

# Kingfisher Courier

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## Thank you to all our families...

First and foremost I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and staying safe. We had hoped for a quieter term as we returned in September but, without doubt, this has been yet another challenging term with many of our families being unwell. None of us could ever have imagined that the current situation would have affected us as much as it has this term with both children and staff having to have periods of time away from school. We have responded as a school to do everything possible to keep our children, families and staff safe throughout the term keeping in place many of the procedures that we had last year to reduce the number of opportunities for the spread of the virus. I have been grateful and truly humbled by the support shown from you as our families and our whole school community – our children and staff. Thank you for your understanding, for your patience and for acting on the advice/guidance from the Director of Public Health for Doncaster who asked for families to support schools by isolating if there was a positive case of Covid-19 in the household to prevent the spread of the virus in the school setting. Your action in following this guidance has supported us as a school, but also our families to keep everyone safe. We will continue to put plans in place to support the education and wellbeing of our children as we move into the spring term and I am always hopeful that we may see a less challenging term.



We could not have achieved what we have this term without your continued support throughout and for this I would like to say thank you to all of you.

Kind regards

Catherine Skinn

## It's Christmas at Kingfisher!

On Friday 17th December we will be having Kingfisher Christmas Day.

Children can come dressed as Christmassy as they like -from having tinsel in their hair to wearing Christmas Jumpers. We know that Christmas Jumpers are expensive so please do not feel this is a must anything which has a hint of Christmas will add to the festive spirit.

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in this festive event!



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.

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.

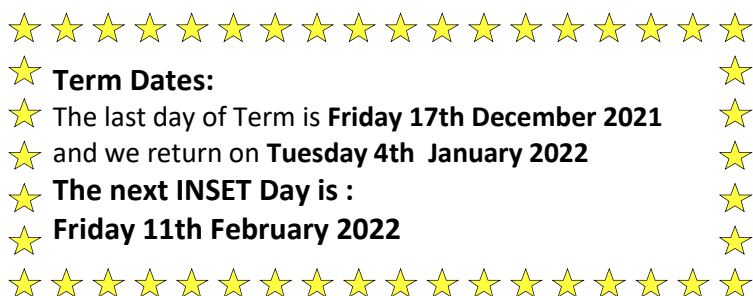


Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is **95%** and our whole school attendance currently stands at **93.4%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Year Group	Current Attendance
Reception (FS2)	93.7%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	94.0%

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.



We will continue to uphold our current protocols and risk assessments to protect children, staff and family members for the remainder of this term, in the build up to Christmas. This includes limiting visitors into school. Please continue to help us to reduce the risk of transmission for children, staff and the wider school community.

We understand that no-one wants their child to miss school, but it is better for them to miss one school day and keep the school community safe. If in doubt, please be cautious and take them for a PCR test.

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

# STAY SAFE.

# KEEP WELL.