



Kingsfield News

Learn Together, Play Together, Succeed, Together

29th January 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly may I apologise for the absence of newsletters, as you can imagine the school priorities have changed recently and with that the usual routines have too as I'm sure they have for many families.

Whilst the current situation offers it's many challenges, I must thank you for the many kind messages which have offered great support and appreciation to all Kingsfield Staff. Everybody's role in school has changed and I am in complete admiration with the relentless hard work that all staff are faced with.

From the recent survey feedback (see below for more details) the remote lessons are being thoroughly enjoyed, although I do not take under estimate the stress that this brings to both us and parents. Teams is great, when it is working well, but this is not always the case!

We have taken on board some feedback to find ways of making it more accessible, for example, pupils learning is uploaded the night before and by viewing it then, the downloading issues the next morning are greatly reduced. Exercise books can be provided if you require, and if you need any basic resources such as pencils, white board pens, please ask. I do also have a small number of devices to loan so please contact the school on 973800 if needed. I would like to reassure all parents that the lessons in school are exactly the same as the lessons at home, so nobody should be missing out. We love seeing your home learning and submitting it regularly is what we are aiming for, we totally understand that sometimes this is done in bursts depending on work shifts, child care arrangements and parents own working commitments.

Finally, we are here to support, but if questions are raised through the Teams chat after 5pm or over the weekend, you may not received a response until the next working day. We hope you understand.

Thank you again, for your support, appreciation and co-operation as we work hard to keep everyone safe and educated through these difficult times.

Mrs Butler

Fruit

For children currently attending school, the fruit is now being supplied again and is on offer to all children for their morning break.

If you wish to supply a different healthy alternative, you are welcome to do so.



POSTIVE TEST

If your child tests positive to Covid, you must contact school immediately.

If out of school hours, please email covid@kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk

Parents Evening

As the end of this turbulent term is approaching, we will be arranging a substitute for Parents evening - more information about this will follow soon.

Reminders

-Please ensure you are booking your child's space on a weekly basis for before and after school club.

- Please avoid sending messages to school via Teachers2Parents unless requested, as this isn't monitored and messages aren't always seen. If you need to contact the school you can email admin@kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk or call 01782 973800. Alternatively if you need to contact the class teacher please use the homework email addresses.

Thank you

Star of the Week In School

- Little Ladybirds - Jackson Whalley
- Clever Caterpillars - Harry Hughes-Moore
- Busy Bees - Layla Gartside
- Terrific Tigers - Alfie Stutcinkas
- Charming Cheetahs - Ronnie Spencer
- Perfect Panthers - Thomas Deaville
- Learning Lions - Oscar Jones
- Key Stage 2 - Oscar Newton and Daisy Everill

Remote Star of The Week

- Little Ladybirds - Elsie Lee
- Clever Caterpillars - Darcy Arthur
- Busy Bees - Jack Mountford
- Terrific Tigers - Archie Allen
- Charming Cheetahs - Harley Robinson
- Perfect Panthers - Joshua Walley
- Learning Lions - Lucas Antrobuss
- Super Squirrels - Jessica Wain
- Wise Owls - Harry Wint
- Fantastic Foxes - Eva Whalley



Remote Learning Survey



Thank you so much if you completed our recent remote learning survey - we had a huge response, with 116 returns.

A few highlights were:

100% of those who completed the survey felt teachers explained and demonstrated the learning activities well.

100% felt the school was offering a broad range of learning activities.

97% felt marking a feedback was supportive.

The main point raised was:-

Socially, having contact with friends, perhaps sharing work would be good, so they can see how others are getting on with the remote learning.

This point has been echoed by other parents and staff and as a way of maintaining friendships and gaining that social contact we will be launching next week “children’s Chatter” to coincide with Children’s Mental Health week. This will take the form of a live weekly Session on Teams where child can see each other and receive motivational feedback, the children in school will be taking part too. The times for these new sessions will be:-

Nursery - Monday 1.15–1.45pm

Reception—Monday 1.45–2.15pm

Year 1—Wednesday 1.30–2.00pm

Year 2—Thursday 1.15–1.45pm

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 1.15–1.45pm

Teachers will contact you regarding an invite to these sessions. If you do not normally use Teams but would like your child to access these sessions please contact us in advance to try and sort out the technology for you!

Please note all other drop in live sessions will remain ‘screens off’ to safeguard our staff and your children whilst working online.

Home Learners - Keeping Motivated

Parents finding it hard to motivate their children to work at home.

A few tips include:

- ◆ Try to praise and reward rather than use threat or confrontation- 15 minutes work=15 minutes TV time or play time. Work first, reward afterwards - not the other way round.
- ◆ We have uploaded some star charts to the Covid-19 area of the website which you might like to print out. (We could do this for you if you would like to collect.) You will find them here:
- ◆ <http://kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/covid-19-info/>
- ◆ Keep to a routine everyday- set a timetable if it helps
- ◆ Little steps, don't aim too high 1 lesson at a time build up to more as routines and confidence grows.
- ◆ Let us know we can send home praise texts, shout outs during lessons or send home rewards in paper pack.
- ◆ Communicate with us – we will ALWAYS work with you to find a solution for both you and your child.



Smart School Uniform

Smart School Uniform are open for collections every day Monday - Friday between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

Please email orders to shop@smartuniform.co.uk

They aim to process orders within 72 hours.

Kingsfield hoodies are now available to purchase and can be worn on their PE day as an alternative to their school jumper. They have been purchased by some families and they look great. They are available on the Smart School Uniform website and there is an option to personalise your order.

<https://www.smartacademyuniform.co.uk/kingsfield-first-school>

