



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

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Children's Mental Health Week - My Voice Matters

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is *My Voice Matters* and takes place week beginning 5th February. Students at Kingham will be participating in a range of activities across the week, including *Dress to Express* day on **Friday 9th February**. On this day, children are encouraged to celebrate being unique – this could be dressing up to share their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. *Dress to Express* is just for fun, so please do not bring in a donation! We look forward to seeing your outfits!

New Staff

We welcome two new members of staff to Kingham this term: Kirsty Holmes is teaching part time in Year 2, providing cover through until the summer holidays while Miss Welby carries out acting Deputy Head duties.



Sian Chappell is a new teaching assistant, currently working with our Year 5 students. Both have settled into Kingham extremely well and we are happy to have them here!



CNPS U11s Swimming Champions



On Wednesday 17th January, eight super-speedy swimmers competed in various relay races (front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and medley) at Chippy Swimming Pool. Teamwork, technique and support for each other was superb, and after making the finals, Kingham were declared overall champions! Well done to our swimmers Amelie, Anouk, Charlie, Eleanor, Freya, Max B, Max S and Seth, and thank you to all the parents who cheered and supported from the poolside.

Space Costumes Wanted

The Nursery space station role-play area still has room for some astronaut / Buzz Lightyear costumes. If you have any suitable, unwanted dressing-up clothes at home, please bring them in to the office. Thanks!

Homework Policy

Further to parent feedback on recent surveys, we have reviewed our homework policy – we apologise that this has taken so long! Opinions on homework are polarised: for some parents, no matter how much homework is set, it is never enough; for others, a small assignment can cause significant stress at home.



According to the 2018 Ofsted annual report on Parents Views (*Ofsted ceased inspecting homework in 2019*) more than a third of parents did not think homework in primary school was helpful to their children. Parents cited the battles and arguments homework caused as well as the specific challenges it presents to families of children with SEND.

Whatever opinions parents and schools may hold, all the credible research on homework suggests that for younger children, homework has little or no connection with positive learning outcomes. Over the years much academic research has been carried out on the effectiveness of homework: John Hattie's recent and ground-breaking analysis of hundreds of different homework studies found that there was minimal or no impact on academic success in primary schools; however, there was a much greater impact of homework on outcomes in secondary schools.

Some studies have even found that children being active has a greater impact on school grades, or that regular family mealtimes can have a greater influence on academic success than homework.

Whatever *your* view, we do agree with your comments that our policy should be clear and consistent. Our new homework policy can be found here: [Kingham-homework-policy](#).

Inter-House Cross-Country Thursday 1st February

On Thursday next week, Years 1 to 6 will be competing in our House Cross-Country tournament throughout the day.

Please make sure children bring in a full PE kit that day (including shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers). Children can choose to run in their gold Kingham T-shirt or a top in their house colour: Otters-blue, Owls-yellow, Robins-red, Stags-green.

Family Learning for Years 4, 5 & 6

Chipping Norton School is hosting family workshops providing enjoyable learning experiences for you and your child. There are three different activities planned during the week commencing 5th February, including astronomy, drama and a Ukrainian cultural workshop. The deadline for applying is Monday at 8am. Further details [can be found here](#).

Diary Dates

Mon 29 Jan	Year 6 visit to the Ashmolean Museum
Weds 31 Jan	CNPS U11s Hockey
Thurs 1 Feb	Interhouse Cross Country
Fri 2 Feb	West Oxon Cross Country Finals
w/c 5 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 5 Feb	Year 3 and 4 Open Door
Tues 6 Feb	Reception and Year 5 Open Door
Weds 7 Feb	Year 6 playing hockey at Kingham Hill
Weds 7 Feb	Nursery and Year 6 Open Door
Thurs 8 Feb	Year 1 and 2 Open Door
Fri 9 Feb	'Dress to Express' day
Tues 6 Feb	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Experience
Fri 9 Feb	Last day of half term
Mon 19 Feb	First day back
Tues 20 Feb	Speak Out Stay Safe workshop Y2,5, 6
Weds 21 Feb	Kingham Internet Safety Day
Weds 28 Feb	Y1 at CNPS Dance Festival (pm)
Thurs 29 Feb	Y6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
Fri 1 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Mon 4 Mar	Book Week
Tues 5 Mar	KPSA Meeting (8:30pm on Zoom)
Weds 6 Mar	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Fri 8 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 15 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	KPSA Quiz Night
Tues 19 Mar	Year 5 at CNPS Singing Festival
Weds 20 Mar	Year 1 at Warwick Castle
Weds 20 Mar	Year 2&3 at CNPS Multi-Skills Festival (pm)
Weds 20 Mar	KPSA Bingo Night
Fri 22 Mar	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 25 Mar	Rock Bands Concert (9:30am)
Tues 26 Mar	Parents' Evening
Weds 27 Mar	Parents' Evening
Thurs 28 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 28 Mar	Last day of term (end at 2pm)
Mon 15 April	First day back

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 7 days.

Most minutes:

Gold	150pts	Euan, Year 4	ROBINS
Silver	100pts	Alina, Year 3	OTTERS
Bronze	50pts	Emme, Year 4	STAGS
Highest minutes by class: Year 5			
Highest scores by class: Year 6			



Value of the Month - Resilience

Resilience:

is recovering quickly from setbacks

is remaining confident and optimistic

is helping others move forward when things go wrong.

3rd February

Free!
For ages
4+

SATURDAY STORYTIME

AT CHIPPING NORTON LIBRARY

Join us for a story at 11am

First Saturday of every month

This is a drop-in event so there's no
need to book



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MAKE A CUSHION COVER WITH HOLLY MAY



Sat 24th Feb & Sat 2nd March 2.00-4.00
Suitable for Beginners

£25 for two sessions- including all materials & refreshments.
Places are limited to 6 children & accompanying parents.
Email wychwood.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk to book.