



Kiveton Park Infant School



July 2015

Introduction

I have no idea where this School Year has gone, it seems to have flown by. The end of the year is always a busy time, planning for September whilst reflecting on the successes of the of the last 11 months. As a School I feel we have a lot to be proud of and would like to publically thank all the staff for their hard work. In addition, I would like to thank you, the parents, for your continued support and say an enormous well done to the children, who make us all proud on a daily basis.

I hope to have covered any loose ends with this newsletter, so please read it carefully so you don't miss anything.

Have a great summer and we will see you and the children on Wednesday September 2nd.

Mr Krabbendam

Goodbye and good luck

As I'm sure you will have noticed by now, Miss Lowe is pregnant. She will start her Maternity Leave during the Autumn Term and won't therefore have a class when we come back in September. We wish her and her partner all the best in this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Having secured new posts in other schools, we also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Rimmer and Mrs Fitzgerald. We're sure that they will be successful in their new positions and hope they both keep in contact with us.

And finally, after an amazing 21 years of service to KPI, Mrs Jarvis will be retiring from her role as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. Mrs Jarvis will be missed by children and staff alike but we hope that she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

Welcome

As one door closes another opens, so we welcome the following new member to the KPI team;

Mrs Pidd: Will become a Learning Support for Nursery and FS2.

Miss Williams: Will start as lunchtime supervisory staff.

Miss Preece: Will offer 1:1 in Mrs Mason's class.

INSET days

INSET day 1: Tuesday 1st September 2015

INSET day 2: Friday 23rd October 2015

INSET day 3: Monday 4th January 2016

INSET day 4: Tuesday 3rd May 2016

INSET day 5: Friday 27th May 2016

Where possible these days have been tagged onto school holidays and are the same as the INSET of the Juniors.

Conduct towards staff

It is disappointing that this section even has to be included but I feel the need to make it clear that staff being spoken to face to face or on the phone in a way that they deem to be aggressive or disrespectful will not be tolerated. Such incidents often, but not exclusively, are directed towards staff in the office or, in my absence, Mrs Senior as Head of School. Normally the office are passing on communications that have come from me and I would therefore ask that if anyone has any issues or questions about these, they ask them calmly and politely of the office staff or make an appointment to see me to discuss their queries in more depth.

Transition

The children had a successful transition last week and it is hoped that having met their new teacher, Learning Support Assistant and visited their classroom, will have put them at ease before the holidays.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Mrs Senior and a group of enthusiastic staff have lots planned to further develop the outdoor areas to support children imaginative play. Although this is part of a long term plan you should start to see some changes when you come back in September. If you have any resources that you think we might be able to reuse please approach your child's class teacher or the office. Wood, logs, pallets, plastic tubs or guttering, old plastic sieves/cups/bowls/plates, stones, pebbles, decking are all useful resources for us. If you are able to get these to school anytime after August 17th, the Caretaker will be onsite to take collection. If anyone has any expertise in landscape gardening, woodwork or mural painting and would be willing to help with our outdoor projects, please let us know.

Lost/left property

We will put any uniform in the lost property box out on the picnic tables on the playground this Thursday at 3pm. Please have a look to see if anything belongs to your child.

Any lost not claimed or left property, including those items left in the cloakrooms, will be bagged up over the summer and weighed in at a local clothes bank. Please make sure your child collects everything on the last day.

Attendance and Punctuality

In order to crack down on lateness, from September the Government will be introducing sanctions by way of fixed penalty fines for those parents regularly not getting their children to school on time. We will be asked to inform the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who will contact you following a warning letter from school.

In addition, any child with an attendance of 90% or less (even if this is through illness) will now fall into the Persistent Absence category and will be put onto the EWO caseload. We will inform you by letter if your child's attendance falls below 92% in order to give a chance for it to be improved before the EWOP becomes involved.

Access Gate Update

Our intention to re open an access point at the back of the school has been over-ridden by the council, following resistance from some residents of Wesley Road. Having started the work, this has been 'made good' and the access point will no longer be created.

Other dates for your diary

Please make a note of the following dates, a reminder text will be sent nearer the time.

Wednesday 2nd September - School opens to children for Autumn Term 2015

Monday 7th September - Meeting for Year 2 parents at 6pm

Tuesday 29th September - Individual School photographs

Friday 23rd October - School closed to children and beginning of Half Term

Monday 2nd November - School opens for second half of Autumn Term

Friday 18th December - School closes for Christmas

Monday 4th January 2016 - INSET

Tuesday 5th January - School opens for beginning of Spring Term 2016

Friday 5th February - School closes for Half Term

Monday 15th February - School opens for the second half of Spring Term

Friday 18th March - School closes for Easter

Monday 4th April - School opens for beginning of Summer Term

Tuesday 3rd May - INSET

Internal Building Work

The school will be undergoing a full refit of its heating system over the summer term.

This will include the removal of all the existing radiators and pipework in every room of the main school building. As the work will begin on this Saturday and last for 6 weeks, teachers have been told that they can start taking down displays and packing up resources this week. I know this doesn't look great, but they won't have access to the building until August 26th, which leave little time to get everything ready for the children's return on September 3rd.

Ofsted Inspection

In November it will be 5 years since KPI was last visited by Ofsted. As our 'inspection window' opened after 3 years, we are constantly expecting a team to call. As inspections start again from September 7th and we only get a call the day before to be told of a visit, we have decided to keep the outcomes the children have produced this year. This means that we will have evidence of progress and learning over time, should the inspection team arrive early next school year. All books and Learning Journey's will be stored safely and will be given out following the inspection. For the current Year 2 children, these will be sent to KPMJS to be handed out.

If you need a DJ over the holidays, we recommend: