



KING EDWIN NEWS



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Dear Children and Parents,

We have had a lovely start to the new academic year. Our new children have settled well and have produced some super work this half term.

We have had so many wonderful learning experiences including visits to the library, walks around the village and our Robin Hood & Viking Day. It has been so busy...both our school Twitter and Facebook feeds have been buzzing with activity. Over 11000 online engagements have been recorded so far...clearly our community is very keen to find out more about our learning at KEPS.

'THANK YOU' to all parents and grandparent volunteers this term - without you it wouldn't be possible to offer such fantastic opportunities. It really is a tremendous help to our teachers as well as our children.

We have had lots of new parents looking around King Edwin which is great. Many of these parents have mentioned that they have heard how dedicated the staff are, how respectful and well mannered the children are and what a lovely learning environment we have got. Thank you to those of you who pass on your positive comments to others. The conduct of our children has been exemplary and this has been mentioned by new parents and visitors looking around our school. Well done to the children too for having such high standards and being 'High 5 learners'.

Thank you to everyone who donated for our Harvest Festival. Thank you also to all family and friends that came to our harvest festival assembly (especially for your wonderful singing). We had a very pleasing parents evening this week. There were some very positive comments made during the evening, which I will share with the staff. We understand that it is difficult to stick to times but all teachers do their best to give as much information to parents as possible to ensure they are well informed about the progress and general well being of their child at school. Hopefully parents liked the new booking system organised by Mrs Coleman and Mrs Armitage.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing **Mrs Marsh all the very best as she prepares for the birth of her new baby sometime after the half term break.** She is a fantastic Deputy Head teacher and we will all miss her very much. She has promised to pop back into KEPS from time to time and we very much welcome this. Best wishes Mrs Marsh- Exciting times ahead!

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely half term and stay safe. I have had such a fantastic time meeting you all. The children have made me so welcome and I cant wait to see everyone in the second half of the term (it's my favourite time of the year!). We will see you back at school on Monday 3rd November. Thank you for your continuing support
Andy Callaghan-Wetton



Useful dates for your diary - others to follow

1st Day back

Clubs & New Starter meeting

Monday 30th October

Girls & Boys Football

Tuesday 31st October

FOKE Halloween Disco

Wednesday 1st November

Phonics Workshop

Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November

Foundation Nativity

Wednesday 6th December

Yr 3 4 Production

afternoon & evening

Tuesday 12th December

Foundation 1 and musicians sing
at Nightingale

Wednesday 13th December

Yr 1 Christingle PM

Yr 2 Christingle AM

Thursday 14th December

Yr 1 2 Christmas Party PM

Monday 18th December

Yr 1 3 5 Carol Concert AM

Yr 3 4 Christmas Party PM

Tuesday 19th December AM

Christmas Dinner and

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December

Yr 2 4 6 Carol Concert

Wednesday 20th December AM

Foundation Christmas Party AM

Year 5 6 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 21st December

Last day of term

Friday 22nd Dec

*All dates subject to change
See school online diary to keep up

NACE National Association for Able Children in Education

KEPS is now a member of NACE. Founded in 1983, NACE is recognised both nationally and internationally as a leading charity in the field of education for able learners.

They provide guidance, support and training, enabling teachers to attain the best from able learners in the everyday classroom, whilst enabling all learners to flourish and achieve. We are pleased to become associated with NACE and are excited about how we can develop our provision for all learners at KEPS.



Third Space Learning at KEPS

Mr Ogle has introduced our Third Space Learning Platform and many children are now benefiting from some extra maths opportunities at KEPS. The children involved so far have given some great feedback and Mr Ogle is very much looking forward to seeing the positive impact on learning progress often associated with this ground breaking provision.



NEW SCHOOL LEADERS AT KEPS

KEPS now has many student leaders in place, giving real direction and helping our school to continuously develop. We now have School Councillors, Musicians, Ambassadors, Librarians and soon we will have an Eco Team and Play Leaders. Being a leader in school is such a responsible position to hold and we ask all of our children to wear their badges with pride. We would like to congratulate all of the children that have recently received their badges. A full list will be formulated in the new half term but we didn't want to release it now as I think we are one or two names short. You may also have seen one or two special stickers flying around recently. Our new High 5 Value Stickers have arrived and children are wearing them with pride. I wonder who will be our next High 5 KingEdwinner Award Winner next week. Well done to all of the children that have received a sticker, award or badge recently.

LIBRARIAN



AMBASSADOR



Medication and allergies

It is essential that school is well informed of any medication and conditions that any child may have. The administration of medicine is always best given by parents although in some circumstances our trained paediatric first aid providers may do so. In all cases only prescribed and clearly named medicine will be administered. We must also ask that children are never sent with medication in their bags as there have been occasions in other schools where children have had medicine on site and have misplaced it during the school day. This can obviously be very dangerous. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Friends of King Edwin - DISCO

We are all looking forward to the first FOKE Disco this year. Most of the KEPS staff will be attending and we hope all of the children have great fun. A huge thanks to the FOKE team for organising the event. Well done everyone. Further info to follow...

Mrs Marsh

Mrs Marsh will be coming to school on Monday 30th October to say goodbye to the children for a short while. A few parents have asked if they could see her before she goes...a good time would be around 9.45am. All welcome! Mr Ogle and Mr Bandy will be supporting Mr Callaghan-Wetton in the absence of Mrs Marsh as they continue their Assistant Head teacher roles.

Parent Helpers

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We really value parental help in school in a whole host of ways. Currently we have support with baking, swimming, reading and school visits. If you can help in any way, however infrequent, we would really appreciate your time. To give us flexibility in support it is often helpful that volunteers have undergone a DBS check. We can administer this for you. If you feel able to support now or at some point in the future, please contact Mrs Coles or Mrs Armitage in the office to express your interest.

Unauthorised Absence

We are regularly asked about attendance and holidays in term time. Our position as a school is very clear and we follow the guidance stipulated by our government regarding unauthorised absence. We must make it clear to all parents that almost all requests for a term time holiday will not be authorised. Only when a request is deemed as being unavoidable and of a unique nature will we consider authorising a request. We fully understand the predicament this leaves parents in however we must make it clear that good attendance is proven to support the development and progress of all children at school.





KEPS SCHOOL VALUES

You may have seen a few children walking around with a KEPS High 5 Value sticker on recently ... we are on the look out for anyone showing that they have demonstrate our values. We might even give our parent a sticker if they are really good!

Our High 5 Value awards are usually given our to those children that have demonstrated all 5 values and go above and beyond what would normally be expected of them.



FUN IN FOUNDATION

Sports Results

Our Sports Teams have been busy this half term . The boys football team has won and lost one fixture and the girls lost then drew their last game at Eastlands. Both squads played extremely well in their games and are growing in confidence. The Rugby Teams also di KEPS proud and we now await their area final appearance next half term. Well done to all children that have proudly represented KEPS this term. GO TEAM KEPS!

Viking Day - A few Pics of Year 5 and their Viking Day



Sherwood Forest Playground

RSPB Consultation - Youngsters and parents are being asked to share their ideas on play equipment to help shape an exciting new play area at Sherwood Forest, which will be built alongside the new visitor centre opening next summer. Award-winning playground design and build company, Infinite Playgrounds, who have created cutting edge educational play areas across the country, will be leading the consultation, having been chosen to provide the new playground by the RSPB-led consortium responsible for the new centre. The event will be held in the activity room in the current visitor centre of Wednesday, October 25 from 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm

Cashless System

You can now make payments and book all school dinners online I'm pleased to advise that we've introduced a new service on the 'School Gateway'. This means that you will be able to book and pay for all school meals via the School Gateway smartphone app or website. You will also be able to view your child's school meal balances and top them up at any time. Thank you Mrs Armitage and Mrs Coleman for organising this for us.

Social Media

We are regularly receive over 2000 hits on our social media pages. Our Twitter feed is a closed member only service and our FB page is for our school community. Our website also contains many useful links and helpful pieces of news. Give KEPS 'a like' and keep up to date with what's going on in our school.



Robin Hood Day Year 1

Year 1 had such fun during our Robin Hood themed day. The children took part in some exciting role play where they acted out the roles of some of the characters (Maid Marian, Robin Hood, Sheriff, etc). We had a special fire set in the forest school area where we melted chocolate and learnt all about how the chocolate was melting.

During the afternoon we had a special letter sent from Robin Hood, he asked us to make coins, fire pictures and posters advertising Sherwood Forest. We also did some counting in multiples of 2 with conkers and chestnuts. Then we ate our delicious chocolate apples we had made earlier!



Clubs

We offer a range of extra curricular clubs at King Edwin and do our best to provide something that suits everyone. Our clubs letter was sent out last week with this terms offering. Please remind all children that they are expected to show a commitment to their chosen club and attend every session unless they are absent from school. We also ask parents to support us by ensuring prompt collection of the children at the end of their chosen club. Our new clubs include Zumba, Christmas Crafts and Karate - the children were really excited about the new arrivals when we told them. **Mr Harvey has asked me to see if any Year 1 children would like to attend French club on Monday nights - if so please let the office know.

Shoe Box Appeal

'Operation Christmas Child' is a charity run by Samaritans' Purse, an international relief charity organisation that helps children across the world. The purpose of Operation Christmas Child' is to send wrapped shoe boxes filled with new toys and winter essentials for children to open on Christmas day. These children are normally victims of war, extreme poverty and national disasters. Here at KEPS, we would like to get involved with 'Operation Christmas Child' and were hoping this was something you may want to do with your children at home over the next few weeks. Mr Coles has asked me to remind everyone that the deadline for bringing the boxes in is 20th November. Children all received flyers on Thursday last week. Thanks for your help everyone.

DoodleMaths has arrived at KEPS

Mr Ogle and Mrs Armitage have now introduced Doodle Maths across KEPS and children have been given their access codes. Our new platform is proven to support children with mathematical development and helps to improve both confidence levels and rapid recall skills. It's fun, enjoyable and contains an intuitive mechanism that learns about the user every time it is accessed. All parents need to do is download the free App onto any iPad, laptop, smartphone or device. They can then log a child in and off they go. It is recommended that children spend 5-10 minutes a day to develop mathematical skills. Obviously they can do more if they wish however...this doesn't always bring the desired results...little and often seems to have the greatest impact according to research.

If you have any issues with the platform please get in touch with us. Sometimes the App need to be updated on the device however, this is no different to any other program. Children will probably want to compete with other

schools across the country and gain as many Doodle Stars as possible. Keep an eye on our social media posts for updates on their progress. Well done to Maxwell, Thomas and Simran who are currently 2nd, 3rd and 4th Doodlers in the entire country!

Go Team KEPS!

Rank	Name	School	DoodleStars
1	Hannah A	Datchet St Mary's Primary Church of England Academy	2660
2	Maxwell M	King Edwin Primary School and Foundation Unit	2141
3	Thomas K	King Edwin Primary School and Foundation Unit	2014
4	Simran N	King Edwin Primary School and Foundation Unit	1704



Year 3 Topic - The Stone Age

Year 3 have had a fun half term learning about The Stone Age. The homework the children have produced has been stunning, including Foam-henge, Toast-henge and Lego-henge models of Stone Henge! Ben, from Friar Tuck's class, said he enjoyed making his family tree the most. In Art, the children worked really hard to make cave paintings, aging paper and using charcoals to make mammoths and reindeers! Ben, from Friar Tuck's class, said that he enjoyed making his family tree the most. In Fun Friday, they have made cavemen ginger bread, moving pterodactyls and stained-glass sunset dinosaurs...

They concluded the topic with an amazing Stone Age dance routine and they sang a lively Stone Age song to a packed crowd. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did!

