



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fully into the swing of things in the new year. Children are focused on their learning and showing curiosity and resilience in lessons. We have had a range of trips to enhance learning and look forward to Year 2 and Year 4 residential next month.

Parents evening is next week and this will be a good opportunity for parents/carers to find out about how children have settled in and what targets they are working on. We encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment and we look forward to seeing you.

There has been an increase in parent/carers requesting to collect children early due to appointments. We will now be asking for evidence of appointments as children leaving early disrupts the learning of the rest of the class. Where possible please book appointments after school or during the school holidays.

We look forward to inviting parents/carers into school on 4th November to celebrate Harvest with us, more information will follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

General Reminders

Annual Consents - Important

We are still awaiting a number of these forms. If you have not yet completed it, please can you contact the office as soon as possible

Please note this must be completed by all parents/carers.

Nut Aware

We now have a child in school who has a severe nut allergy and we are now a nut aware school. A letter will follow explaining what this means.

Parent/Carer Interviews - Tuesday 18th October

The autumn parent/carers interviews will take place face to face on **Tuesday 18th October 2022 from 2.00pm until 7.00pm.**

Please note school will close at 1.30pm on this day however if parents/carers are unable to collect their child please let the office know so we can arrange for your child to stay at school until 3.00pm as usual.

Appointments can be booked via the [SchoolCloud system](#) or by contacting the school office.

These 10 minute meetings with class teachers are an opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about how they have settled into their new class and what targets they are working on. We would encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment

Attendance Reminder

Attendance is a key priority for school this year. It is a legal requirement that all children attend school regularly and are only absent when absolutely necessary.

Unfortunately attendance has dropped over the last few weeks and the number of leave of absence requests has also increased. We would like to remind you that school may not authorise any leave of absence unless it is for exceptional circumstances. A holiday is not classed as exceptional circumstances.

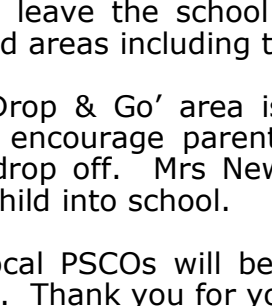
School is also required to inform the Education Welfare Service of any periods of unauthorised absence from school. The Education Welfare Service will then consider if the issue of a Penalty Notice is appropriate.

Whole School Attendance Reward

Children are currently working on building the attendance wall to earn an **Own Clothes Day.**

Week 1:	05.09.22 to 09.09.22 = 98.93% = 1 Reward Brick
Week 2:	12.09.22 to 16.09.22 = 96.55% = 1 Reward Brick
Week 3:	19.09.22 to 23.09.22 = 94.51% = 0 Reward Brick
Week 4:	26.09.22 to 30.09.22 = 93.39% = 0 Reward Brick
Week 5:	03.10.22 to 07.10.22 = 93.63% = 0 Reward Brick

Whole school attendance to date = 95.42%



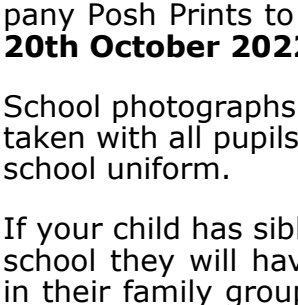
Reward = Own Clothes Day

Bricks Earned = 2

Bricks to Earn = 8

Everyone can help to build the pyramid and earn the reward!

Value of the Month



This month's value is ...

Friendship

Tuck

We have been fortunate enough this year to secure some additional funding towards the cost of tuck. We are therefore asking parents/carers for a contribution of **£5.00 per pupil for the full academic year.**

There is still a number of outstanding payments, please pay at the office if you cannot access online payments.

If you do not pay we will assume your child no longer wants daily fruit.

Parking Around School

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park safely and responsibly outside the school. Many cars are parking on the single yellow lines and blocking pavements too which is putting children at risk.

Please leave the school gates clear as well as any marked areas including the single yellow lined areas.

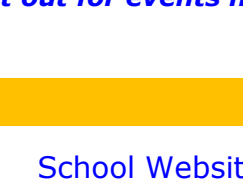
The 'Drop & Go' area is often under used and we would encourage parents/carers to use this for an easy drop off. Mrs Newby is always there to walk your child into school.

Our local PSCOs will be monitoring parking around school. Thank you for your continued support.



Photo Day - Thu 20th Oct

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 20th October 2022.**



School photographs will be taken with all pupils wearing school uniform.

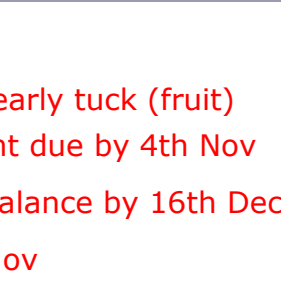
If your child has siblings at school they will have their photograph taken in their family group. If you want individual photographs please let the office know.

Unfortunately we are not able to invite younger siblings into school for photographs.

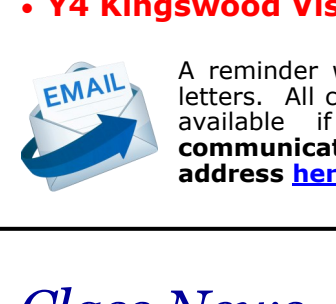
After School

If your child has signed up for a club please ensure they attend.

Clubs will run until Friday 21st October.



PE Reminder



A reminder children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and Gorsewood PE hoody, sweatshirt or fleece. **Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform.**

If you are struggling to buy PE items please let school know.

Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school each day.



Family Learning: KS2 "Fun with Forces" Workshop

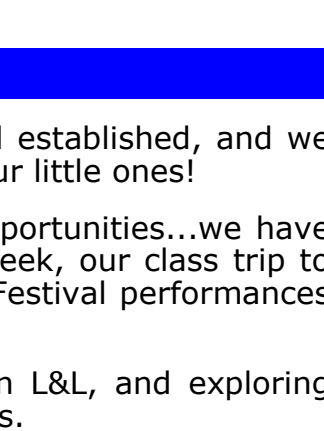
There are still places available for this workshop taking place on Wednesday 19th October 9.00am to 10.30am.

During the session will be invited to join your child for a variety of fun practical activities based around the KS2 Forces Science Curriculum. The investigation based tasks will provoke discussion between you and your child in a relaxed, inspiring atmosphere.

If you would like to attend please login to the School Gateway and book a place using the 'Clubs' option. Bookings are open now.

School Houses

You will know that the whole school including staff have now been organised into our school houses. Everyone has now received a badge to show which house they belong to.



The current scores are:

Ash	1263
Oak	1309
Birch	1187
Sycamore	1312

Diary Dates

- Wed 12th Oct - Magic Showcase (am)
- Tue 18th Oct - Parent Interviews (school closes at 1.30pm)
- Wed 19th Oct - KS2 Science Family Learning Workshop
- Wed 19th Oct - Year 2 Gordale Garden Centre Visit
- Wed 19th Oct - Year 4 Kingswood Parent/Carer Meeting
- Thu 20th Oct - School Photograph Day
- Thu 20th Oct - Y2 Foxhowl Parent/Carer Meeting 3.00pm
- Fri 21st Oct - Y3 Beeston Visit
- Fri 21st Oct - Wear Red to Show Racism the Red Card
- Fri 21st Oct - School closes for half term
- Mon 31st Oct - School reopens
- Fri 4th Nov - Harvest Assemblies
- Tue 8th Nov - KS1 Number Family Learning Course (3 weeks)
- Mon 14th Nov - Y4 Kingswood Residential Visit (14th to 16th)
- Fri 18th Nov - Y2 Foxhowl Visit (overnight)
- Wed 23rd Nov - Y6 Western Approaches Visit
- Thu 15th Dec - Whole School Pantomime Visit (No charge)

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time.

Useful Links

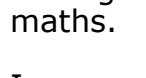
[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

School Gateway Reminders

Currently payment/consent is due for:

- **Tuck** - Payment of £5.00 due for all pupils for yearly tuck (fruit)
- **Y5/Y6 St Braivels Cardiff Visit** - Next payment due by 4th Nov
- **Y3 CHET:** Next payment due by 4th Nov. Full balance by 16th Dec
- **Y2 Foxhowl:** Final balance to be paid by 11th Nov
- **Y2 Gordale:** Payment due by 13th October
- **Y3 Beeston:** Payment due by 18th October
- **Y6 Western Approaches:** Payment due by 18th November
- **Y4 Kingswood Visit** - Final balance due by 30th Sept



A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**

Class News

Reception Class

Reception children have been discovering the world around them and how our senses help us to stay safe.

We have looked at world maps and also a local area map, children now understand that we live on planet Earth and the country we live in is England.

We have explored all about Autumn and we are now expanding this looking at Harvest festivals.

Reception has also participated in weekly Doh Disco strengthening our fine motor skills!



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the different seasons and the weather that links to each one.

We have also enjoyed reading Meerkat Mail and completing different activities based on the book.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an extremely busy half term settling in and working hard. We have thoroughly enjoyed our History work on the Great Fire of London and our DT challenge of designing and sewing felt pouches.

Next term we have our residential to look forward to which will support our Geography unit of work on the locality and Delamere.

Our trip this half term is linked to our science work on Plants which we will begin next half term.

Year 3

Year 3 routines and expectations are all well established, and we have built such positive relationships with your little ones!

October brings us some exciting learning opportunities...we have a poetry workshop to look forward to this week, our class trip to Beeston Castle next week, and our Harvest Festival performances coming up, too.

We will be focusing on non-fiction writing in L&L, and exploring methods for addition and subtraction in maths.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working on a story called Lost or Stolen. It is a dilemma story and we are having a go at writing our own.

In Maths, we have been learning about Numbers to 10000. Rounding has been our biggest challenge but we are getting there!

Our local study of the River Mersey and surrounding areas is on-going as well as our Science topic: States of Matter.

We have all settled in well to Year 4 and have lots to look forward to in the coming months.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy start to the school year. We have been learning how to play the Taiko drums and are getting really good. We are starting to play longer compositions and can follow instructions well using the Japanese words.

Last week we visited author Frank Cottrell - Boyce. He is the author of our class book, Cosmic and we also found out that he directed the Paddington bear sketch with Queen Elizabeth. Lots of us had a book signed and are enjoying reading our books.



Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard, we have been doing lots of writing about Robin Hood and looking at long multiplication in maths.

In geography we are still looking at our local area and we have discovered links to all around the world.

We are continuing our light topic in science and have made periscopes to investigate how light can be reflected to help us to see around obstacles, we will be doing some more investigations in the next few weeks.'