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Dear Parents

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

Building Work

I am pleased to let you know that the building project is progressing well and everything is still on track at the moment. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, by which point we will have newly-repaired roofs, plus new ceilings, internal lighting, alarm system and network cabling throughout the school. Much of the work in Class 1 and 2 has been completed now. The ceiling panels will be going on soon and then the classes will be able to move back into their classrooms, at which point the next phase of the project will begin.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 5th July**. As usual, it would be great if lots of parents could come to watch. Please be aware that we have changed the format slightly and will not be providing refreshments for parents this year. You are, of course, permitted to bring your own. Last year's event was fantastic and we even managed to organise an impromptu parents' race! We are expecting Sports Day to be even better this year so please come and support if you can.

Mobile Phones – Year 6

Some children in Year 6 have been bringing phones into school recently. Many older children do this if they have been walking to and/or from school on their own. We ask that any Year 6 children bringing phones into school, switch them off and give them to their teacher for safekeeping until home time. No other children should be bringing phones into school. Thank you.

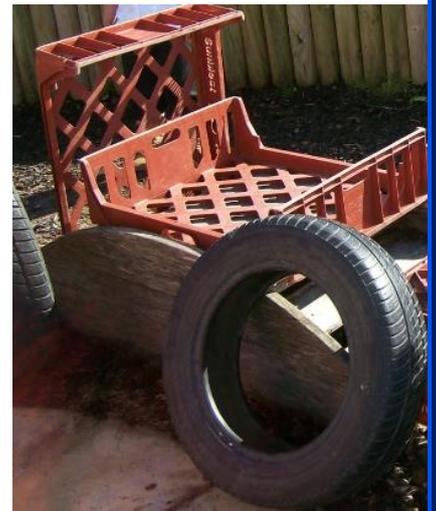


New Outdoor Area

We are excited to share that we are building an additional play area for the children to use during playtimes. This will be an area to encourage creativity, curiosity and collaboration and there will be some construction equipment for the children to use. Building work will start (and hopefully be completed) during half term. The

children will be able to use this area very soon, once we have established some rules to enable the children to use it safely. In the meantime, we are asking for donations of tyres, plastic drain pipes and crates for children to use in this area. If you have anything that you can donate, please mention it to your child's class teacher and I will be in touch!

Many thanks, Mrs Huntingford



Behaviour Policy

The changes we made to our behaviour policy, and the introduction of yellow and orange slips, have been working well in school. The introduction of these slips has allowed us to keep track of which children are finding it difficult to follow the rules. We have encouraged and supported these children in different ways. Another pleasing thing is that most children never (or rarely) receive yellow or orange slips.

- In the spring term, 87 of the 139 children in school did not receive a single slip.
- Only 27 children in the school received more than one (19% of the children in school).

A huge well done to all the children who have maintained excellent behaviour at all times, and a further well done to all those who have worked hard to improve their behaviour. Keep up the good work!

INSET Days for 2023-24

The INSET days for the next academic year are as follows:

- Monday 4th September
- Thursday 4th January
- Friday 5th January
- Friday 28th June
- Monday 1st July

We have chosen these dates for strategic reasons as they allow our teachers time to work together at key points of each term. Additionally, we have tried to choose dates that may help families. For example, the 2023 Christmas holiday is shorter than usual. By adding two INSET days at the end, we have extended the break for children and families to a full two weeks. Similarly, the final half term of the year is very long for the children (8 weeks long) so we have bunched two INSET days (28th June and 1st July) either side of a weekend to create a four-day mini-break. While school staff will be in school, working hard, I hope some of our families take the opportunity to enjoy a long weekend away somewhere!

Governors Year-end Financial Statement 2022/23

The governors' financial statement is now complete for the financial year 2022/2023. If you would like a copy please contact the school office.

Romeo and Juliet

Our Year 6 children will soon be begin rehearsals for their end of year performance of Romeo and Juliet. Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 have already begun to learn some of the songs! Following the success of last year's Macbeth performance, I am keen to make summer Shakespeare a Kinoulton tradition. There is a good chance that many of the children will study some of these plays at secondary school; Shakespeare is always on the English syllabus. I really hope that the work they do now will help them with their GCSEs in years to come. Even when they leave KPS to go to their secondary schools, we don't forget them!



Furthermore, putting on a show like this reflects our school values of creativity and collaboration. While some children shine in maths and English, we value the singers, actors, dancers and performers just as much. This is their chance to shine!

Details about tickets for the performances will be shared in the coming weeks but we expect the shows to be performed in the week beginning 17th July. I hope lots of you will come to watch as I promise it will be brilliant!

Upcoming Calendar Dates		
Friday 26 th May	3.30pm	School closes for the half term holiday
7 th – 9 th June		Class 5 PGL Residential
14 th – 16 th June		Class 3 and Class 4 Beaumanor Residential
Thursday 22 nd June	All day	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Friday 23 rd June	All day	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 26 th June	All day	Class 3 and Class 4 moving days
Thursday 29 th June	Morning	New starters meeting and transition visits
Wednesday 5 th July	Morning	Sports Day

Thank You!

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for continuing to support our school. Have a lovely half term holiday!

Simon Paramore
Headteacher