

**Kinsale Infant School**  
**July 2023 Newsletter**

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



**Diary Dates**

<b>July</b>			
Wb 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	After school		All clubs finish this week
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Year 2	Year 2 Leavers performance – Y2 parents only
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> July		All	End of Year Reports emailed home to parents
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July		All	Transition days <i>Children spend the 3 days in their new classes for sept 2023 – see information below about the arrangements for these days</i>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July		All	All school reading books due back in for audit purposes
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Rock Steady band members	Rock Steady parents' concert- invites only
Week beg 17 <sup>th</sup> July			Work experience students in school all week
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	After school	All	After School Discos- letter sent from Friends of KIS
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	All	Whole School Treat from the Friends of KIS
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July			Last day of term – finish at normal time
<b>Sept 2023</b>			
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept			Inset days- no children in school
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept			Year 1 and Year 2 back to school New Reception parent meetings in school
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept			New Reception children start school
Wb 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	After school		Clubs start this week for Y1/2
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	am		School photographs
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October			<b>Half term holiday – school closed</b>

**Attendance**

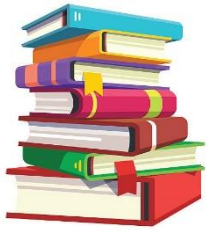
	5 <sup>th</sup> June-9 <sup>th</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> June-16 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> June-23 <sup>rd</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> June-30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Grasshoppers</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Dragonflies</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Beetles</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>96%</b>

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

Thank you to all parents and carers who value and support their child's good attendance at school.

If your child has a minor cough, cold, aches, pains or tiredness and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them into school and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day.

Children should not be absent from school for routine medical and dental appointments. Please endeavour to make these at the end of the school day or during the holidays.



### **School reading books / Lost Property**

All school reading books must be returned to school for the summer break so they can be audited and replaced if necessary.

Please return all books and reading record books to your class teacher by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. *Any lost or damaged books must be paid for please (£5 per book will be charged – please contact the office if you need to make payment)*

Lost property will be on display in the last week of term in the buggy store outside Y2.

### **Horstead Residential Visit**

Wow! What an amazing residential we all had!

The children were very eager to get going on the Monday, when we finally arrived, they took part in 'nightline' an obstacle course, where they were blind folded and had to follow each other round the course holding onto a rope.

The following two days the children took part in four activities: archery, canoeing, low ropes and caving and team challenges.

On our final night we had a talent show and what fantastic acts we had; football skills, singing, hoola hooping, dance moves and many more! The children showed a lot of resilience and independence. They had to make their own sandwiches, their own beds (rooms were mostly tidy throughout!) and overcome some little nerves.



We are so proud of all the children, well done Year 2!

*Mrs Siddy, Mrs Belson and Miss Galley  
Year 2 teachers*

### **Sports Morning**

Our sports morning this year was a huge success! The children showed fantastic skills, determination and teamwork throughout the activities and races. A big congratulations to the winning team... Perfect Peppers!  
*Thanks to the Friends for selling refreshments and to parents for surviving sunshine!*



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*Mrs Kelly  
PE Lead*

## Father's Day Shop



The Friends organised a very successful Father's Day shop! Children enjoyed choosing something special for dads, Grandads and lots of other important people in their life.

## Year 1 visit to the Royal Norfolk Show

We had an amazing day at the Royal Norfolk Show on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Every group did a huge range of activities during the day such as watching pig racing, learning about plant growth in the Discovery Zone, playing basketball in the Sport Zone, learning CPR and looking at the cutest piglets ever! We all enjoyed being part of a concert led by the famous conductor Gareth Malone, and did an amazing job singing all of the songs we have learnt in music. 'What makes you beautiful' was particularly wonderful!



All of Year 1 made the adults incredibly proud for their amazing behaviour and enthusiasm!

*Mrs Kelly*

*Year 1 Teacher*

## ICT Family Learning Session

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, some of the children got the opportunity to invite their parents in for an "ICT Family Learning" session. We had a great time exploring educational websites and apps to support children's learning. We even had a sneak preview of some of the apps that all Key Stage One children will be able to access from September!

A fantastic time was had by all, and we are hoping to offer more sessions like this, for all families, in the Autumn term.



The Oxford Owls website is a great place to access **free** e-books that the children can read using their phonics, especially over the summer holidays to keep their reading skills in tip top condition!

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Below is a list of the websites we looked at during the session, should you wish to look at these with your child.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

<https://mathigon.org/tangram>

[https://www.mathplayground.com/logic\\_zero\\_numbers.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/logic_zero_numbers.html)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

*Mrs Godwin - Senior Leadership Team*



## Eco Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded an Eco Schools Award (with distinction)! The school, Eco Team and children have worked exceptionally hard on this, and we couldn't be more pleased with the outcome.

We are now part of the Eco, green flag community and are will endeavour to keep this status as the years go on.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support with this and will very soon be flying our Eco flag so keep your eyes peeled in school!

*Mrs Belson  
Eco Lead*

*HUGE well done to Mrs Belson and thank you to her for her hard work achieving this award. (Mrs Mainwaring)*

## Transition Days

On 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, all children will spend the day in their new Year 1/2 classes to prepare them for September. They will do lots of activities to get to know the staff and friends they will be learning alongside.

The plan for the children is as follows:

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – 8.50am: Drop children off at their ‘normal’ classroom. We have an assembly altogether at 9am.  
3.10pm: Collect children from their ‘normal’ classrooms.

Thur 13<sup>th</sup> – Drop off and collect children from their ‘new’ classrooms – *the children will come home on weds and tell you the class location*

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - Drop off and collect children from their ‘new’ classrooms

*We wish Year 2 all the best as they spend the 3 days in Year 3 – please take your child to Kinsale Junior school hall at 9am on the wednesday – you do not need to bring them to Infant School first. (KJS have sent a letter to you about this)*

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

At the end of term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Belson and Mrs Saynor. Mrs Belson joined us on a temporary contract and has been year 2 teacher this year, and we are very grateful for all her hard work and commitment to our school. We wish her well in her new school.

Mrs Saynor has been TA in year 2 this year and has settled into our school so quickly. Mrs Saynor is moving to a new job opportunity, and we wish her luck as she moves on.

## Final words from Mrs Mainwaring...

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers who have worked with us to support all elements of school life at Kinsale over the last academic year. We value the fantastic support you give, and the children progress exceptionally well here as a result.

We have yet again had FANTASTIC academic results across the school, which I know you will be excited to see. I have added the data for Norfolk and National from last year as a comparison (*2023 comparisons not yet available*), but you will see how far above local and national we are!

	KIS 2023 data	National 2022 data	Norfolk 2022 data
<b>Reception GLD (Good Level of Development – expected level for Rec children)</b>	90%	65%	65%

<b>Y1 Phonics test</b>	94%	76%	72%
<b>Y2 reading expected level</b>	81%	67%	65%
<b>Y2 reading higher level</b>	44%	18%	17%
<b>Y2 writing expected level</b>	78%	58%	53%
<b>Y2 writing higher level</b>	22%	8%	6%
<b>Y2 maths expected level</b>	85%	68%	65%
<b>Y2 maths higher level</b>	44%	15%	13%

A huge thank you to the Friends of Kinsale Infant School team, who work tirelessly to raise money to support the learning of our children. So much time, effort and planning goes into all of the events they organise, and we really appreciate everything they do.

I hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year annual report, and my thanks are extended to all the staff here at Kinsale for their exceptional hard work and commitment to the children and our school. We would appreciate you returning the comments form which is at the back of the annual report. This helps us to plan and improve.

### **And finally...**

This is the final newsletter from me as Head teacher of Kinsale Infant School.

As you know I will be moving on to be Head teacher of Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery in September.

I was appointed as Head teacher of Kinsale Infant in April 2009, and have thoroughly enjoyed my 14 years as Head teacher.

I have had the pleasure of working with excellent staff and Governors throughout my time here, and I am grateful for all their commitment and hard work.

Kinsale is a FABULOUS school, and one which the children are so lucky to attend.

The children demonstrate outstanding behaviour and the best learning behaviours. They are a delight to be around, and it is with mixed emotions that I move on to the next challenge in my career.

I wish to extend my thanks to the children for being amazing, staff and Governors for their support, and parents / carers for trusting me to lead the school which educates your children.

I look forward to the last couple of weeks of term, and I'm sure I will see many of you on the playground before and after school.

On behalf of all staff and Governors, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Louise Mainwaring  
Head teacher