



# KING EDWIN NEWS

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Parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

Firstly, please accept my apologies as I feel that it has been too long since my last newsletter. It has been a crazy few weeks at KEPS - packed full of events and learning experiences for our children. I have been trying to keep the communication rolling through our social media pages, emails and texts and hopefully this softens the blow of the delay in publishing this newsletter.

There are only a few weeks or so until the end of this academic year and what a year it has been! We have spoken to the children and the KEPS team are determined to make sure that this final part of the term is packed full of great learning opportunities. We really want to finish off the year on a high and I am sure we will!

Looking back over the past few months gives me a great deal of pleasure. We have had various residential visits, children have performed in their school productions, they have had transition events, our children have taken their national tests, children have participated in many inter school competitions and all over KEPS we have seen some excellent learning activities.

It really is a pleasure to walk around our school and observe the children in full flow; learning and challenging themselves to be the best they can be every day. There have definitely been many examples of 'KingEdwinners' all over the school. This was particularly evident when we had several visitors from outside the KEPS community recently. We had teachers from around the County coming into our school to network and learn alongside our team. We have also had visitors offering new learning experiences for our KingEdwinners and all of the visitors have been particularly complimentary of the behaviours demonstrated in the children.

We have added a list of dates in this newsletter detailing events for the weeks ahead. The nature of schools always means that dates are subject to change however, this list should give parents and families advanced warning of what is happening at KEPS. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask.

As ever, thank you for your continued support this year. I look forward to welcoming you into our school over the rest of the Summer Term as we celebrate the achievements of our children.

Andy Callaghan-Wetton & the KEPS Team

## Book Amnesty

This term we have purchased over 2500 books ready for our new library install over the summer. We are also very grateful to our KingEdwinner families for donating many books too. The reading culture at KEPS is starting to grow and we are really looking forward to seeing the children with their new resources.

I am convinced that many of our children will have lots of King Edwin books in the bedrooms at home and it would be great if they could all be sent into school by the end of next week please. We want to begin cataloguing the books to add to the digital system straight away. Please don't worry if you have many books...we have all been there and we know what busy family lives everyone has!

For September, we have ordered a new 'Book Bag' for every child in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2. This is another initiative that we feel will support children with developing that love of reading. In the past these bags have been optional and paid for by parents. From now on, we will purchase the first Book Bag that the children need.

Our English and Reading Team have many other initiatives that will be rolled out in September and with your help, we really feel that we can establish an even stronger reading culture at KEPS.



## Goodbye to a few of our KEPS Staff

At the end of the summer we will be saying farewell to a few members of our special KEPS Team.

Mr Lewis has been with us a few years now and he is very popular amongst the children. They all want to be in his class. He has been our PE & Computing Coordinator and he has thoroughly enjoyed taking the children on residential visits. Sadly he is moving to Australia to teach but we hope to keep in touch and I am already planning a school visit to see him in 2023!.

Mrs Koekemoer has been with us many years now and her recent stint at KEPS was mutually beneficial as she continued her studies at University. Mrs K, as she is affectionately known, is an exceptional TA and has supported many children over the years at KEPS. She always goes above and beyond for our children and we are really proud to see her progress onto the next phase of her career.

Mrs Hillier has also been with KEPS for many years now and her recent role as Family Support Worker has seen her supporting so many families and children. She has delivered that extra support our King Edwin families needed at such a challenging time for us all. Mrs Hillier is moving on to a new role and this career progression is very well deserved! We are certain that Mrs Hillier will be brilliant in her new role and we are very sad to see her go...but immensely proud of her at the same time.

Miss Longbottom has been with us for a short while but has made such an impression on our younger KingEdwinners. Miss Longbottom will move on to a new school in September and I am sure she will benefit from a much reduced commute as she is set to be much closer to her home. We wish Miss Longbottom all the very best in the next phase of her career.



Mr Morton has decided to retire after a period of phased retirement last year. Mr Morton will be missed and we hope that he will be able to fully relax now with his family after what has been a challenging time since before the pandemic in 2020.

Mrs Shead is retiring after 27 years at KEPS! Mrs Shead has been a well-respected member of the team for so long and she is loved by everyone! She is so unassuming and simply works extremely hard every day for our children. She bakes, sews and has so many skills that add to what we do here at KEPS. Every school production and show that happens in school will have input from Mrs Shead and she is simply one of our allrounders. We will all be so sad to see Mrs Shead end her time at KEPS but hopefully we will see her again in a voluntary capacity. Mrs Shead really does epitomise what it means to be a KingEdwinner!

## Uniform Exchange

On **Wednesday & Thursday 20th and 21st July** we will be holding our 'school uniform exchange' days to support our families in reducing uniform costs and to promote the idea of a more sustainable future. The economic and ecological cost of buying new uniform every year is high and many parents have responded positively to the suggestion of holding such an activity.

On these last two days of term children will be able to wear non school uniform if they so wish to. Parents are encouraged to bring any old uniform in plastic bags, clearly labelled in order to be exchanged for other uniform of a larger size.

Children will place the bags outside of their current classroom at the end of the day. We must ask parents not to rummage through the bags ...it will be a case of collecting what is required from outside the classroom and leaving accordingly. Hopefully this will see uniform recycled and reduce the costs somewhat for the next academic year.

Clearly not all uniform will be recycled but we sincerely hope that families take up this opportunity.

New uniform can be ordered from our provider too. Many of these garments have embroidered logos on them. <https://myclothing.com/King-Edwin-Primary-and-Nursery-School/7951.school>

We must emphasise that all clothes should be clean and prewashed. No underwear should be included in the bags. Each bag needs a clear label identifying the age group and size of clothes within it. No shoes are to be shared either (although feel free to arrange exchanges on our social media pages if you wish to do so).

With the support of one of our KingEdwinner parents, Mrs Hynes, all of the garments that are not claimed will be donated to the Salvation Army Charity with some garments kept as spares.

## DIARY DATES

Please note that these dates may alter and other dates will be added during the school year.

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Sports Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	New to F2 Meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Performance to parents (6pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Baby & Toddler Group - 9.30am - 10.45am
W/C Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 Transition week
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Library: 2DW-1pm/5KL-2pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y1 trip to the seaside
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y3 Residential
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y2 Sleepover
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	F1 & F2 Ugly Bug Ball
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	F2 Graduation
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Library: 6AO-1.15pm/5TR-2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Whole school transition
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Baby & Toddler Group - 9.30am - 10.45am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Jet Setter Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 Pizza & Ice-cream
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Library: 6SH-1.15pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 Leavers performance/assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	House Football
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	INSET days
29 <sup>th</sup> July - 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	School Holiday
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	Admin Day (school closed to pupils)
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	INSET days
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	New School Year begins

## KEPS Parking Concerns

Every week we seem to be approached by members of the public concerned about the parking situation near school. We are no different to many schools around the country but nevertheless, I must speak out about my disappointment at the ongoing flouting of rules that are designed to keep children safe.

As a dad of two wonderful children that I love more than anything, I cannot possibly comprehend how I would feel if anything bad ever happened to them as a consequence of a car/traffic incident near school. I'm certain that every parent reading this letter would say exactly the same. We all love our children.

This message is not a 'dramatic over exaggeration of facts' it is clear reflection of exactly how dangerous some of the driving and parking near school has become. I am now 'begging' families to take my advice and to park safely, legally and with the best interest of our little KingEdwinners at heart.

- ONLY PARK IN THE CAR PARK—NOT ON THE PAVEMENT
- DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY NEAR SCHOOL
- DO NOT PARK ON THE T JUNCTION
- PARK SENSIBLY IN THE CARPARK
- DO NOT USE THE STAFF CARPARK UNLESS PREARRANGED
- DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CARPARK
- PARK CONSIDERABLY AND NEVER PARK ACROSS THE DRIVE OF OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURS

The fact that I am even writing this in our newsletter is very disappointing. I feel absolutely certain that I would never have to repeat such a message with the children at King Edwin. Whilst the message is only aimed at a few parents, it is incomprehensible that our messages seem to be falling on deaf ears.

Once again... I ask every parent to consider our message very carefully and help us to make the roads around King Edwin Primary School as safe as possible.





# **PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND**

**THURSDAY 14TH JULY**

**FROM 3.15PM**

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND/FIELD**



**LIVE DJ & ENTERTAINMENT**

**SPOTLIGHT STUDIOS AND 776 GYMNASTICS AND CHEER**

**SOAK THE TEACHERS**

**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**

**COURTESY OF SMOKE & ICE AND THE HIDDEN DELI**

**TAKE HOME A TEDDY**

**BOUNCY CASTLE & INFLATABLE FUN**

**TREAT TOSS**

**RAFFLE PRIZES AND HAMPERS**

**TOMBOLA**

**ICE CREAM VAN & FIRE ENGINE\***

**STALLS FACE PAINTING & SO MUCH MORE!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE TEACHERS & STAFF,  
AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & BUSINESSES FOR GIVING  
UP THEIR TIME, HELPING OUT, DONATING PRIZES  
AND EVERYTHING ELSE THEY DO FOR US!**

*We hope you can join us for a few fun-filled hours!*

\*subject to call-outs!