



Covid-19

Kingham Primary has been very fortunate over the last year not to be as affected as many other schools, both locally and nationally, by Covid-19 transmission – until this past week! Although it does not look like an outbreak, there have been four positive cases brought to our attention in the past 5 days for which close contacts have been informed. Even with a small spike in numbers this past two weeks, I am assured by the Local Authority, that our numbers are still comparatively low.

Now that most adults have been vaccinated and lockdown is no longer in place, guidance from the government is very clear that Covid-19 becomes a virus we learn to live with and that we should move away from isolation and school closure at all costs. The government now requires schools to be open, as much as possible, to support young people's well-being and cease disruption to learning. While the regulations from the Department of Education seek to reduce infection, they see keeping schools open as the key priority.

A few parents have asked why business continued this week when so many staff and students had been in close contact with Covid-19 cases. The answer to this question is that unless there is a business continuity issue and/or safety issue (e.g. not enough adults to look after our students), we are not allowed to close. We are prepared, should we be expected to close a class, or the school, to revert to online learning, but it is unlikely that this will happen.

When we have Covid cases, we will send an email if your child has been in close contact. But unless your child has symptoms, or a positive test, they are expected to continue to attend school. If your child is a close contact, you are advised to arrange a PCR test (postal and drive-through tests are booked through the NHS Website). We would also now recommend regular LFD testing if your child is identified, as PCR results can take a few days.

If your child has Covid-19, or is waiting for test results and has symptoms, activities will be set for your child to do at home. If a parent decides to keep their child away from school without symptoms or a positive test, then we are unable to set work or authorise this absence.

More detailed information about how schools operate can [be found here](#). As Covid-19 cases seem to be increasing in schools across the country, we will let you know if guidance changes, as soon as we know.

Value of the Month: Unity

Unity is:
togetherness,
collective strength and harmony,
sticking together, even when things are tough.

Movie Night

Friday 15 October 3pm

Our KPSA have organised a Movie Night in the School Hall next Friday. The film we will be showing is The Mitchells vs the Machines. Children from Kingham in Reception to Year 6 are invited - the cost is £4 per child (including a drink and popcorn).

Book through Parentmail (by 3.30pm Thursday) and grab a couple of extra hours to yourself whilst they enjoy a movie with their friends. 📺



KPSA Hallowe'en Activities

This half term our KPSA have organised some great activities to keep your little monsters busy.



Pumpkin Trail from 22 October

It's almost All Hallows Eve and pumpkins will soon be appearing around Kingham Village.

The pumpkins have a secret message to help you save the village from ghastly ghouls and mischievous monsters! Find all the pumpkins and answer the clues to reveal the answer!

Pop your answer sheet in the cauldron at Kingham village stores and claim a treat! All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a special spooky prize!

Tricks and Treats

Don't forget to order a bag of treats to take along for some extra energy on your quest and a bag of tricks so you can make your own mischief at home! You might also like a special hot chocolate to warm up!

Spooky Craft Kits

Our KPSA have put together some spooky inspired crafts and activities to keep little monsters busy over half term; one for EY/KS1 children and a more challenging kit for KS2 children. You will need felt tips and everything else is provided.

Order on the KPSA website & everything can be collected from school on 22nd October, or sent home with your child if they are on the bus! [Order through the KPSA Website.](#)

Bare Beauty Barn

Exclusive special offer for Kingham Primary School parents. Bare Beauty Barn in Kingham have collaborated with Anity Skincare and are offering 15% off the whole Anity range, plus 15% of your spend is donated to KPSA for school when you use the code 'Kingham' at the checkout. Take a look at <https://anitybeauty.co.uk> Thank you to Helen Shadbolt for this brilliant special offer.



Diary dates

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
Fri 15 Oct	KPSA Movie Night 3pm School Hall
Mon 18 Oct	Y2 at Warwick Castle
Thurs 21 Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents
Fri 22 Oct	KS2 House Football (am)
Fri 22 Oct	KPSA Pumpkin Trail
Fri 22 Oct	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	INSET Day – School Closed
Tues 2 Nov	First Day Back
Weds 3 Nov	Nursery to Year 1 Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop
Tues 2 Nov	Y3 trip to The Rollright Stones
Sat 20 Nov	Kingham Christmas Fair – Village Hall
Thurs 24 Nov	Y3 trip to Gloucester Cathedral

The Battle of Bosworth *by Albert Sharma, Year 6*

Pale streaks of light edged through the wood,
 Dark mist embodied the shape of Ghostly figures,
 Skeletal trees surrounded by darkness reached out for help,
 A foul stench of fear hung in the air,
 Crunching of dead leaves,
 A green eerie light illuminated men's anxious faces,
 Deathly dark streaks delivering the devil's message,
 Arrows dived through the air, like death hunting his prey,
 An explosion of fear crashed down,
 Clash and clang of metal against metal,
 Fearless cries engulfed a bloody battlefield,
 Deafening screams of death's victims,
 Lifeless bodies pleading for mercy,
 The king has fallen,
 Yet he fights on,
 Until he is killed,
 The king's head crashed to the ground,
 Like thunder,
 Death is finally satiated.

