



Weekly Newsletter

7th September 2018

Discussion of the Week

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a sunny and warm summer break. The children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm, well rested after the holidays – just as we like it! All children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard already. Our topic of 'This is Me' is up and running. Our newest children in YR have begun their transition to school and have so far been all smiles (parents too!).

September

We will be holding our Meet the Teacher evening on **Wednesday 19th September** which will give you all the opportunity to have questions and queries answered (if we haven't managed to already). Here we will fill you in on the homework, spellings, counting/tables information I referred to in the last edition of the newsletter. These are in response to parents views through the surveys, along with suggestions from Parent Forum. More feedback from the surveys will follow as promised.

Reminders: Children have been well prepared for this week. A couple of reminders to ensure we start the term in good habits. Children with long hair need to have it tied back in school and certainly for PE. Children can bring their bags to school if needed. In KS2 each child has a cubby hole for these. Our parent handbook does ask that bags are appropriate in size to fit into these to keep the cloakroom areas safe. On Fridays in Celebration Assembly, as well as celebrating all of the amazing things that happen in school, we also celebrate achievements from home, which we then add to the newsletter. Please encourage your child to bring in certificates, medals, trophies, badges or anything else they are proud of.

Parent Forum: This year, I would like to continue to meet half termly any parents who are available and keen to be involved. This is a really important regular way of feeding back what we are doing and taking guidance from the parents about how we might continue to improve what we do. Please do come along if you can – working together is a really important goal for Team Kings Copses!

Herb and spice jar collection

We plan to start using these jars that we asked you to collect over the summer. If you have not yet brought them in, please could you send them in to school next week. There will be collection points in the classrooms.

Have a great weekend all. It feels like we have not been away!

Hayley Ferguson

What does 'This is Me' mean?

Merit Certificates

Bronze – Evalyn (Y2) & Jack (Y3)

Well Done!

Dates for Diary

17th September – Clubs start

19th September – Meet the teacher

Y1 – Y6

YR

6.00pm – 6.30pm

5.30pm – 6.30pm

6.30pm – 7.00pm

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A reminder that school dinners have increased from £2.15 to £2.30. If your child will be having dinners this can be paid either online or by paying by cash or cheque. If you would like to pay online and don't have a code to do this please come and get one from the school office. Thank you

Goodbye and Welcome

I am delighted to welcome back a confident and stable staff to Kings Copses for this academic year. At the end of July, Miss Newman and Mrs Firth moved on to roles in new schools and pastures new. We thanked them and wished them well in our final assembly of the year. New faces around school for September are:

Mrs Corner (Early Years Assistant)

Mrs Newman (LSA in YR/1)

Miss Payne (VI LSA Y1)

Miss Young (LSA in Y3/Y4)

I am sure you will make them feel very welcome.

This week's winning team

ELM

SEPTEMBER 2018					OCTOBER 2018					NOVEMBER 2018					
M	3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26
T	4	11	18	25	T	2	9	16	23	30	T	6	13	20	27
W	5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W	7	14	21	28
T	6	13	20	27	T	4	11	18	25	T	1	8	15	22	29
F	7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30
S	1	8	15	22	29	S	6	13	20	27	S	3	10	17	24
S	2	9	16	23	30	S	7	14	21	28	S	4	11	18	25

DECEMBER 2018					JANUARY 2019					FEBRUARY 2019					
M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25
T	4	11	18	25	T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26
W	5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27
T	6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24	31	T	7	14	21	28
F	7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	
S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26	S	2	9	16	23
S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27	S	3	10	17	24

MARCH 2019					APRIL 2019					MAY 2019						
M	4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M	6	13	20	27	
T	5	12	19	26	T	2	9	16	23	30	T	7	14	21	28	
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S	2	9	16	23	30	S	6	13	20	27	S	4	11	18	25	
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28	S	5	12	19	26	

JUNE 2019					JULY 2019					AUGUST 2019						
M	3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	
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W	5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W	7	14	21	28	
T	6	13	20	27	T	4	11	18	25	T	1	8	15	22	29	
F	7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30	
S	1	8	15	22	29	S	6	13	20	27	S	3	10	17	24	31
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Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019											
Christmas Day	25 December 2018	Easter Monday	22 April 2019								
Boxing Day	26 December 2018	May Day Holiday	6 May 2019								
New Year's Day	1 January 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019								
Good Friday	19 April 2019	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019								

School Holidays
 Bank Holidays and National Holidays

A reminder that this calendar notifying you of the INSET dates for this academic year was sent to you on 23rd March. If you have mislaid your copy or would like another hard copy, please collect one from the school office.

Calendar of dates

With the newsletter today is a calendar of dates. We have as usual tried to plan ahead as much as we can, so that we can give you as much notice of the key upcoming events.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

We will soon be launching an effective way to manage your child's data, which is simple to use and secure through an app called SIMS Parent Lite. You will be able to access this on any device at home or on the go and ensures that we hold up to date information. More will follow after October half term when we plan to begin rolling this across the school one year group at a time.

Building work

On Monday in assembly, I introduced the children to Rachel Brown (our architect) and Matt (the contracts manager) who helped the children understand their roles and the very exciting project that has begun over the summer. This week, more than 40 very deep (15 metre) holes have been piled into the ground. Each hole has then been filled with concrete as the drill has been removed and reinforcement bars inserted, this will provide a sturdy base for the new building to sit onto. The children have been able to see this happening and it has been the talk of the school! I think we have some budding future builders in some year groups! The children have been excellent, responding well to our safety messages and changes to routes in and around the building. The project is scheduled to be 42 weeks in total, beginning back on 6th August. Dawnus (the contractors) run a 'Builders Blog' which they have begun to work on so that you can keep up to date with how everything is going. When this is available, I will of course let you know.

You will have noticed I am sure that our staff parking spaces have been reduced. As a result, more of us are using the Park and Stride at Norman Rodaway. Can I respectfully ask that you do the same if you need to bring your car. A resident has already made us aware this week of cars parking unsafely blocking junctions. Additionally, it has been reported that children are being unloaded onto the road side in some cases. We are working hard with the local authority and the contractors to minimise disruption for everyone, including residents, and I thank you in advance for the part you play in helping with this.