

King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Board at King Edwin can I wish all parents and carers a very happy New Year and our best wishes for a healthy and enjoyable 2024. As we provide a very warm welcome back to our pupils, we can look back on a year of significant progress in so many areas. This is the first full year after the recovery from the Covid pandemic and we knew from the outset that there was much to do to ensure all children can get back to where they need to be in their primary education. The embedding of the new curriculum was an essential ingredient and our headteacher, leading a very well-motivated team has ensured that all children have been able to grow and enjoy their schooling. We are so proud that King Edwin is very much a community school, where the experiences and opportunities don't stop at the school gates. 2023 saw the return to a full range of extracurricular activities with success in sporting events with other schools and a full range of trips and adventures.

As we ended the last year the number of pupils on roll reached 473, which means that most cohorts are now full, and we have a waiting list for some of our EYFS places. As we move to 2024 the school will continue with its gap-analysis to clearly determine where most of our focus is to be placed as we go forward. You can view all the summary analysis that interests you from our website and can see where we are spending the extra funding for Pupil Premium children and from the sports grants etc. Along with many other schools, each new year of funding calls for careful consideration on where limited fund will produce the best possible results. Every year the generosity of our community is heartening. Our FOKE volunteers always raise a significant sum, and we shall always be in their debt for their efforts.

Mr C-W, his senior leadership team and the entire staff at King Edwin have made a relentless drive this year to ensure that every opportunity has been taken to encourage all the children to achieve their best. They view every child as unique with individual needs and interests. The past year concluded with a wonderful trip to the palace theatre where over 400 children enjoyed the Snow-White pantomime. Since the return to some normality in 2023 no stone has been left unturned to ensure the children benefit from everything that a warm and enriching environment can offer them. However, in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum to all, the school can only reach its best if all children attend every possible school day that they can. Term-time holidays have, unfortunately, caused some concern because making up that time lost on top of everything else will always be difficult. While we celebrate all of the achievements in 2023, we acknowledge that sustaining this positive momentum requires continuous collaboration between school and parents. Your active involvement in your child's education remains crucial to their overall success. Your help this past year has been outstanding in many areas and we hope that we can all count on your continued support for King Edwin. Together, we can continue to build a supportive and thriving learning environment for our Kingedwinners. Finally, we know that reading and writing are crucial to learning and they are both barriers to success. If you could help by listening to your child read at home that would add real value to what our kingedwinners are achieving in school. Thank you.

Phil Jones

Chair of Governors

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