



### Welcome Back from the Head!

It has been wonderful this week, delighting in the glorious, sunny weather (and rain) and the return of our students to school.

I am pleased to welcome many new students and parents to our school community. I really hope that you have enjoyed your start to the academic year with us and I look forward to getting to know you better.

Covid-19 guidelines may have changed but I ask parents to please read the procedures (below) carefully and thank you in advance for your co-operation with the new routines.



Over the summer work on the Early Years outdoor area was completed. We have extended the Early Years garden and installed beautiful wooden climbing equipment, new safety surfaces and AstroTurf as well as a new track (complete with electric car charging points) for our youngest Kingham students to play in.



This academic year we have slightly adapted our curriculum for Years 1 to 6 to ensure that skills across all subjects flow progressively through all year groups, while still maintaining a thematic approach. More importantly, we have started to introduce a set of Kingham Values and Kingham Learning Skills that will be explicitly taught to pupils as they move up the school. The aim is that when students leave us in Year 6, they leave us as well-rounded individuals with an excellent knowledge about the subjects they have studied and a bank of thinking-skills that will enable them to perform more highly and be ready to thrive as they move onto their secondary schools. There will be more information on these changes in the coming weeks. You will find a little detail on our website on our [Curriculum pages](#).

Students and teachers have come back full of enthusiasm and with a positive mindset. I am full of optimism for the year ahead.

### Covid-19

As you will be aware the rules have completely changed. In particular, isolation is no longer required by teachers or students if a close contact is diagnosed with Covid-19.

We will continue to ventilate rooms as best we can (children may need warmer indoor clothes in the winter) and we will continue with enhanced cleaning.

Children will be asked to wash their hands whenever they enter the classroom, before dinner, and before and after handling communal equipment.

If your child has any of the main symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. Please arrange for them to get a PCR test and let us know the results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal.

If your child is identified as a close contact they do not need to self-isolate, although, in the interests of the wider community, we recommend getting a PCR test as soon as possible. They are expected to attend school while waiting for the result.

### Healthy Snacks and lunches

As a school we work with our pupils to promote and develop healthy lifestyles, which encompasses helping them to understand and enjoy balanced snacks and meals. Could we please encourage all families to try to send in snacks which align with this philosophy, such as fruits, vegetables, cheese or perhaps even a cereal bar. Where possible we would also encourage the same approach to lunchboxes, ensuring that treats are kept to a sensible level.

## Meet the Teacher

Reception - Y6 parents are invited to our Meet the Teacher sessions next week so you can catch up with your new teacher, find out a little about the coming year and ask any questions that you may have.

We have arranged supervision (for children who attend Kingham) in the hall. Please collect your child as normal, drop them in the hall (via the playground entrance) and return to the classroom where the meeting will start soon after 3pm.

We have tried to stagger the meetings a little across Infants and Juniors, but if you find you have sessions running at the same time, you may have to catch the beginning of one and the end of another. We encourage you to wear face masks for this meeting.

## Kingham Primary School Association (KPSA) News

### KPSA AGM: Thursday 16 September, 8pm School Hall

All are welcome to attend the AGM. We value everyone's ideas and contributions and there is no obligation to take on any responsibility.

### Daylesford Harvest Festival: Saturday 18 September

The Harvest Festival at Daylesford is a wonderful day out and a great opportunity to raise some funds for our school. Our KPSA are hosting the Harvest competition tent! All the entry monies are being donated to school and the entries will be judged by Lady Bamford and Tom Aikens. We also have a Daylesford hamper to raffle and are running a children's trail and activities.

We really need volunteers to help us on the day. If you are available, please [sign up here](#) to help.

The harvest competition categories are below. To enter, please send your name, contact details and the category you wish to enter to Millie Coutts-Clapham:

[millie.couttsclapham@daylesford.com](mailto:millie.couttsclapham@daylesford.com). Judging will take place at 3pm.

- Best harvest wheatsheaf
- Best shoebox habitat for wildlife
- Best honey cake
- Best harvest chutney
- Best wildlife photograph
- Best homegrown vegetable

### Quiz Night: Friday 1 October at Kingham Village Hall

Get together a team of up to 6 people and head to the village hall for our quiz and brilliant food (thanks to the Kingham Plough!) Miss Jenkinson is the quizmaster and there's a cash prize of £60 for the winning team. Tickets are just £12 each and can be bought [here](#).

## Social Networking

We are here to help! If you believe there is a problem that needs to be solved, we advise you not to do this on WhastApp groups – that just tends to make the problem bigger (as has happened in a class group this week). It is much better if you come and see a member of staff and we will listen and do our best to help.

## Parking

I gather there have been some parking issues this week. In particular, a tiny minority of parents have been parking on the pavement. This is causing parents with buggies to have to push their buggies on the road! We all know that that is not fair and not safe. Please can you avoid this - it is just not worth the risk. When driving along Churchill Road, please slow down when near the school.

## Gardening club

Our Gardening Club starts up again soon. We are desperate for a parent helper to help supervise on Thursdays after school. You do not need to be an expert gardener for this! Please let the Office know if you are available.

## Value of the Month: Responsibility

Each month we will teach and promote a human value in school. As well as teaching a little about the value, we will weave the value into our lessons whenever it makes sense and endeavour to praise students we see displaying the value. This month our value is Responsibility.

**Responsibility is:**  
**being fair,**  
**doing my share of the work,**  
**taking care of myself, others and the planet.**

## Diary dates

Tues 14 Sep	Meet the Teacher Rec, Y1, Y2 (3pm)
Weds 15 Sep	Meet the Teacher Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (3pm)
Thurs 16 Sep	KPSA AGM – 8pm School Hall
Mon 27 Sep	Harvest Festival– St Andrew's Church (pm)
Weds 29 Sep	U11 Football at CNS – 3:30pm
Sat 18 Sep	Daylesford Harvest Festival
Fri 1 Oct	<a href="#">KPSA Quiz Night</a> – Village Hall
Weds 13 Oct	Y6 trip to Hampton Court
Weds 13 Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents
Fri 15 Oct	Y4 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Mon 18 Oct	Y2 at Warwick Castle
Thurs 21 Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents
Fri 22 Oct	KS2 House Football (am)
<b>Fri 22 Oct</b>	<b>Last Day of Half Term</b>
Mon 1 Nov	INSET Day – School Closed
<b>Tues 2 Nov</b>	<b>First Day Back</b>