



Kitwell Newsletter

February 2017



Hello!

As we approach the end of another very busy half term, I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Arif, who has been a great Reception Teacher in the absence of Mrs Kedge-Collins. Mrs Arif will be leaving us at half term as we welcome back Mrs Kedge-Collins. She will be joined in Reception by another Teacher – Tracey Ricci. I look forward to them both being in school after half term. Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing you in school over the next few weeks when lots of exciting events will be happening at Kitwell!

Some news to share.....

Mr Kendrick

Over recent times, you may have heard references to 'choking games' in the news. This is where young people self-strangulate to cut off oxygen to the brain. They do this because they believe that they will get a 'high' when the blood rushes back to the brain.

Young people can participate in these games because they might think it's a challenge or a dare. They might be curious about it and they might think that there is only a low risk involved. However, it is very dangerous and can cause a stroke, fits, brain damage or death.

If you suspect that a young person may be engaging in a 'choking game' then there are certain behavioural signs You can look for: locked doors at home, being secretive, Wanting to spend time alone and ropes, scarves or belts Hanging from door knobs, the bed or lying on the floor in the bedroom. Physical signs can be blood shot eyes, frequent headaches, bruise marks on the neck, and disorientation after spending time alone.

If you suspect a young person or child is getting involved in choking games then the most important thing you can do is TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY. For further information, take a look at the website:

<http://www.gaspinfo.com/>

Miss Court

The children are really enjoying our 'Get me out my Swamp' topic this term. We have loved seeing your home learning and all the effort that has been put into each and every piece!

Mrs Kirk

Well done for having a safe and enjoyable start to our swimming lessons. A reminder for children to read at home at least 3 times a week if they are a free reader! Remember to do your book reviews!

Miss Southall

We will be focusing on our 7 times tables, it would be helpful if you could encourage your children to practice this and other tables at home. Thank you.

Miss Childs

The children are working really hard, please look out for spellings on a Friday. Revision club continues on a Thursday. PE kits in school, thank you.

Mrs Marsh – Attendance

Attendance was 97% last week which is brilliant considering all the germs and colds floating around so well done children. A polite reminder to parents/carers to inform the school as soon as possible if our child is going to be absent. You can pass a message on via a friend if you cannot get in touch with school. This saves me from having to make phone calls or sending texts to parents. Registers are a legal document so a reason for a child's absence must always be provided if your child is absent.

Miss Larcombe

Silly Sock day is on Friday 17 February – join us for a Pizza spectacular and see the crazy dinner ladies in their fab socks!

Vegetarian Pizza

Pepperoni Pizza

Chips, Mash

Beans, Sweetcorn, Carrots

Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla Ice-cream
Donuts

If you don't normally have a school meal but would like to join us, please send payment in a named envelope to your class teacher by Monday 13 February:
Nursery: £1.85 and KS2: £2.15
KS1 – please advise if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a meal on this day.



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PTA

Silly Sock day is on Friday 17 February.
A reminder to all Year 6 parents that the deposit for the Y6 prom is due by Friday 17 February.

Dates for you Diary:

Fri 17 Feb – PTA Silly Sock Day

World Book Day Events
W/c 27 Feb – letter to follow

Attendance: From 01.01.17 – 31.01.17

CLASS	%
NURSERY	91.4
RLKC	96.2
1CC	96.2
2RJ	92.9
3SK	96.1
4NS	94.5
5PK	94.9
6CC	93.7
TOTAL	94.6

Our School target is 96%

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS! DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING

Spring Term Dates 2017

Tues 3 January to Fri 7 April

Friday 7 April is an INSET DAY so school will be closed to the children

Half Term Holiday
Mon 20 February to Fri 24 February (1 week)

Summer Term Dates 2017

Mon 24 April to Tue 25 July

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July are INSET DAYS so school will be closed to the children

Half Term Holiday
Mon 29 May to Fri 2 June (1 week)

We have an open-door policy here at Kitwell, so please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of school life.

A Parents' Suggestion Box can now be found in the school entrance. Please feel free to post any suggestions/ideas that you might have into this box.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher