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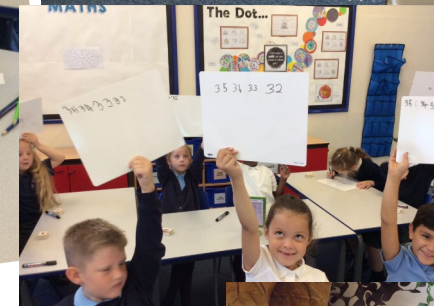
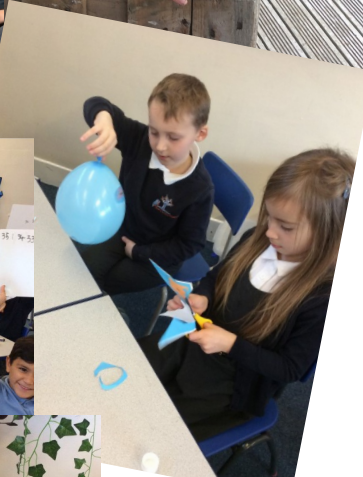
Friday 19th November 2021

## Loving Learning

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# SNOW POLICY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, families should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, Kingfisher Primary will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day.

Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed. A text message alert will be sent informing you of school closure. I will also ring radio Trax FM (107.1 FM) snowline and ask them to broadcast the relevant information. We ask families not to ring the radio station themselves as it blocks the lines and schools have been unable to get through to announce closures. The closure will also be announced on the school website at <http://www.kingfisherprimary.org.uk/> and notices will be placed on the school gates. I would ask all families to check for a text message or listen to the radio if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without confirming that the school is to remain open.

If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity.



## 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 **92.9%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Year Group	Current Attendance
Reception (FS2)	<b>93.1%</b>
Year 1	<b>92.1%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.5%</b>
Year 3	<b>91.4%</b>
Year 4	<b>93.5%</b>
Year 5	<b>93.1%</b>
Year 6	<b>94.4%</b>

This half term we will be focusing on the next steps for your child's learning so being in school is crucial to ensure they can focus on the key aspects of learning which will support them as they move into the Spring Term.

Being in school is important at any time, but especially this year as we have planned our curriculum approach to support the areas of learning which have been impacted on over the last two years of disruption. The plans will help to address any areas of learning that may not have been covered in previous years as well as the curriculum for the current year.



## Christmas Cards in School

As you know each we usually have our Christmas Card Post Box in school for children to bring their cards into school and post for them to be delivered to classes.

As you will already be aware we are operating under very different guidance currently to protect everyone and to ensure that we can keep the school open and avoid the closure of classes and segments of the school—something which with your support has been possible this half term.

With the new measures in place for the rest of the Autumn Term up to Christmas we will not be able to have our post box this year and so regretfully I would ask that just for this year cards are not sent into school at Christmas. This is really not something I want to do but we need to ensure the safety of everyone. I would just like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

