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# Kinoulton Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome from Mr Paramore

Welcome to the autumn term 2023. The term has started well with lots of learning happening and lots of fun activities! It has been lovely to welcome everybody back to school.

We also have some new faces at KPS, including in our Hedgehogs class. The new Reception children have made a great start to the year and the rest of the school have made them feel welcome. Mrs Barker and her team have been so impressed with their good start at our school. I would like to say a big hello to all of our new families! We would also like to welcome Mrs Farley who has joined our midday team and has been working with children in Mr Middleton's Badgers class.

Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bourne from our kitchen in the next few weeks. We will update you soon on any changes to the serving of hot dinners and will introduce you to our new chef. In the meantime, we would all like to thank them for their service and wish them well for the future. Whoever our new chef is, they have big shoes to fill. I know how much the children love Mrs. Thompson's dinners!

## ClassDojo

A big thank you to all the parents who have already signed up to ClassDojo. Our intention is to reach a point where everybody has signed up to ClassDojo and we can begin to use it for all communication from school. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so.

The signup link is:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=57f6b0be0e06a3b911ed8ef2>



## Forest Schools

### Can you help clear and manage our Forest School site?

We have lots of big plans for our Forest School site over the next year but before we can put these plans into action, we need some help clearing the space. Over the summer, certain areas have become quite overgrown, and we have got a very large bramble bush that is slowly taking over. Could you spare an hour or two to help us clear the site?

We would really appreciate any support to clear pathways and make the area a more child friendly space where we can offer more activities and experiences for every child at KPS.

If you would like to help, please could you let Mrs Barker know and she can talk you through what needs doing in more detail. The children love the Forest School space and it has so much potential but we just need some extra hands to get it all going and get on top of the maintenance of the space.

Thank you!



## Construction Zone

The new construction zone is now complete and we have just begun to allow some of the children to use it. Over the next few weeks, all the children will take turns to access the construction zone and to use their creativity!

### Can you help?

We have some building equipment, including tyres, planks and pipes but we need much more. If any of you can source plastic crates, wooden pallets, old tyres, plastic pipes or anything else that the children can build with, please get in touch!

### Use of the Construction Zone

The construction zone is only to be used during school hours. No children should be accessing the area before or after school. Please remember that the school site is private property. The **joint use agreement** with the parish council only covers the **play park area** and permits ball games on the **field** and **playground**. No other use of our school site is permitted. Nobody should be using the school field for any other purpose and nobody should be entering the Forest Schools, KS1 garden or Construction Zone areas. Thank you.

## School Uniform

It has been lovely to see all the children in their school uniform, looking smart – including on PE days. A big thank you to all the parents who are so good at supporting our uniform policy!

A couple of quick reminders:

- Please provide **black trainers only** for PE days. If your child grows out of their current trainers, and you need to buy new ones, please ensure these are black. Many children have already switched to black which helps them all to look uniform and smart on PE days.
- Please do not send your child into school with a big backpack/rucksack. Storing these has always caused problems, especially while some classes are in the portakabins. Also, our cloakroom pegs are only intended for coats and book bags. When the children fill the pegs with big backpacks, many coats and bags fall to the floor, creating a mess and a tripping hazard.

Many thanks for your support!

## Rattle & Roll

### Ofsted Inspection

Our breakfast club/afterschool provision was visited by Ofsted this week. The inspector asked lots of questions, observed the provision in the school hall and talked to the children. Ofsted no longer give grades to wraparound care providers, but they will publish a report. We expect the report to be very positive as the inspector was very pleased with what she saw! Once the report is available, we will share it with you.

A huge well done to Mandy, Carol and the team!



## Contact Details

I would like to remind everyone to keep us up to date with all of your contact information (email address, mobile phone number, etc.) and to inform us of changes as soon as you can.

If we ever need to contact you, we need the up-to-date information. Thank you to all the parents who do this as it really helps.

If your contact information changes at any time, please let us know as soon as you can.

Many thanks!

## Class Pages

Don't forget that there is a lot of information about the children's current topics and learning on the '**class pages**' section of the school website. There is a lot of other useful info there too.

Links below:

[Hedgehogs](#)

[Squirrels](#)

[Foxes](#)

[Rabbits](#)

[Badgers](#)

## Parents Evenings

We have decided to run our autumn term parents evenings as phone calls again this year. This is mainly because the focus will be on how the children have settled into their new class and how they have started the year. There is very little work to see in the books so early in the term so we are intending to invite you into school later in the term when there will be more for you to see. The spring term parents evening will be a face-to-face meeting in school.

Our parent's evenings will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 4pm - 6pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 4pm - 7pm.

Please choose a day and time slot by completing the online form via the following link as soon as possible:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RLGuGfptb0WJkuJGUSuSu3Q4DJreiMIBmDkXLyeUnrNUM0EyNFZLRU83Q0ZQQURVWUo2MUo3SEY4My4u>

## What's Coming Up at KPS?

Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	<b>KS2 VR Day</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All day	<b>Badgers Class Moving Day</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-6pm	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-7pm	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning	<b>Year 6 Storytelling</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Afternoon	<b>Flu Vaccinations</b>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> October	7pm-9pm	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>

