



KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

I would like to start with a huge 'THANK YOU' for supporting the school with our Early Bird Reading initiative this term. We understand that it isn't easy and some families simply don't have the option to attend but the number of adults supporting has really helped us to get the children off to a good start each morning. Your support really is very much appreciated.

The children have been great this term and it is lovely to see so many of them proudly showing off the many High 5 stickers that they have collected over the course of the day. The atmosphere around school as we move towards the summer term has been awesome!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

Ofsted Report 2024

KEPS has received high praise in our recent inspection this term however... we are not a school that rests on our laurels!

Our amazing staff are already working hard to further improve provision at school as we prepare for the summer term. There are several school visits and residential excursions planned for the summer. This compliments many more after school sessions that are planned and reaffirms our commitment to developing the whole child, far beyond just the academic aspects of our KEPS curriculum.

Our school is awesome because our KingEdwinner children tell us so! Pupil voice is a large part of the pupil experience. Our pupil leadership and engagement was particularly noticeable during the inspection. We anticipate this continuing into 2025 and beyond.

A separate letter sent out last week covered the Ofsted report but I want to reiterate once more, how much I appreciate the backing and support of our parents and school community. With your support we continue to provide a great education for all of our amazing KingEdwinners. Thank you all for being a part of Team KEPS.



Fun and creative after-school clubs!

Find out more at
claycreators.com/assembly

NEW THEME!

The children, ages 5+, will learn and play whilst gaining new skills...

- Step-by-step instructions to build their own creative themed models with our no-mess Creator Clay!
- We help each child with electronic scales to learn weights and fractions
- They'll be fun related facts about the model to increase their knowledge
- Mix colours, create shapes, measure and enhance fine motor skills
- Your child gets to take home the model each week to create their own collection - It's theirs to keep!

Smartphone friendly - Book in under 5 mins!

Limited spaces - Info + Book at
claycreators.com

Earrings and Jewellery in School

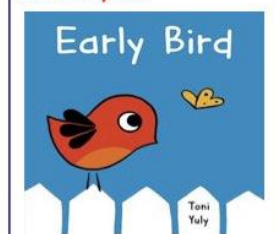
The Association for Physical Education provides guidance for all schools regarding the delivery of PE and safety within the sessions.

Their guidance states: 'The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the start of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.' As a school we follow this guidance and therefore we must remind all parents/carers and children that for safety reasons, all jewellery (including stud earrings) must be removed for swimming and all P.E. activities, including after school sports clubs. We have been very impressed with all the children who are following this guidance and leaving their earrings at home on PE days.



As a reminder, for safety reasons children should not wear jewellery for school. They may wear small stud earrings on days that they do not have PE and a watch. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Join us for Early Bird Reading every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 minutes before the children start their school day - we would love to see you.



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

Friday 29/03/24 & Monday 01.04.24	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 02/04/24-Friday 12/04/24	School Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 16/04/24	Y2 visit to Crich Tramway Museum
Friday 19/04/24	Vaisakhi Day
Friday 19/04/24	F1 Perlethorpe
Wednesday 24/04/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 25/04/24	Y1 visit to Lincoln Castle
Wednesday 01/05/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Monday 06/05/24	Bank Holiday - School closed
Wednesday 08/05/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Mon 13 th - Thurs 16 th May 2024	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 15/05/Friday 17/05/24	Y5 Residential to Walesby Outdoor Adventure Centre
Wednesday 15/05/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 21/05/24	FOKE Spring Disco
Wednesday 22/05/24	Group photographs
Wednesday 22/05/24	Y4 Sherwood Pines - Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Thursday 23/05/24	Vesak Festival
Monday 27/05/24	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 28/05/24-Friday 31/05/24	School Holiday - School closed
Thursday 23/05/24	Y6 PGL meeting via TEAMS @ 4.30pm
Sunday 9/6/24-Wednesday 12/6/24	Y6 Residential PGL
Wednesday 12/06/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Friday 14/06/24	FOKE - Father's Day event
Wednesday 19/06/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 26/06/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 03/07/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Friday 05/07/24	FOKE Summer Fayre
Wednesday 10/07/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 18/07/24	Rocksteady concert - 2.30pm
Thursday 25/07/24 & Friday 26/07/24	INSET Days - school closed
Monday 29/07/24	Summer Holiday begins

Happy Easter!



All of the children in school will be coming home with a chocolate treat today. These treats will be in different coloured bags, depending on their year group.

We would greatly appreciate if you could fill the bags with loose change and send them back to school after Easter. We are then going to see which year group can make the longest money train!

We have a small amount of spare bags if you would like to buy any for siblings who aren't at school. We will be on the playground at the end of the day.

FOKE TEAM



Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid to reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD

- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Ingogo Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Just a few polite notices...

We really value the support of our community although from time to time we do have to issue a few polite reminders about some very important issues that affect our children. Thank you in advance for considering these messages and for supporting our school.

Please be considerate when parking near our school

Please ensure that your children are in school on time every day

Please ensure the children wear the appropriate uniform and PE Kit

Please support your child with their reading and homework as often as you can

Please pay all dinner monies owed on time and book dinners on a daily basis on Gateway

Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns - we are approachable and we want to work as a team with all families in our school community.

Many thanks Mr Callaghan-Wetton

Attendance Matters

We have had a reasonable year in terms of attendance across school. We know that the children really enjoy coming to school as they tell us in our surveys. Attendance is generally quite good but we still think that our KingEdwinners are collectively missing too many days from school. We are regularly hitting between 93% and 95% every week...although this is a little down on last year.

We have had several holiday requests of late and I must reiterate that such requests are not authorised. I must ask that families refrain from taking their child out of school during term time.

Whilst we fully understand the individual reasons given for requests, our stance as a school remains firm with the idea that children attend school as often as they are able to do so.

Hopefully we can increase our overall attendance this year towards the 97% mark. This really will make a difference to our children both socially, physically and academically.

September 2024 sees a new National Framework for Penalty Notices with a single national threshold to improve attendance. Hopefully we can maintain great attendance at KEPS and avoid the use of penalty notices for our parents.

Thanks for your continued support.



Do not park on school keep clear markings

Our CCTV car is now out patrolling Nottinghamshire schools to help discourage dangerous and inconsiderate parking.

Motorists caught parking on restricted areas near schools or in bus stops will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £70.



Parking on school keep clear markings can seriously endanger road safety for children. Please only park in marked areas and help us keep our school children safe.

National Online Safety App

Well done to all of the parents that have already accessed our National Online Safety App and started learning all about e-safety. Several parents have already accessed the professional CPD and some have even suggested that they can use it in their work place too.

The App is full of very helpful advice and guidance. We urge all parents to have a look and make full use of this free App. Simply create your login, affiliate with our school - King Edwin Primary School and Nursery and start using the App straight away.

[National Online Safety on the App Store \(apple.com\)](https://apple.com)

[National Online Safety - Apps on Google Play](https://play.google.com)

[National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in](https://www.nos.gov.uk)

Scooters, bikes and sports before and after school

As a school, we are held responsible for any accidents that may occur on our site. As such, we must ask that families adhere to the following guidance:

- Children **do not ride** scooters or bikes on the playground (they can still use the bike/scooter storage rack near the KS2 entrance)
- Ball games should not be played on the playground before and after school
- Parents take full responsibility for their children before and after the school day

These messages are sent purely to ensure that accidents are prevented. The last thing that we want is for a very little 'baby KingEdwinner' to get hurt or injured due to something that we could have stopped. Again, we really appreciate your support with this matter.

