

Kinsale Infant School
June 2023 Newsletter



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Diary Dates

June			
Mon 5 th June		All	Children back to school
Mon 5 th June	Am	Reception	Reception height, vision, weight and hearing checks
Tues 6 th June	Am	Reception	Reception height, vision, weight and hearing checks
Weds 7 th June	2.30pm	School council members	School Council meeting
Fri 9 th June		Year 2	Horstead residential balance due in – paid via app
Mon 12 th June	9.15-11.30am	All	Sports Morning – letter emailed already
Mon 12 th June	5pm	New reception parents	New Reception meeting- for parents / carers of children starting Sept 2023 (school hall)
Week beg Mon 12 th June		Year 1	Phonics screening week – letter sent
Tues 13 th June	3.30-5pm	Ladybirds, Grasshoppers and Beetles	Open classes – all welcome – <i>come into the class with your child at any time between 3.30 and 5pm</i>
Weds 14 th June	pm	All	Rev Alder to lead assembly
Weds 14 th June	3.30-5pm	Dragonflies and Butterflies	Open classes – all welcome - <i>come into the class with your child at any time between 3.30 and 5pm</i>
Thurs 15 th June	Pm	All	Friends of KIS Father's Day shop- letter to follow
Mon 19 th -Weds 21 st June		Year 2	Residential 2-night visit to Horstead Centre, Horstead
Weds 21 st June	am	Reception and Year 1	SESMA visit (Karate session)
Mon 26 th June	2.30pm	Invites only	JONK Hot Chocolate Monday!
Weds 28 th June	9-6pm	Year 1	Norfolk show visit
Weds 28 th June	am	Year 2	Year 2 join playtime at KJS
Thurs 29 th June	pm	Learning Leaders	Learning Leaders meeting
July			
Tues 4 th July	am	Year 2	Year 2 join playtime at KJS
Tues 4 th July		Y1 and 2	Borka- An opera for young people (live screening in school)
Weds 5 th July	pm	School council members	School council meeting

Weds 5 th July	pm	All	Summer reading challenge assembly
Thurs 6 th July		Reception	Reception trip to Amazona Zoo- letter to follow
Mon 10 th July		Select KS1 children	PE- Outdoor and Adventurous PE workshop- info to follow
Tues 11 th July	2pm	Year 2	Year 2 Leavers show – <i>Y2 parents only</i>
Weds 12 th July		All	End of Year Reports emailed home to parents / carers
Weds 12 th July-Fri 14 th July		All	Transition days <i>Children spend the 3 days in their new classes for sept 2023</i>
Mon 17 th July	2.30pm	Rock Steady children	Rock Steady parents' concert- invites only (school hall)
Week beg 17 th July			Work experience students in school all week
Tues 18 th July	After school	All	Disco – tbc by Friends of KIS
Thur 20 th July	pm	All	Entertainer in school – funded by Friends of KIS
Fri 21 st July			Last day of term – school finishes normal time
Sept 2023			
Mon 4 th and Tues 5 th Sept			Inset days- no children in school
Weds 6 th Sept		Y1 and 2	Year 1 and Year 2 back to school New Reception parent meetings in school
Thurs 7 th sept		Rec	Reception children start school part time

Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. Please see the diagram below:



An unauthorised absence of 9 consecutive sessions (4.5 days) or more will result in a penalty fine being issued. Please ensure children arrive at school between 8.50 to 9.00 and collected at the end of the day between 3.00-3.10. 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 doors are locked.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning. If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day. Children should not be absent from school if they have head lice. This needs to be treated appropriately and then they may attend school normally.

We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves.

	2 nd May-5 th May	9 th May-12 th May	15 th May-19 th May	22 nd May-26 th May
Butterflies	97%	85%	85%	98%
Grasshoppers	90%	94%	95%	93%
Ladybirds	96%	98%	93%	92%
Dragonflies	96%	87%	95%	97%
Beetles	97%	96%	96%	99%

The King's Coronation

We had a whole week of Royal celebrations before the Coronation Day! Lots of activities in the classroom and many discussions around school about what it means to us and how it pays tribute to the past and looks to the future.

On Friday 5th May, we braved the weather forecast to have a whole school picnic street party on the playground! We are so glad we did, despite a few dark clouds and a little wind the sun came out for us and everyone enjoyed themselves. Mrs Mainwaring and her son Freddie also joined us!



Year 2 Assessments

Year 2 children have shown great resilience and a great 'can do' attitude over the past two weeks while completing their SATS tasks. We will be celebrating the children's achievements in a year group celebration soon. Well done Year 2!

Thank you for your support at home with reading and home learning, these have positively contributed to your child's learning.

Mrs Siddy, Mrs Belson and Miss Galley – Y2 teachers

Year 1 Phonics screening: Good luck to all Year 1 children who will have their phonics test next week – please read lots at home and get to bed nice and early!



Bewilderwood Visit

Year 1 visited Bewilderwood to ignite their imagination in their story telling. We heard all about magical creatures, explored the woods and spotted the homes of the Boggles and Twiggles! Children had the opportunity to walk across the "broken" bridge, go down the slippery slopes and climb through the tricky tunnels. All of the adults who came with us were impressed by the children's behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement. We look forward to writing about our visit so we can share our experience with others and writing stories of our own.

Mrs Kelly – Year 1 teacher

Grand opening of our new play equipment

On the 3rd May we had the grand opening of the new play equipment! The children had all been fascinated as they watched it turn from a pile of wood and poles into the fantastic piece of equipment it is now.



Oscar-George (Y2) and Luna (Y1) cut the red ribbon to declare the structure 'open'!
Mrs Mainwaring explained how to use it safely and talked us through the best way to go round it!
In the afternoon all the children got to have a turn at swinging, climbing and enjoying this brilliant addition to our school!
The equipment is now used every day on a rota system, so everyone has the chance to use it safely in a small group if they wish.
(Please remember it must not be used before or after school)



Sunnier weather

The weather is hopefully improving, and we are beginning to see the sun! Please ensure your child brings their named sun hat and water bottle to school every day. Please also ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan every day and a raincoat in their bag, as our English weather is just so unpredictable.

We have a large pile of lost property again, so please contact the office if you have lost an item. Please ensure all items of clothing are named clearly. Thank you.

Sports Day – Monday 12th June

We have sent a letter about Sports Morning, so we look forward to seeing lots of you for this annual event on the school field.

9.15-11.30am

Refreshments will be on sale during the break (cash only please)

Staffing and September 2023

We said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Horner and Miss Howell last month – we wish them well in their new ventures. We have recently welcomed Mrs Barrett as a new Midday Supervisor at lunchtime. She has settled in so fast and is getting to know the children very well.

We have also welcomed Mrs Edmonston and Miss Fulcher to the Teaching Assistant team – they are working in Year 2 and getting to know all the children so well.

As you know our Governing Body continue to work tirelessly in our recruitment of a Head teacher to start here in September. They have the best interests of the children and staff at the forefront of all their planning, and hope to be able to update you with some news very soon.

The SLT have been working with me to plan for September as we approach the time for transition work to start.

In September we will again have 5 classes, but the arrangement will be different to this year.

We will have 2 classes of Reception children and 3 mixed classes of Year 1 and 2 children.

We are currently in the process of allocating staff to the classes and look forward to the children meeting their new teachers on 12th July.

Thank you again for your continued support for your children and our school.

Please remember we are here to support you in any way we can, and our Pastoral Lead holds drop-in sessions for parents / carers if you feel this would be of benefit.

Mrs Mainwaring