



11th January 2019

Launch Days

Our reception classes and Key Stage 1 both had their launch days this week. Key Stage 1 were seen sweeping the deck and walking the plank in the hall during their pirate activities! Reception class enjoyed a jungle themed day and we saw lots of jungle animals around school. They were tasting different 'jungle' foods and voting on their favourites, they then produced graphs to show which was most popular! Well done to the children for getting involved in the day and to the parents for supporting with costumes. We're sure the exciting activities will lead to some excellent work over the coming weeks.

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. The children have all made a fabulous start to the new term. They have returned keen, eager to learn and look extremely smart in their uniform. Thank you.

All children will now have received their special person lunch letter. Please return these to the school office by the deadline shown within the letter. Dates of the lunches are on the front of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks.

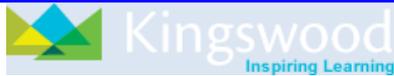
2019 Reception Intake

Don't forget that applications for September 2019 reception places close on 15th January. Any applications after this time may be considered late and may be disadvantaged. Please click below for more details on the school website:

<http://www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk/parents-3/admissions>

Year 6 booster classes commence Tuesday 15th January and will run until May. Children may enter school using their usual door at 7:55am to start for 8:00am. All children who attend will receive toast and milk for breakfast. We look forward to seeing all of year 6 at these sessions.

We have had a few cases of head lice in school recently. Can you please check your children's hair regularly and take the appropriate action if head lice are found. There is some helpful guidance available via the NHS website, please [click here for more information](#).



Thank you to everyone who has sent back their consent form for the Year 6 (current Y5) Kingswood trip in September. If you haven't yet done so, could you please return it to the school office. There is a non-refundable £50 deposit due by 7th February to secure our place at the camp. Please could you ensure that this is added to your ParentPay account by this date. Many thanks.



Please can you ensure that your ParentPay account remains at a zero or credit balance. We currently have 139 people who are in a deficit and the school cannot continue to support this.

The PTFA sent home a tube of smarties with your child prior to Christmas. They are asking that wherever possible, these can be filled with 20p pieces as fundraising for the school. Why not ask your children to complete some chores in return for some 20p's! Completed tubes can be returned to school between now and 26th February.



PE Update

Reminder that Key Stage 1 need their PE kits in school for Monday afternoons and Key Stage 2 need their PE kits on Friday afternoons. Children may be completing activities outside so please pack tracksuit bottoms and a warm top.

We are having a special school menu on Thursday 17th January. The choices will be:

- Burger and chips
- Tomato pasta
- Sandwiches / jacket potatoes
- Sweetcorn / beans
- Iced sponge and custard

Uniform

We pride ourselves with being so smart and it's lovely to see the children in their uniform. We understand that children have treats during school holidays, but we'd just like to remind parents around some of our uniform rules. Children with hair longer than shoulder length should have this tied up / back please. Hair should be natural colours—temporary dyes should be used during holiday periods as they need to be washed out for school. Finally, nail polish is not allowed in school. Thank you for your support with this.

The term dates for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are now available on the school website (including inset days). Details can be found on the homepage of the school website by clicking the 'term dates' link.

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