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## Y5 are winners...



As part of the Y5 curriculum the children learn all about Doncaster and how it has grown and evolved over time, so it fitted in perfectly when all schools in Doncaster were given the opportunity to take part in a competition to support Doncaster's bid for 'City Status'. They worked collaboratively on a mural which highlighted many of the significant events and contributions Doncaster has made over the years from The Mallard, through Vulcan as well representing important heritage sites such as Conisbrough Castle. You can see the result of the work in the top quadrant at Kingfisher. The installation was unveiled by Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster earlier this year.



As a result of their hard work the children were selected as winners of the competition and were invited to an event at the Race Course where their work was shared with many visiting dignitaries. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and it is so positive that all their hard work is celebrated and now becomes part of the bid.



## My Child at School

We have now moved all our communications over to the My Child at School App (MCAS). This will now be our main form of communication, other than occasional paper letter, so if you haven't already signed up I would encourage you to do so as quickly as possible as you may miss out on key information.

You need to visit <https://mychildatschool.com> and then click "Redeem Invitation Code" and enter the details from the email you have previously received. For you information the school ID is 12561

The previous App is no longer accessible so if you do send a message to school using the previous system we will not receive it and this could impact on us knowing why your child is not in school.

If you are having difficulties with the system please contact the school office where the Kingfisher Admin Team will be more than happy to help.



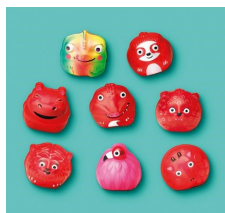
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## Red Nose Day—Friday 18th March

This year Kingfisher Primary is raising money for Red Nose Day 2022

We are going to:

**Come dressed in Red! This can be as little or as much red as you would like, you might even want to come dressed as one of the Red Nose Day nose characters!**



### What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief that takes place every two years
  - Comic Relief is a UK charity, which aims to create a just world, free from poverty
- Last Red Nose Day the UK public raised an astonishing £52 million to help people living incredibly tough lives both here in the UK and Africa

### We're taking part in Red Nose Day 2022 because:

- Pupils learn valuable life skills
  - Pupils gain understanding and empathy for others in the world
  - It brings the whole school community together
- Our school can really make a difference to people's lives

## Attendance Matters

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 **93.1%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school every day.

| Year Group      | Current Attendance |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Reception (FS2) | 93.5%              |
| Year 1          | 92.7%              |
| Year 2          | 92.9%              |
| Year 3          | 93.4%              |
| Year 4          | 94.0%              |
| Year 5          | 92.5%              |
| Year 6          | 94.3%              |

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.



### Term Dates:

- ★ The last day of Term is **Thursday 31st March 2022** and we return on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**
- ★ The next INSET Day is : **Friday 1st April 2022**

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

It is very important therefore that you make sure that your child attends regularly

### Why Regular Attendance is so important?

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Any student's absence disrupts teaching routines so may affect the learning of others in the same class.

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

### Promoting Regular Attendance

Helping to create a pattern of regular attendance is everybody's responsibility - parents/carers, children and all members of school staff.

### To help us all to focus on this we will:

- Report to you at least termly on how your son/daughter is performing in school, what their attendance and punctuality rate is
- Celebrate good attendance both as individuals and as a class;

### Lateness

Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If your son/daughter misses the start of the day they can miss work and vital information and news for the day. Late arrival can be embarrassing for the child.

### How we manage lateness:

The doors open at **8.30am** and we expect your son/daughter to be in class before 9.00am when the doors close. Registers are marked and your son/daughter will receive a late mark if they are not in by that time.

In accordance with the Regulations, if your son/daughter arrives after that time they will receive a late mark. If your child arrives at school after 9.15am they will receive a mark that shows them to be on site, but this will not count as a present mark and it will mean they have an unauthorised absence. This may mean that you could face the possibility of a Penalty Notice if the problem persists.

If your child has a persistent late record you may be required to meet with the Education Welfare Officer, but you can approach us at any time if you are having problems getting your son/daughter to school on time.

