



Kingsway Infant School

Celebrating 50 Years

----- 4th September 2020 -----

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back and of course welcome all the new families that have joined throughout the school. I look forward to meeting you all and of course learning all those new names! Reception children have met the challenge of the first day at 'big' school and are beginning to get to know their new surroundings. Year 1 and Year 2 children are settling down and happily looking forward to starting new and exciting projects.

I have been **impressed** with the punctuality of the children for the first three days – please keep it up! **A prompt start to the beginning of the day** helps to build social relationships and ensures no learning is missed.

The children have done amazingly well with the staggered start and finishing times. Thank you to all parent and carers for their patience while we get used to the morning routines. We are still working out new processes for only using our gates on North Approach. Reception pupils now line up in two classes to shorten the line down for them at Entrance A. Entrance B seems to be working better but we will keep adapting where we are able to make improvements. We ask that you do not try to talk to teachers in the morning or at the end of the day as we just have to get the children in and out quickly and safely but we do want to stay in contact with parents so please ring or email if you need to speak to a member of staff about your child, and we will forward your messages ASAP. admin@Kingsway.herts.sch.uk

Please stick to your scheduled times to make our systems work safely. I know that occasionally there will be reasons for lateness and you will need to enter via the office entrance. For the safety of staff and children please keep this to a minimum as we do not want children and staff moving around the school outside of their safety bubbles. Being on time will help keep us all safe.

If someone else is collecting your child please let the school office know the name of the person who will be collecting and they will pass the message on to the teacher. Children will not be allowed to go home with another person unless their parent has informed the school first due to safety concerns.

If your child is unwell please keep them at home but also telephone the school office before 9.30 am to let us know.

We are very excited that we are celebrating 50 years of Kingsway Infant School this year. Keep an eye out through out the school year for exciting events to celebrate with us. If you have any ideas to support this or used to come to Kingsway and have pictures of your time please send them in with written permission for us to use on our website and the year you attended.

Please keep informed by Parentmail, our school website and of course our Twitter page.

Attendance

A cup is presented to the class with the best attendance each week. Classes are very competitive so please help by being on time every day. Children with 100% attendance are rewarded at the end of each half term with certificates, a special badge for a full term and everyone wants to win a trophy for 100% attendance at the end of the year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Caroline T-Walmsley
Headteacher



Government Publications for Parents and Carers

Please follow the link below for information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term from the Government.

<https://www.gov.uk/government>

First Day of School



School Meals – Food Allergies, Intolerances and Cultural Diets

If your child has, a food allergy or intolerance or requires a cultural diet, it is important that both the school and our catering team know. Please email the school to let us know and you will need to apply to Herts Catering Ltd for your child to have a menu adapted to their particular requirements. You will need medical evidence of an allergy/intolerance or you can download a form which can be completed by your GP or hospital consultant/dietician. Please go to specialmenu.hcl.co.uk to apply, download the medical evidence form or for more details. If in doubt give the school office a call and we can help you.

Child Protection Procedure at Kingsway Infant School

It may be helpful for parents to know that Headteachers are required to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to Social Services. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. Headteachers are encouraged to take the attitude that, where there are grounds for suspicion, it is better to be safe than sorry. This does mean that there is a risk of upsetting some parents by reporting a concern, which on investigation proves unfounded. In such circumstances, it is hoped parents will appreciate how difficult it is to carry out this delicate responsibility, and would accept that the Headteacher was acting in what were believed to be the child's best interests. To find out more about this you can read our Child Protection Policy in full on our website. As members of the community we all have a duty to report any concerns or suspicions that a child is not being treated correctly. You can telephone Children Schools and Families on 0300 123 4043 to report your concerns or if it is very serious/urgent dial 999 and ask for the police.



Marvellous Me App

Next week you will receive a letter containing information to log on to your Marvellous Me account. It is an app where teachers can keep in contact with parents and send home rewards, letters, reminders, information on what they are learning in school and pictures of your child.



Please ensure you sign up for Parentmail when you receive a link with a verification code.

We use Parentmail to send out our weekly newsletters, send information about events and you can also pay for school trips, milk etc. If for any reason the school has to close unexpectedly this will be our main point of contact with you

If you do not have access to a computer/laptop/tablet to read newsletters etc. we can arrange for you to receive a paper copy, just ask at the school office.