



KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

We are reaching the end of another very busy but successful year at KEPS. There is so much to reflect upon and the children have been awesome! I cannot put into words how proud I am of our KingEdwinners.

Our KingEdwinner team have given everything they have and ensured that our KingEdwinners receive so many special opportunities at school. They have been immense and unwavering in their desire to create the very best opportunities for our children and the children have grasped this with both hands.

Our Twitter feed evidences this perfectly. It is lovely to browse through every week and see what they have all been learning whether it be arts, music, Forest School or any other area of the curriculum!

As a school we have adopted the plan of increasing staffing ratios to bolster our provision and help nurture our children after the disruption of recent years. This plan is working well and children are benefitting from the additional adults available.

It has been great to see so many 'High 5's' being thrown around ; children wearing determination or respect stickers or other stickers representing one of our other High 5 Values. Our School Ambassadors, Librarians, Eco Councillors and School Councillors - have all been working hard to help our school grow and develop. It is lovely to see our children leading and taking ownership of their education.

We must give a special 'shout out' to our school librarians as they have really helped drive our love of reading at KEPS. They have mastered the new digital librarian system and are now taking part in whole school monitoring of our reading systems and processes. This team have been simply outstanding!

On the subject of reading, I would like to thank our parents for supporting your children. We have over 100 families regularly attending our Early Bird Reading sessions every morning and the majority of children are reading to an adult at least 4 times a week. The children have welcomed our vast selection of texts and there is an obvious increase in engagement. Parental support is vital for children to succeed. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful adults giving their children the support they need to develop beyond the four walls of our awesome school.

I certainly don't need to preach to parents about how time is so precious and tell you to cherish the moments that we have with our children. It is clear that events of the past couple of years have made us all consider the most important things in life: family, togetherness, friendship and health.

I would sincerely like to thank the families of KEPS for your support so far this year. Your backing and encouragement has been very much welcomed, especially this term, without which it would not have been possible to deliver such opportunities at KEPS.

The final few weeks of term are set to be busy ...let's make sure that regardless of the challenges we all face on a daily basis, we all think in a 'glass half full' kind of way and enjoy the festive period with our children, family and friends.

Andy Callaghan-Wetton - Headteacher

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Strep A Infection

Parents across the UK are being urged to look out for symptoms of strep A infection in their children after health officials revealed a rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a rare alert after a rise in cases across the country, telling parents to seek medical help as soon as possible if they detect signs in their children, in order to stop the infection becoming serious.

Symptoms include a **sore throat, fever and minor skin infections**. In most cases, people can be treated with antibiotics and make a full recovery. In rare cases, however, strep A can become a serious illness, and anyone with high fever, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting/diarrhoea should seek urgent medical help. Parents are being told to contact **NHS 111 or their GP if their child is getting worse**, is feeding or eating much less than normal or shows other signs of dehydration.

The information above is not intended to scare or panic parents, it is simply aimed at offering information and raising awareness amongst our KEPS families.

Newark Panto

Wednesday 7th December 2022

Pantomime season is way in Newark! Cinderella and friends are town for a family-friendly festive treat is at the Palace Theatre.

The show promises all the fun, frolics and audience participation of a traditional Christmas pantomime and we are really looking forward to taking the whole of KEPS to enjoy this great British tradition.

Cinderella's rags-to-riches story sees actress Anna Unwin cast in the star role of Cinderella. She will be a familiar face to Newark audiences after previously playing Alice in Dick Whittington in the Palace panto last Christmas.

Originally from Nottinghamshire, Alice said she was looking forward to coming to Newark, saying: "Cinderella is moving back in with mum and dad this Christmas. Luckily, there aren't two nasty step sisters there who'll force me to do all the housework."

Hopefully some of our own very talented KingEdwinners will be inspired by Alice and who knows...perhaps one of our very own special actors and actresses will be on stage in such performances in the future. We certainly have many children with bags of creative potential.

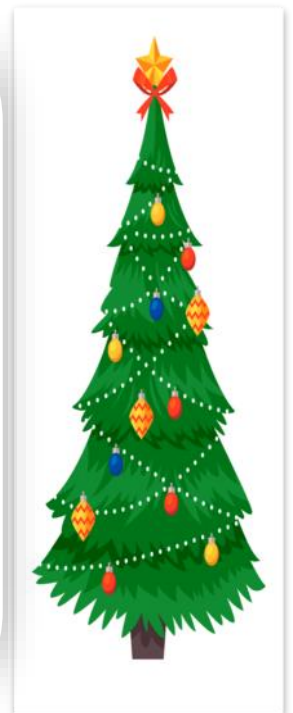
We must ask all parents to have a little 'chat' with your children before we attend the panto. We fully expect all KingEdwinners to be at their best on Wednesday and to show all of the KEPS High 5 Values as they enjoy the show.

We will be leaving after an early lunch **and arriving back at around 5.30pm on Wednesday**. Messages and updates will be sent via School Comms and our social media pages and we endeavour to keep you all informed as the afternoon progresses. Please understand that there are many factors beyond our control (traffic, performance times etc.) but we will be doing all that we can to keep to the specified timings.

Parents can help be being considerate and parking away from the school site. We have 10 buses of children arriving back at school. Your co-operation is essential if we are to see an efficient collection process. Please collect your child from their usual classroom entrance and do not attempt to take your child from the bus as they arrive back at school.

I am sure that the children will have a great time tomorrow. If they all get a good night sleep and come ready to have lots of fun, it will be a fantastic experience for them all.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. It really is appreciated.
Mr Callaghan-Wetton



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CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

We think we have managed to ensure all families receive a fair ticket allocation for the upcoming shows.

It is important that parents understand that we really try to help the children enjoy their festive shows and we try not to overly prepare for them. We try to get the balance right so that rehearsals don't impact other learning too much.

The children are looking forward to sharing their performances with you all. They have been working so hard.

Our youngest children were **OUTSTANDING** today and we are so proud of them!

Parking

We often receive complaints about the parking outside school. Please could we ask that you are parking safely at pick up and drop off times and adhering to placement of yellow lines.

This is especially important during the darker nights. Let's keep our little KingEdwinner children safe please.

We have definitely seen an improvement of late - thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15th December



Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8th December



Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. We are therefore a nut free school.

Could parents please avoid packing food that may contain nuts in packed lunches. Thank you :-)



Late Arrivals & Collection

Persistent late arrivals often results in the whole class having their learning compromised. Late collection is also unsettling for a child. Thanks in advance for your continued understanding regarding attendance and punctuality.

Sweets/Birthdays/Allergies etc.

We must politely ask families not to send in 'sweet treats' or treats for birthdays. We are now in a position where the percentage of children with specific allergies and medical needs has risen to unmanageable levels with regards to allowing birthday treats etc. I am sorry that this is the case but obviously the health and well being of all of our children is of utmost importance. I appreciate that this request is not popular but we simply cannot take the risks associated with perhaps a small error that occurs at the end of the school day whilst giving such treats out. I would like parents to trust us on this 'call' and understand that these decisions are not made lightly. Thanks again for being so understanding.

Holidays

Hopefully people managed to get a break and maybe have some time away this half term. Many of the children have been sharing stories of their experiences. It has been great to hear. I must take this opportunity to remind all parents that we **DO NOT** authorise term time holidays and that we follow LA and National guidance when referring to attendance issues related to holidays taken during term time.

There are 13 weeks per year allocated to school holidays and we must urge every family to keep to the dates given. Children have clearly had a disrupted education in the past few years or so and we need to do all that we can to maintain the level of education that we offer.

Holiday dates in Nottinghamshire schools can be found at:
[School holiday and term dates | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



RUGBY, FOOTBALL & CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

We are so proud of the children that have represented KEPS this term. Our rugby teams were awesome in their recent tournament and for many of the children it was their first time in the famous KEPS colours. Mr Unwin was very pleased with them all.

Our footballers aim to emulate the success of the national team and this evening they head off for another tournament. The introduction of our MUGA pitch enables the children to prepare better for their games and we are really pleased to see the children benefiting from this.

Our Cross Country teams are flying high at the moment and we really hope that they can manage to maintain their current form this weekend. They currently sit as the top team in the whole of Nottinghamshire. We wish all of our runners all the very best as they bid to be the first ever KEPS team to win such a prestigious crown. We know they can do it!

I must take this opportunity to thank all of our KEPS staff and parent volunteers for supporting the children with these great opportunities. It's not easy to accommodate all of the sports we are invited to participate in but Mr Unwin and his team do all that they can to make it happen. We are so proud of the children for being KingEdwinners and wearing that badge with pride.

Well done everyone. #KingEdwinners

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 6 th December 2022	F2 Nativity (9.30am)
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	F2-Y6 pantomime
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Y1/Y2 Christmas Production (2.15pm)
Friday 9 th December 2022	F1 pantomime
Friday 9 th December 2022	Y1/Y2 Christmas Production (9.15am)
Monday 12 th December 2022	F1 White Post Farm
Monday 12 th December 2022	Y5 Reflection, school hall (2.45pm)
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Y5/6 Carol Concert @ St Mary's Church (10am)
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	FOKE Christmas Disco
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Rocksteady Concert to parents (2.30pm)
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Christmas Dinner
Monday 19 th December 2022	F1 Crafts & Carols (11.15am(morning children) & 2.45pm(afternoon & 30hour children))
Monday 19 th December 2022	Y3/4 Christmas Production (2pm)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Y3/4 Christmas Production (2pm & 6pm)
Thursday 22 nd December 2022 - Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Holiday
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Return to School
Thursday 5 th January 2023	Young Voices
Friday 20 th January 2023	KS2 School Council & Eco Team, UK Parliament Visit
Thursday 9 th February 2023	F2 & Y6 Height/Weight (NCMP)
Friday 10 th February 2023	FOKE Valentines Event
Monday 13 th -Friday 17 th February 2023	School Holiday
Monday 20 th February 2023	Return to School
Tuesday 21 st February 2023	F2 & Y6 Height/Weight (NCMP) if needed
W/C Monday 13 th March 2023	STEM Week
Friday 17 th March 2023	FOKE Mother's Day Event
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	RE Day - Ramadan
Monday 3 rd - Friday 14 th April 2023	School Holiday
Monday 17 th April 2023	Return to School
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	FOKE May Day Disco
W/C Monday 8 th May 2023	Y6 SAT's Week
Wednesday 17 th - Friday 19 th May 2023	Y5 Residential to Walesby
Wednesday 24 th May 2023	Group Photographs
Wednesday 24 th May 2023	RE Day - Pentecost
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June 2023	School Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2023	Return to School
Sunday 11 th -Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Y6 PGL Residential
Friday 16 th June 2023	FOKE Father's Day Event
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 24 th & Tuesday 25 th July 2023	INSET Days
Wednesday 26 th July 2023	School Holidays