



Newsletter 2018

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to another exciting year at Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre. The Governors and staff have been busily preparing for a new academic year and the children have already settled in well. Each member of staff is committed to ensuring every child at Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre is safe and happy and is learning to the best of their ability.



All staff are willing to see you to discuss children's progress, but we would appreciate that this does not interrupt in learning times. We ask that you support us in encouraging your children to be independent and therefore, we ask that after this week's settling in period, you hand your children over to staff at the cloakroom door and then leave them to sort out their own coats, shoes and settle into class ready for the register.

At the end of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 all children, throughout England, are assessed by Government tests. At Year 1 this is the Phonics Screening Test and at Year 2 and 6 these are statutory attainment tests in Reading, Mathematics, Spelling and Grammar. Writing is also assessed, but this is through teacher assessment. Our children sat Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs, which test the knowledge and understanding of the National Curriculum. Again, our results show our children are out performing the national average in many areas.

Please do not hesitate at any time to give us your suggestions as to how anything may be improved at our school, we would like to hear your views.

We hope with your continued support that Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre will continue to strive to be the best it can be!

Mrs A Wilks
Headteacher

STAFF UPDATE

We welcome back Miss Kelly to Nursery following the birth of her beautiful baby girl and Mrs Wain in Year 3 after having her second little boy. We say goodbye and good luck to last year's Nursery Teacher, Miss Morgan who is now adventuring in Singapore and Australia. We say a very warm welcome to our new Teaching Assistants Mrs Roebuck in Year 1/2 and Miss Armer in Year 5/6.

A big congratulations to Mr Lovatt who flew to Greece and married his beautiful fiancé and also to Mrs Jones (was Miss Price who married her long term partner in a gorgeous wedding).

Miss Barker has taken on the role of Thrive Practitioner and will be working closely with targeted children in school and their parents/carers and working hard to continue to embed Thrive throughout the school.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

There have been quite a few changes this year with some teachers moving to different year groups. Learning will be differentiated to suit each individual child and the classroom will be a base room for registration. Children will move within the classes in their team and will be given additional support through small group work and one to one support where needed.

FS1	Miss Kelly	VARIOUS EXCITING CHILD LED PROJECTS
FS2	Mrs Smith & Mrs Mulcahy	
FS2	Mr Lovatt	
Y1	Mrs Butterworth	ALL ABOUT ME
Y1	Mr Smith	
Y2	Miss Siddall	
Y2	Mrs Bowden	ROMAN'S AND THE ROMAN EMPIRE
Y3	Mrs Parkinson & Mrs Wain	
Y3	Mrs Beck & Mrs Oldknow	
Y3	Mrs Long	
Y4	Miss Addision	
Y4	Mr Tune	MEXICO
Y5	Miss Mulligan	
Y5	Mr Wogan	
Y6	Miss Clarke	
Y6	Mr Hannan	
Y6	Miss Keenan	



ARRIVING AT SCHOOL Children should enter school via the cloakroom doors on the playground, which are opened at **8.40am** for children to be seated ready for registration at 8.50am. If any child arrives after 8.50am they must enter via the main entrance and report to reception. Unless children are going to the breakfast club and arrive before 8.30am they should not be entering school until 8.40am as they are unsupervised and this becomes a safeguarding and health and safety issue.

DIARY DATES As always, we endeavour to provide you with dates which may affect you as soon as they go into the school diary. We will then remind you about each event as it approaches. This will enable working parents to schedule time off work where necessary, which we understand often takes time and planning. Our diary dates are now available on the AP and the school website.

ABSENCES All absences should be reported to the office by 9.30am where possible with a brief explanation on (01226) 272740. Without this, the absence will be unauthorised. We may text you if we haven't received notification from a parent/carer when a child is absent as part of our safeguarding procedure. Please do not wait to get this text – it is YOUR duty to ensure your child is at school for the start of the day unless they are too ill to be here, in which case you should contact us first thing in the morning to explain. It is a statutory requirement to be in full time education from 5 years of age. Absence is closely monitored and if attendance drops below 95%, the Education Welfare Officer will be alerted and is likely to visit you to discuss improvement.



BREAKFAST CLUB This runs Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 8.40am. Children must arrive before 8.25am via main reception. This cost is £1.20 per day which covers the cost of cereals, toast and juice and fun activities to entertain the children. You do not need to pre-book this service – your child can turn up as and when convenient to your family routine. However, should numbers increase, we may have to review this to ensure staff to children ratios stay well within our required levels.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME Following government legislation the Local Authority will not allow us to authorise holidays during term time unless for "exceptional circumstances". Governors will only consider applications submitted on the Holiday Request Form of up to a maximum of ten days in any school year but will only grant permission when they have evidence that you had no alternative dates available. Cost or work commitments are not considered exceptional, though if submitted with a letter from your employer to confirm that no alternative date is available, consideration will be given. Family or cultural reasons or to enhance an educational experience will also be considered. Holiday requests will **always** be turned down for the following reasons: during SATS preparation time, if a previous holiday has already been taken in the same academic year and if a child's attendance is less than 96%. **The local authority has set procedures in place to issue fines to parents who abuse this and choose to take children out of school regardless of the decision of the Governing Body.**



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Details of our after school clubs will follow shortly.

DINNER MONEY Meals are now £1.96 per day, £9.80 per week. Ideally this should be paid online via the School Gateway. Alternatively, cash should be paid to the office on Monday mornings or sent in a clearly marked envelope to reception or to the class teacher at the beginning of the week. Reception, Y1 & Y2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal if you have completed a Universal Free School Meals form. Completion of this form guarantees free special lunches including a free Party Lunch at Christmas.

HEALTHY TUCK SHOP This is still running well, providing the children with a selection of healthy snacks and fruit juice. These items are available at 20p. Ideally, this should be paid on Monday mornings (eg. £1 for the week) and then tokens will be handed out each day to the children who have paid for them.



FOUNDATION STAGE SNACKS Snack money at £1.00 per week would be appreciated at the start of each week. The money all stays in the Foundation department to be spent on snacks, resources and treats for the younger children.

P.E. KITS Must be worn by all children from FS2 to Year 6. This should be brought to school on Monday and left until Friday. Although regular days are set for P.E. classes, this can change from time to time so kits should be available every day. P.E. Uniform is a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and a tracksuit or similar jacket and joggers in case exercising outside. If your child does not use trainers as their outdoor shoes, they must have a pair in their P.E. kit – we cannot have children trying to participate in sport wearing sandals, court shoes etc. as this is an accident waiting to happen! Children will be encouraged to do P.E. in all weathers. Unless the temperature is below 5° outside P.E. will take place and so children must have warm outdoor kit.



SCHOOL UNIFORM Our uniform colours are navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, pale blue polo shirt, dark grey trousers/skirt/pinafore. School uniform is compulsory to wear although we do not insist on logos. We carry a few items in stock which can be purchased at reception.

JEWELLERY The wearing of jewellery is discouraged in school. One pair of stud earrings or small sleepers are allowed, but for health and safety reasons we discourage any other form of bodily piercings. Earrings must be removed for P.E. This is a statutory lesson and all children have to take part, therefore if your child has had their ears pierced, they would need to remove earrings before taking part in this lesson.

MOBILE PHONES We do not allow the use of mobile phones in school unless parents have sought authority from a senior member of staff. We appreciate that some children for safety reasons may need a phone with them during the day. If a child brings a phone to school they will be expected to hand it in at reception. School cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones.



JULIE BEEVER – OUR PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR – HERE TO HELP YOU Julie is very much part of our school. The Attendance Support Leaflet explains more about Julie's role and how she can help you – these are available from the carousel stand outside reception. Julie also runs courses for parents to attend such as 'Cook and Eat' and 'Maths with your children'. These courses have been really successful with many parents wanting to come again and again – please keep an eye out for announcements for up and coming courses.

SCHOOL PHOTOS Please note that the **photographers** are in school to take individual photographs of the children on **TUESDAY, 16th OCTOBER**. Please make sure your children come to school looking smart in their new uniforms with their hair styled to suit and teeth brightly polished for the best possible results.



FAMILY READING We have a family reading session every **Wednesday morning** during registration with prizes to be won. As always, we also need you to continue to support reading and writing for all pupils. Please encourage your children to read daily with you at home, even older children, as fifteen minutes extra a day really benefits **all** children.

WEBSITE Please take a look at <http://www.kingsoakprimary.org.uk>. We use the website to regularly provide information which you should find of interest so if you have any questions at all, please look first to this site for your answers. Our news page and calendar is regularly updated.

WE ARE A PAPERLESS SCHOOL – DOWNLOAD OUR VERY OWN FREE SCHOOL APP!

Did you know we have our very own school app and it is FREE to download on iTunes and Googleplay. Last year we made the decision to go paperless to help the environment. Through the app you will receive instant news as it happens, important notifications, see the school calendar, dinner menu and receive the latest school newsletter direct to your phone. We will still send out letters regarding trips and important notices or dates and if you would like a paper copy of any other letters please speak to the School Office who will gladly help.

To download the App, search and download SCHOOL JOTTER. Input the school postcode S738TX (no spaces). Select Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre. If you experience any problems or would like help please see Mrs Wright in the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wilks and The Kings Oak Staff.