



Kinsale Infant School

November 2022 Newsletter



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

Diary Dates

November 2022		
Tues 1 Nov		Forest school begins for Y2 Beetles Class
Tues 1 Nov		Tennis taster for all children
Weds 2 nd Nov	Am	Open morning
Mon 7 th Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening day 1 – online bookings open
Wed 9 th Nov	3.20pm	Horstead Residential meeting – Y2 parents in hall
Thur 17 Nov	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening day 2 – online bookings open
Fri 18 th Nov		Children in Need- info to follow from School Council
Tues 22 nd Nov	3.30-5pm	Open Classes – Dragonflies & Butterflies
Mon 28 th Nov	pm	JONK Hot chocolate Monday!
Mon 28 th Nov	3.30-5pm	Open Classes – Ladybirds, Grasshoppers & Beetles
Mon 28 th Nov		Cross country event at HHS (selected children)
December 2022		
Thurs 1 st Dec		Flu immunisations catch up session
Thurs 1 st Dec	9am	Christmas tree dressing celebration & Christmas card post box opens
Mon 5 th Dec	2.30pm	Rock Steady parent concert- invites only
Mon 5 th Dec		After school clubs end this week
Tues 6 th Dec	2pm	Reception nativity play
Weds 7 th Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch - Grasshoppers, Beetles, 50% of ladybirds(see below)
Thurs 8 th Dec		Christmas jumper day – charity donation (Info to follow)
Fri 9 th Dec	9.15am	Reception nativity play
Mon 12 th Dec	9.15am	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Christmas celebration
Mon 12 th Dec	3.15pm-5pm	Friends Christmas Fayre
Mon 12 th Dec	Pm	JONK Hot chocolate Monday!
Tues 13 th Dec	9.15am & 2pm	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Christmas celebration
Weds 14 th Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch - Butterflies, Dragonflies, 50% of ladybirds (see below)
Weds 14 th Dec	pm	Peter Pan panto (virtually)
Thur 15 th Dec	pm	Theatre show in hall
Fri 16 th Dec		Last day of term. Merry Christmas!
Mon 20 th Dec-Mon 2 nd Jan 2023		Christmas Break
January 2023		
Tues 3 rd Jan		INSET – no children in school
Wed 4 th Jan		Children back to school
Tues 10 th Jan		Year 1 start Forest schools
Mon 23 rd Jan		Athletics at HHS (selected children)
Mon 30 th Jan	Pm	JONK hot choc Monday!



Open Class Celebrations at Kinsale Infant



Come and see us!

Tue: 22nd November – Butterflies and Dragonflies



Mon 28th November – Grasshoppers, Ladybirds and Beetles



We would be delighted to invite you into school with your child to see their learning environments and other areas of school.

Children's learning will be on display in the classrooms for you to look at, and you will also be able to see our new sensory garden!

In the hall we will be showcasing our brand new gymnastics equipment, and there will be a slide show of our lunchtimes.

We hope this visit will give you a flavour of the **FANTASTIC** learning and enjoyment that takes place at KIS.

Please drop in with your child any time between 3.30pm and 5pm. They will be very excited to show you around!

(Please only attend on the allocated day for your child's class, as the classrooms will be set up on that day only)

Christmas Lunch – Ladybirds

Ladybirds currently have lunch in 2 groups in order to accommodate everyone in the hall. For Christmas lunch Ladybirds will be split across the 2 dates. You will receive a text to let you know which date applies to your child.

ALL OTHER CLASSES DATES FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH ARE AS ABOVE

Christmas 2022 – See diary dates above

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school this December. We will be presenting 2 different celebrations for your enjoyment:



Reception Nativity – This is for parents / carers of Reception children. This will be a retelling of the Christmas story with the children very much shaping the content and the costumes / props.

Key Stage 1 celebration – This is for parents / carers of all Y1 and Y2 children. This will be a musical celebration, with traditional and more modern Christmas songs – audience participation will be encouraged!

Christmas cards – the post box opens on 1st December – please bring cards for friends into school to post (including first name and class name please). Year 2 children will then deliver all cards throughout school.

Reading

You will soon be receiving information regarding a change to the way we would like you to support reading at home. Following Government guidelines, we are required to slightly adapt the current way reading is taught and supported at home. Further details will be sent out next week, and then you will receive videos to explain more on Tapestry.

Please talk to your class teacher if you have any questions about reading once you receive our letter.



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 on time and are collected on time. Medical and dental appointments should 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.

	3 rd -7 th October	10 th -14 th October	17 th -21 st October
Grasshoppers	94%	93%	93%
Butterflies	90%	93%	88%
Ladybirds	97%	94%	91%
Beetles	88%	94%	84%
Dragonflies	96%	96%	97%

We thank you for your support with our school attendance.

New Governors

We recently put an advert out for new Governors to join our board. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Danica Robinson (mum to Tahlia in Reception) and Mr David Rye (dad to Rufus in Reception) to our Governing board. We thank them for their willingness and enthusiasm to join the Kinsale team. Our Governors have profile pages on our school website if you want to read more about them.



Staff

We have recently said farewell to Mrs Downing, who is moving onto pastures new. Mrs Downing has worked with us since 2017 as MSA at lunchtime. We thank her for all her hard work and look forward to hearing about her new venture.

Vacancies....

We have a TA vacancy and also Relief MSA vacancies in school. If you are interested in joining our fabulous team, please pop into the school office to find out more or speak to a member of SLT on the gate each morning. <http://www.kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

Packed Lunches

Please may we ask that you ensure packed lunches contain a balanced diet. Packing a lunch box with 4 or 5 items and then a drink is ample. If they have 8 or 9 items, they will struggle to eat everything. Our lunch staff will encourage the children to eat, so it helps if you provide the quantity that they can manage please. A healthy lunch box example would be sandwiches (or similar alternative), yoghurt, crisps or savoury snack, biscuit or chocolate bar (**one is sufficient**) and some fruit. *If you need advice on packed lunch contents, please talk to your class teacher.*

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have children and staff in school who have severe allergies to nuts, we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child's lunchbox does not contain any food containing nuts.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform with sensible black shoes. Lost property is kept in the school office. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back every day and children are wearing navy blue hairbands, bows or headbands.

All children now have their hi viz jackets, which forms part of our school uniform policy. Please ensure your child wears theirs everyday to and from school. If children cycle or scoot to school, the expectation is that they wear a helmet please. This will help to keep them safe.



Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's well-being or progress in school please ask to talk to your child's class teacher, who will be only too happy to help. Should you require any support for your child, or the wider family unit please contact us. We have access to a variety of agencies who can offer support for families.



Just one Norfolk is a FABULOUS place to get support, and you are able to make contact yourself.
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

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