



KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

I hope you are all well and feeling positive as we move closer to some sense of normality. It is lovely to hear the children talk about the activities that they are taking part in outside of school and the holidays that they are looking forward to. I am particularly pleased to hear them talk about their 'grass roots' sports and extra curricular activities. It really lifts the mood when children are so clearly feeling more positive...long may this continue.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of preliminary dates for the rest of this term. The dates may change and there may actually be more events added depending on guidance that the school receives but I hope this list at least helps you out with regards to adding dates to your own diary.

I have quite a few written requests for term time holidays dropping on my desk at the moment. Please understand that as per DFE guidance, the school does not authorise such absences.

A few parents may have noticed that we have had a few vacancies advertised recently. I just want to reassure you that there is no mass exodus from KEPS... quite the opposite really. Sadly for us, Mrs Harvey (part time French teacher) is taking up a full time role in another local school that we have a good relationship with. We are really pleased for Mrs Harvey and we know she will be great in her new role. She will always be a KingEdwinner!

On the other side of the coin though... for September, we have employed three additional teachers and three apprentice teaching assistants with a further 2 part time post graduate training teachers to add to the mix. We have also acquired many additional supporting adults (unpaid training roles) in order to give children at KEPS the support that we feel they need next year. We must also acknowledge that we have added another cleaner to our team as we continue our stringent regime after the Covid pandemic.

You will all be aware that I like to provide the best resources at KEPS and we have some big projects on the horizon such as the MUGA, play area, book vending machine, new hall and playground activity markings. These resources are great but nothing can replace the importance of supporting adults in a school. We must always invest in quality first teaching and learning alongside quality resources in order to give our children the best opportunities.

As ever, your support this year has been amazing and I am so grateful for your patience, understanding and general positivity throughout what has been more than just a tricky time for us all. Your support has lead to our school having 100% (459) children returning to school after the national lockdown. We have great engagement in after school sessions offered and our families have generally followed all of the procedures that we have asked them to even though they may seem a little too strict at times. I just want to say thanks for this...it really helps!

Please remember that if you require any Covid related support from school, our helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk email is still operational. I anticipate further isolations to continue for some time yet. We know of several local schools with bubble closures and hopefully this will reduce significantly in the near future.

Andy Callaghan-Wetton Headteacher

School Parent Survey

We value your support and feedback as parents and if you could spare a few moments to complete the survey in this link, we would be very grateful.

The results of the survey help us to know if we are meeting the needs of our community and they also help us stride forwards ...offering the best possible education for our children at KEPS.

<https://forms.gle/a2QV3WJ2Khr4DbyT6>

Thank you in advance :-)

Reading Vending Machine

We are always on the look out for new ways of encouraging our children to read, learn and enjoy their education at KEPS.

We embrace technology and we know how motivated children can be from this perspective. Next week we take delivery of a new book vending machine where our readers and writers of the week will earn tokens to use at the vending machine. We really hope that this will further inspire our children and help them to develop that love of reading.

Thank you to all of the parents that continue to buy from our amazon wish list. This will help us to keep the machine stocked with quality texts:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/6F86Q4I3F03G?ref_=wl_share



TEAMS Communication - REMINDER

Please remember that TEAMS is our platform for home learning, it is not our daily parent communication tool ...especially now that we are out of 'lockdown'. It served us really well but now we can only respond to questions or comments about home learning tasks on TEAMS.

If you have a question or comment to make regarding elements that are not about your child's home learning tasks, we have a range of ways of getting in touch with school:

- Call the school office on 01623 822111
- Email office@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk or helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk
- Contact through the Gateway
- Email the teachers directly (please allow 24-48 hours for a response)

Preliminary Diary Dates—Subject to change

W/C Monday 17 th May	STEM week
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Friday 21 st May	Maths Day
Wednesday 26 th May	UKS2 Football Tournament
Friday 28 th May	Y2 Rainforest Dress up day
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1 st June	School Holiday
Monday 7 th June	Return to school
W/C Monday 7 th June	Build up to Euro 2021
W/C Monday 14 th June	Diabetes Awareness week
Wednesday 16 th June	Group photographs
Thursday 17 th June	Y1 Partake Seaside Day
Monday 21 st June	Make Music day
Wednesday 23 rd June	Pinxton Puppets for F1, F2 & Y1
Thursday 1 st – Friday 2 nd July	Y4 Camp Redwood
Thursday 8 th July	Y3 sleepover
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th July	Y6 PGL
Monday 19 th July	Jet Setter day
Thursday 22 nd – Friday 23 rd July	Y5 Walesby
Thursday 22 nd July	F2 Graduation
Thursday 22 nd July	Y2 sleepover
Wednesday 28 th July	Inset Day
Thursday 29 th July	School holidays
Wednesday 1 st September	Return to school

Friends Of King Edwin FOKE Balloon Race

Buy a balloon or two or three(!) and help us raise money for school's new outdoor facilities, you might even win a cash prize!

Visit www.balloonrace.com/foke and click on 'buy a balloon.' You can then give your balloon a name and choose it's colour. Pay by PayPal or card.

The race starts on 1st June, runs for a week and during that time you can watch your balloon and see what position you are in. Children will love it!



Join our
**VIRTUAL
BALLOON
RACE**

**£3
per balloon**

Join our virtual balloon race and help us to raise funds for new outdoor facilities at King Edwin Primary School.

Cash prizes to be won:
1st - £50
2nd - £25
3rd - £10

To buy your balloon head to www.balloonrace.com/FOKE
 Race will start 1st June and run for 7 days
 For any help, please email: thefoketeam@outlook.com