



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September

Discussion of the Week

The first week back of this academic year has flown by. I am always immensely proud of our school, but this week, I don't think I could have been prouder. Children have come back smart, eager to learn, confident with the bubble rules. Everyone has made an excellent start back, in what continues to be unusual and changing circumstances. All children have worked hard, I have seen some examples of exceptional effort this week. We appreciate you being patient through this first week whilst timetables have been finalised for things like PE sessions. This information is now all clarified as you can see.

Thank you also for your patience with adapting to the drop off and pick up routines. On Monday, we had the most people on our school site since the 16th March. Everyone has been quick to adapt to these new routines and these busy times of the day have become smoother each day. They are most effective when parents and carers are dropping/collecting and then leaving the site as soon as they can afterwards. There are always times that people need to stop and ask questions or check things, which works fine. Arriving and leaving swiftly at the allocated slot enables us to be certain who children have had contact with during the day. Thank you for your continued help with this – this process will be ongoing for the foreseeable future.

Normally, with the first newsletter, I send out dates for the year ahead. We are planning ahead for the usual things – parent consultations, class assemblies, Nativity and Key Stage 2 performances, but as you will be acutely aware, many of these things are not able to go ahead in their usual forms. Our challenge will be to work out how we can function safely with these valuable aspects of school life. We will keep you posted.

From Monday, each class will build into their timetables time to receive merits for their work – I will create a visit slot for each bubble to celebrate the achievements in a different way to how we have done before. It is also our intention to incorporate Celebration Assembly and Monday Assemblies into our routines, but again these will be different as larger groups of children are not able to mix.

I would like to reassure you that the safety of all of our children and their families and our staff and their families remains paramount to our systems. There is extensive guidance and advice around this which we are following and will continue to do so. I have picked up from Twitter and the news that if in the event that you or a family member need to organise a test if symptoms are being experienced, you can find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call **119** for advice. If your child is unwell with any of the symptoms, you should not send them to school, organise a test and self-isolate with other members of your household for 14 days. Please do keep us updated by calling the school office with the outcome of the test, as a negative test will enable children to come back to school. If the test is positive, Public Health England help to guide our response which will be communicated to you as soon as we have it. At our school, we all appreciate that these times continue to be challenging and stressful. Please do talk to us if there is anything we can do to help, support or work together more.

Hayley Ferguson and Team Kings Copse

What is your favourite thing about your first week back?

Contacting your class teacher

As we are asking you to leave the site promptly before and after school it can be difficult to communicate messages to the teachers. You may use the following addresses to email them although if it is an urgent message it is best to contact the office.

acorns@kingsapps.co.uk - Mrs Dalton

conkers@kingsapps.co.uk - Mrs Phillips Mrs Stanley

pinecones@kingsapps.co.uk - Mrs Hart Miss Hewitt

year2teacher@kingsapps.co.uk - Mrs Warland

year3teacher@kingsapps.co.uk - Mr Harrison

year4teacher@kingsapps.co.uk - Miss MacMaster

year5teacher@kingsapps.co.uk - Miss Halton

year6teacher@kingsapps.co.uk - Mrs Matthews

PE DAYS

Year 1 (A,C and P) – Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Wednesday and Thursday

PE kits will need to be sent home weekly to be washed

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club

Please make sure that all dinners and breakfast club payments are now paid online. If you need a code please let the office know. Thank you.



INSET dates 12th February 2021, 7th & 8th June 2021

