites only)
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30-5pm	Open Classes- Grasshoppers, Ladybirds and Beetles
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm	Rev Alder visiting Year 2
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Science week – details to follow
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	Whole school Science morning
<i>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>		<i>NEU potential Industrial Action day</i>
<i>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March</i>		<i>NEU potential Industrial Action day</i>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March- Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Book fair in school- info to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief – details to follow
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Global recycling day
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		World water day – Eco work in classes
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March		PE netball event at HHS (Yr 1 and 2 group)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Rock Steady parent concert- Invites only
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.40pm	Hot choc Monday!
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	am	Rev Alder to lead Easter assembly
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm	Learning Leaders meeting
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Last day of term
<b>April</b>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April-Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter holidays – school closed
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April		Children back to school
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30-6pm	Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Am	Whole Class photographs
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April		World ‘stop food waste’ day – Eco work in classes

Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.20pm	Friends of KIS AGM in school – all welcome.
<b>May</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Bank holiday- school closed
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		School council meeting
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-6pm	Parents evenings online - booking links will be sent
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May		King's Coronation bank holiday- school closed
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> May	am	Rev Alder to lead assembly
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Census day- try a hot lunch!
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Am	PE event- basketball at HHS (Year 1 and Year 2 groups)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.40pm	Hot chocolate Monday!
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Last day of term
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Half term break – school closed



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

Please ensure children are at school at 8.50am and collected at the end of the day at 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Our school bell rings promptly at 8.50am when the classroom doors open, and it will sound again at 9am as the classroom doors are locked.

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

	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan-6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan-20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan-27 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Grasshoppers</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Beetles</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Dragonflies</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>

**We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves. Our school target is 97%.**

*Mrs Wallace is our Attendance Lead, and her role involves monitoring children's attendance regularly and supporting families to improve where needed. Thank you for working positively with her.*

### **Friends of Kinsale Infant School**

#### What is the 'Friends of KIS'?

The Friends of Kinsale Infant School is an open community of parent/grandparent/care giver volunteers working alongside the school/teachers/and other "friends" to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

Friends of KIS is a small charity\* that is independent from the school.

#### How does 'Friends of KIS' benefit the school?

Parents and care givers have a big impact on how well their children do at school. Taking an active role in our PTA is one of the ways you can make a difference and get involved:

- We raise money to fund school initiatives through charity activities and events
- We provide new resources
- We put on special events
- We provide a forum for parents to have a say
- We provide volunteers and opportunities so that parents can support their child's learning

### How can you help us?

Any parent can be a member, and every parent has skills to bring, from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; and from wrapping up lucky dip gifts to handing out flyers! Other ways you can help:

- Donations – For raffles, games etc
- Volunteering at specific events
- Discounts – maybe you have access to discounts with specific retailers?
- Asking local businesses to support us
- And something money just cannot buy...your TIME!

Please contact us by email at [friendsofkis22@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkis22@gmail.com) or feel free to approach us if you see us at school if you would like to know more or can help in any way.

**Our AGM is 27th April 2023 at 3.20pm in school- we hope you can make it.**

**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!**

*\*Please note we are not currently set up with the charity commission.*

### Hellesdon High - Local schools sports event

All Reception children took part in a local school's sports event organised by Hellesdon High School earlier this month. Year 9 sports leaders were responsible for setting up and running a range of different activities that helped Reception aged children to further develop physical skills like throwing, rolling, running, jumping, and balancing. Our Reception children were organised into small teams of 6 and each team earned points as they participated in each activity. There were medals at the end for the teams that had scored the most points and we were proud that both silver and gold winning teams came from Kinsale.

Reception children loved the sport's activities, getting to use different equipment and thoroughly enjoyed being in the high school's sports hall and working with the Year 9 students. The Butterflies and Grasshoppers also did a great job of representing our school with their fantastic listening and attention skills, teamwork and outstanding behaviour.

**Mrs Clennell – Reception lead**

### New website and Facebook page



We are delighted that our new and improved website has launched! Hopefully you have had the chance to have a look and are finding it easy to navigate. There are sections on there where you can give us feedback about our school and we would love to hear from you.

There is a very useful calendar with all the upcoming diary dates which we hope you will find helpful, as well as many other features and information.

<http://kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk/>

We are very happy to have a social media presence online via our newly launched Facebook page!

In the world we live in we are aware that connecting with our families across this platform will allow us to share more of the day to day school life with you all. We can't wait to show you all the wonderful learning and adventures the children are involved in!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087944161047>



**Please note that our Facebook page is not the place to raise concerns.**

Any inappropriate comments will be removed, and you will be directed to the main school contact details.

**Please continue to come in and talk to us if you have questions or concerns about any element of our school.**

*Mrs Clarke (Our Office manager) manages both our school website and our Facebook page. Thank you to her for all her hard work.*

### Thank you!

From time to time we put a call out for assistance to our parents and carers. We are always so grateful for the overwhelming amount of people who offer to help.

Last term Mr Randall (a previous parent) and Mr Jones (a current parent) supported us with an urgent, time sensitive job that needed doing and we really can't thank them enough for giving up their time to help when we were in need!

We also have many parent / carer / student volunteers currently supporting our children in school. Your support is VERY much appreciated. Mrs Godwin coordinates our volunteers, so if you would like to help out in school or gain excellent experience of the role of a TA please contact the office who will direct you to Mrs Godwin.

## **Reading**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with your child's learning.

The children at Kinsale make exceptional progress in reading, and we want this to continue, so your support is crucial and makes a huge difference.

As a reminder, our home reading routine is:

- Children will bring home **ONE** book **a week**. Books will **not** be colour banded but organised into phonic phases. The books will be carefully matched to children's phonics ability. This is the book they will read to you.
- Children will also bring home an additional book, that they have chosen from the school library. This may be a book that links to their interest or curiosity. They may not be able to read this book independently. It will be a book that you read to them

Reading books will be returned on **Mondays**.

*(Library books will be on a different day)*

A new book will be sent home on **Tuesdays**.

All books and jungle reading records, however, will need to be **kept in book bags and brought in everyday**.

*(Should the school reading book become damaged or lost we require payment, so we are able to replace it for other children to enjoy)*

## **Reminders please...**

- Children with long hair **MUST** have their hair always tied back for school please. Navy blue hair bands and accessories please – keep lovely, coloured bows for the weekends please!
- Please ensure your child does not scoot or ride their bike in the school grounds as it can get quite busy and there is a risk of accidents.
- Please only drive onto the school site if you have been given one of our parking permits. This also includes if your child uses Breakfast club or attends an After School club. We do not have the space for parents/carers to drive up unless absolutely necessary.
- Children **MUST NOT** play on the outdoor climbing equipment before or after school – please ensure all children are well supervised at all times. If you have a sibling from Hellesdon High School coming to collect or meet you at 3.10pm, please ensure they are behaving appropriately and waiting in a suitable area on the school site.
- Can children please leave their own toys at home and not bring them into school. There is always a risk that favourite fidgets, cars and other small cuddly toys from home could get lost or broken. We have plenty of resources, especially in Reception, that engage children's interests and fascinations.
- Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, or need help to pay for your child's residential school trip?

If so, financial help may be available from Anguish's Educational Foundation.

This charity supports Norwich families on a low income, whether you are working or receiving benefits.

You can contact Anguish's Educational Foundation by emailing:

[info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk](mailto:info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk)

Or call: 01603 621023



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Just One Norfolk website is FABULOUS – please do have a look if you need support with your child’s sleep, behaviour, eating, family budgets etc. There are also free parenting courses available to access.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

You can refer yourself for support on the website, or please ask a member of school staff who will be able to direct you to the most appropriate person to help.

### **Pastoral Lead – Mrs Debbie Cletheroe**

We are delighted to introduce a member of staff who many of you already know. Mrs Cletheroe has been appointed as our new **Pastoral Lead** in school. She will be taking on many new roles in school, to support children and families with wellbeing and other matters.



Mrs Cletheroe will be starting open drop in sessions on a Monday and Thursday morning from 8.50am in the Breakfast Club room (near Year 2). There will be a sign outside near the buggy park to advertise when these start, but please pop in to see her if you would like support with aspects of your child’s mental health or well being or other family matters.

Mrs Cletheroe is able to signpost you to support, or will seek to find out if there is support available for you.

*An exciting new role – here for your child and your family.*