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Kingfisher Primary Letter No. 2

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in October already. The weather has been rather changeable recently but it is noticeably feeling more Autumnal. I am sure that many of us were uncertain of how schools would be in this first month back but **I must thank you all for your collective efforts in making sure that all at Kingfisher can feel safe and well in school. As Principal, I must be robust and transparent in the choices I make but I must recognise the differing views/ perceptions of those in the Kingfisher community. I trust our actions so far evidence that we remain committed to your children and we are determined to meet your expectations.**

The **duty we all have towards the social and academic development of your children is one of our key areas.** On occasion this will lead to a difference of opinion for what is right/ wrong but please be assured that all decisions will be made in the best interests of your children. **Our expectations on attendance must remain strong** and, as the parent community know, I take this part of our job very seriously indeed. The impact on your child of low attendance is huge and there is huge amounts of research and evidence that show how children with low attendance have reduced/ limited experiences later in life including low attendance in secondary education as well as in the work place. Please do all that you can to help your children succeed- **it is simply our duty to do so!**

Parent Discussion Days

As you will be aware from the information sent to you in July 2020 about the reopening of schools in September, we want to still have the opportunity to meet with you as a family but we are not able to undertake this in the same way that we have done in previous years due to the current guidelines we are operating under to keep everyone safe and school open.

We are holding the meeting with each parent and child to provide more time to talk with you about the progress your child has made during the course of the academic year so far and enable the teacher to discuss and share with you specific targets for improvement. **It is absolutely vital that you attend the review meeting during the day.** The government rightly regards this as a parental responsibility and will be asking the school to report on attendance at these meetings.

Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Class teachers
Nursery	21.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Miss Geraghty/Mrs Barratt/Mrs Bates
Reception	23.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Mrs Hildreth/Miss Gibson
Y1	22.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Mrs Geraghty/Miss Towland
Y2	20.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Mrs McAdams/Miss Morrice
Y3	19.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Miss Mallinson/Miss Fawcett
Y4	16.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Miss Kenwright/Mrs Kovacs
Y5	15.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Miss Penn/Miss Cooper
Y6	13.10.2020	8.30am – 3.30pm	The Hepworth Centre	Miss Sutcliffe/Miss Stallard

Contact Details

Can we please ask if you have changed any of your contact details, including telephone numbers and change of address to please kindly inform the office.

You can email office@astrea-kingfisher.org

Moving forward it is crucial that you have the Astrea App as we are no longer sending letters out, unless they require a reply back to school, such as the Parent Discussion Day letters.

By downloading the App you will ensure that you keep up to date with all the current information and communications from school.



Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is **96%** and our whole school attendance currently stands at **94.6%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Class	Current Attendance
1	92.2%
2	94.3%
3	96.1%
4	95.9%
5	94.4%
6	93.3%
7	94.4%
8	95.4%
9	95.1%
10	94.9%
11	96.7%
12	91.4%
13	93.9%
14	95.4%

School Matters!



Flu Vaccinations:

Your child should have brought a letter home about the free flu vaccinations that are available in school for all children in Reception through to Year 6.

This vaccination is not an injection it is a small, non-painful liquid vaccination that is squirted up your child's nose - which could stop your child from contracting the flu virus through the winter months.

Please be aware that the vaccination can only be given to children that have returned the consent form. Consent forms are collected from the school prior to the visit by the School Nursing Service.

To make sure your child receives their vaccination, please make sure that you fill in the consent form and return to school as soon as possible.

The flu vaccinations, for seasonal flu will be taking place on Thursday 22nd October 2020.

If you any questions regarding the flu vaccinations please contact the school nursing service **01302 566776**

Photograph Days

School photograph day will be on **Wednesday 21st October**. This will be for individual photographs



Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm