



Kingsgate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18 September 2020

Dear parents and carers

Thank you for all the hard work you did helping your children with their Learning from Home during lockdown. It was not easy when many of you were also working from home and looking after younger children too. Thank you for all your nice comments about the work that we gave the children and how we helped as much as we could.

We gave out about 40 iPad and laptops to help families when we knew the children needed them to do their work. We also sent home paper copies when you requested.

All the staff at Kingsgate were eagerly waiting for the day when we could welcome all our children back to school. My senior leaders had spent so long preparing the school to make sure that we had reduced the risks as much as possible. Teachers had planned the children's lessons. The classrooms looked welcoming....we just needed the children!

Most of our children returned in the first few days of term. They have settled back in exceptionally well. The children were happy to see their friends again and to meet their new teachers and LSAs. On the first day teachers held a short class assembly to introduce the children to new routines. Staggered playtimes are working very well. The children like being in their year group bubbles and we have made sure that they do a lot of physical activity to make up for the months of being cooped up.

Teachers got straight into assessing and teaching the children. We want to catch children up if they have slipped back in their learning. This is our priority and we will work as hard as we can, with your support, to make sure that the children achieve well.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward

Headteacher

Is your child working in line with school expectations?

In September in a 'normal' year a typical Y4 child is working at Y3 secure.

(This means that they have learned all their Y3 lessons).

By December they are Y4 beginning.

By April they are Y4 developing.

By July they are Y4 secure

(This means that they have learned all their Y4 lessons).

Did missing a term of school make them fall back?

This year some children have started the year working at developing or below.

This means that they have fallen behind.

Our aim is that most children catch up by July 2021.

Teachers are assessing all the children over the next few weeks to see who needs extra help.

How can parents and carers help?

Bring your children to school on time every day.

Make sure your children read at home every evening.

Make sure your children do their homework.

Parent teacher meetings (by phone)

23rd October

Please sign up. We want all our parents to attend!

You will receive a link to your phone via text message and an email so that you can sign up online.

If you want some help signing up, email the office.

Deadline for secondary school applications—for parents and carers of children in Y6

31st October 2020. Email the office to ask for help with the online application.

Up to date phone numbers if there is an emergency

Please give the office your up to date mobile number. We need to be able to contact you if your child has an accident during the school day.

If possible we would like 2 other contact numbers to call if we cannot contact you. These could be family members or friends.

Reception parents

If your child has learnt to do something new at home, we'd love to hear about it. Please email us and send us pictures to the class emails below:

Receptionapple@kingsgate-pri.camden.sch.uk

Receptionelm@kingsgate-pri.camden.sch.uk

Receptionhawthorn@kingsgate-pri.camden.sch.uk

We will include these achievements in your child's learning journey.

Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a water bottle. We have jugs of drinking water in classrooms but we are not using the shared drinking fountains in the playground. Children need their water bottle outside in case they are thirsty when they are playing.

Medicine

If your child is well enough to be in school but needs prescribed medication (for example, antibiotics) please contact the office and we can give your child their medicine with your permission.

Start and end to the school day

Thank you for respecting social distancing (2m) while you are dropping off and collecting your child.

If possible, we would ask you to wear a face covering at these times.

Thank you for your patience at the beginning of term when we were establishing our new routines. Many of you made very helpful suggestions which is appreciated.

NUT ALLERGY

We have some children in school with a serious allergy to nuts and sesame seeds. For this reason, we do not allow nuts or nuts products in school. We do not allow sesame products into school either. For example, do not give your child any of the following to bring into school:

Packets of nuts

Peanut butter sandwiches

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Sesame seed products such as hummus

Communicating with your child's teacher

Communicating with your child's Assistant Head

Email the school office if you would like to speak to your child's teacher.

Sometimes you may want to speak to the Assistant Head in your child's phase:

Ellie - Y5 and Y6

Raheema -Y3 and Y4

Jess -Y1 and Y2

Eleni—Nursery and Reception