

# Kingham Primary School

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During term time, this monthly newsletter will be sent out near the end of each month via ParentMail. The content differs from the weekly bulletins, offering more in-depth coverage and celebrations of events within school and our community.

## Welcome to our September Newsletter by Ms Bretta Townend-Jowitt

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the academic year 2019-2020. The staff hope you all had an enjoyable summer break.

We welcome our new nursery and reception children and their families and those who have joined us in other classes across school. We also welcome our new school business manager Mrs Hare.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to the outgoing committee of our KPSA team who work hard to raise valuable funds – most of which will be put towards improving the forest and outdoor learning areas this year. Rosie Shannon stepped down as chair at the AGM earlier in September. Katie Sharma has been voted our new chair for the academic year 2019-2020 and has lots of amazing ideas to take our events and fundraising forward.

Hopefully, you will have noticed we have new windows in the front elevation of school and a new roof – it was rather wonderful to walk into school last Tuesday in all of the rain to find watertight year 3 and 4 classrooms – no buckets needed!

The parent questionnaire has been sent out via school diaries and book bags and I urge you to complete – it is your opportunity to put forward your thoughts, opinions and views. The deadline is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Bretta Townend-Jowitt

## Science Update by Miss Jenkinson

As the new school begins, I am keen to develop and promote wider science links both in school and beyond. First of all, my sincere thanks to Laura McCarthy for doing an amazing job on the school pond. It became apparent last year that after Mr Ben Cooper had done a sterling job of digging a hole, that perhaps I wasn't the woman for the job when it came to develop the pond. Laura has ensured that we can now add this wonderful learning resource to forest and science lessons. We are now working closely with the KPSA to build on this momentum and develop a range of outdoor learning resources which will enable classes to get outside more often.

Finally - Oxford Science Centre are running a range of Science workshops and events over the next month (the first being a family open day tomorrow!). Why not take a look? Having been to the centre myself I would highly recommend a visit.

<https://scienceoxford.com/events/>

## Nursery Class by Miss Jenkinson



Can you quite believe it has been a whole year since Kingham took on a Nursery Class!? This September we were delighted to welcome 14 new children into the Kingham family and can't believe how well they have all settled - it feels like they've been with us much longer than 4 weeks.

Since term started, we have been busy: cutting, sticking, drawing, creating, building, biking, pouring, hammering, exploring, investigating, visiting, listening, talking, hopping, jumping, skipping, climbing and of course 'loving' all that we do!

I can't wait for the rest of the year to unfold - I sense it will be a busy one

**Footy Kids** by Miss Ralf

With just a week into term, we have kick started the sporting year at Kingham with a new, an exciting event-football on inflatable pitches!

The children participated in a range of fun, specifically-designed games, developing their balls skills to ultimately put into practice as they competed in several, small-sided football matches within the walls of the inflatable pitch.

This different style of football was enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone who took part.

A great success, which is being followed up by a lunch time club, running every Tuesday this term

**Hrothgar** by Miss Allemann

Year 3 were busy reading in our classroom when we heard a terrible sound and then our door burst open and in came a Viking! We felt a mix of emotions; scared, excited, intrigued.

After he had pillaged through our things and murdered a few of our children using various Viking weapons he invited us to become Viking warriors for the day and we could not turn down such a great offer!

We spent the day with Hrothgar, learning all about the weapons, warriors, fire, games and stories from the Viking era. A brilliant way to learn about History and a big 'pakka fyrir' (thank you) to Hrothgar for providing us with such a wonderful interactive learning process. Here we are re-enacting a Viking funeral!

**Reception Class** by Mrs Warburton and Mrs Clarke

Reception class have had a wonderful first four weeks in school. We have been keeping very busy, getting to know our new friends and spending lots of time exploring our new environment.

We love spending time outdoors and have been especially enjoying our weekly forest school sessions. We have also been starting to learn our phonics and are beginning to use what we know to write and read new words!

We are looking forward to showing off more of our learning at our class assembly in a couple of weeks.

