

Dear Parents/Carers

End of term arrangements

I hope you are all well and are managing to make the most of the sunny weather when and where you can.

As has been the case throughout the lockdown, announcements from Government that affect us all have come thick and fast but the actual detail needs consideration. I am proud of our school teams and our community during this time: the support for each other has been noticeable with many going above and beyond to help wherever they can. I give my thanks to all the staff at the school—the team has been exceptional during this time.

I am writing to give you some clear and simple updates about the end of this term and the start of the next. They are based on what we know: we will give you more information as it arrives and many of these will be supplemented with other, direct communication.

Transition between classes

Current Reception and Year 1 only: Your child will be informed of their new class teacher on Monday, 6th July. This will allow their new teacher to introduce themselves to the class during this week and we will send home a little message from the teacher via Class Dojo for parents and all those children who are not currently in school.

Current year 2—5: All other classes will be informed of their new teacher on Monday, 13th July. During this week, we are open to Years 2—5 and we hope that many children will join us to end the year. This will allow time for transition preparation as well as a welcome back to school. New teachers will introduce themselves to their classes briefly with more extensive transition work taking place in September.

Currently Year 6 moving to Year 7

We have been in close contact with the secondary schools. They each have slightly different arrangements and, in addition to talking with us, will be making contact with you directly.

We also have great plans to bid farewell to our current Year 6 children including:

Goodbyes and Hellos

Au revoir?

Having been a much loved member of the KPS team for the past 10 years, we are sorry to bid farewell to Mr Byles who will leave us at the end of this term. During his time with us, Mr Byles has been involved in running both the breakfast and afterschool clubs, joining residential trips and other visits, working with individual students, large groups and taking classes; he has been a wonderful and active member of school life in every aspect. We know he will leave a big hole in our team and he will be sorely missed. But, we are delighted to know that Mr Byles leaving us to train to be a teacher! It's such a small world in teaching, you never know, we may see him again. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future. If you would like to send in any message, these can be sent via Class Dojo or to the school office on : admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk



Welcome Return

Miss Sandy returns to our school at the end of this term following the birth of her daughter—Alma. We are so excited to know she is joining the team again: her expertise and wonderful manner will be appreciated by the new reception parents and the other member of the school team. Miss Sandy returns to a class teacher role on Thursdays and Fridays.

- A special 'leavers' video' will be created allowing all children to participate either from school or home with their own messages and memories.
- A socially distanced picnic on the school field for children only.
- A year book capturing memories from their time at KPS
- A 'reunion day' in the Autumn term to celebrate their move to secondary school.

Specific needs:

If we feel that a child needs a personally arranged transition, we have been in touch with their individual families. If you feel your child is particularly anxious about the move this year and we have not contacted you, please raise your concerns with their current class teacher via Class Dojo or via email to Mrs Addison, the SENDCo, on: senco@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

September

The current commentary from DfE seems to suggest that all children will be back full time from September. Whilst this is not absolutely confirmed at this point, I am sure you will join me in crossing fingers that this is the case and that we can return to some sense of normality. We will, of course, keep you informed.

We know that our curriculum and our teaching will need to adjust for loss of learning and experience for the children. To cater for this, we have created two specialist teams within the school:

A Recovery Mental Health Team: taking best practice and research locally and nationally and using this to support individuals, groups and the whole school community on their return. During the first weeks of term, our focus will be reintegration, settling and adjusting back to school life. We will also assess any individual or group needs, to provide targeted support where needed.

A Recovery Curriculum Team: taking best practice and research locally and nationally to enable rapid learning to take place and to support children in 3 ways:

1. Revisiting learning that may have been lost—regression
2. Understanding how well learning from the summer term and home learning from the summer term have been remembered.
3. Providing a curriculum from terms 1—6 of next year that supports meaningful and paced catch-up and prioritises key learning areas such as reading and key groups such as any disadvantaged learners.

We are proud of the work we have done so far and realise there is more to do as the term unfolds. But, we have a great team and clear plan to support the children, and you, next year.

Communication: We want to keep you fully informed of the school's actions and decisions. If there is something you feel we have missed or you need to know, please contact us via email on: admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

Also, please, please keep in touch and up to date with the Class Dojo - it is our main form of daily communication and if you are not keeping an eye on this, you may miss some important message that affect you and your child.

With best wishes and kind regards
Mr Lee Pajak
Head Teacher

Welcome Return

Mrs Parr also returns following the birth of her twins: Teddy and Elodie and will take up a part-time role in Key Stage 2. We are so delighted to have her back and look forward to her joining the team to support with our ongoing school development.

Fond Farewell

Also leaving us this summer is Mrs Markham, who joined us last year to cover maternity leave. She has been a valued member of the team and has supported our development of English and the re-establishment of the school council with Mrs Hancock this year. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Owens' secondment to our school also comes to an end this term. We are thankful to him for the professional support and guidance he has given prior to the lockdown. Our best goes to him during his extended absence: we wish him all the best.

Recruitment to join the team

We have put updated systems in place to allow us to recruit new staff. We have a number of appointments to make which will not be finalised until 10th July. Due to the current situation, it is exceptionally late. However, we know it is really important to do all we could to secure the best possible staffing for September before the summer holidays so the term can start smoothly.

Reports

Your child's annual report has been written and will come to you on Monday, 6th July o Class Dojo. A letter will accompany these reports explaining how they have been affected by this year's unusual events and how you can discuss any elements with the teacher before the end of the year.

Whole school activities and celebrations during lockdown



Happy VE Day from Kingsway



The children of Kingsway Primary School were amazed by Captain Moore's phenomenal achievement and wanted to wish him a very Happy 100th Birthday by sending him some beautiful handmade birthday cards. They also decorated the school in celebration of VE Day. The children worked together to create a beautiful rainbow of hands for the community which is on display at Tesco Express in Kingsway.

Celebrating our successes and the wonderful work the children and staff have done during the lockdown.



The children in Bubble 2, have been up to all sorts, such as building a wonderful pirate ship and making sure they look like pirates by making and wearing their eye patches. They have made their own inserts for their class reader this week. The children even made up their own version of Pirate Pete. They have been busy. Happy sailing.

In Bubble 3, the children have been doing lots of arts, crafts, science, geography and outdoor learning. They have called their class Woodpecker Class, and have created collages, miniature moving woodpeckers and bird feeders. The children have been growing tomato plants, learning about light and shadows, and creating models of famous world landmarks.



In Bubble 7, now known as Falcon Class, the children have been learning about the myth of The Firebird. They listened to the music from The Firebird ballet by Stravinsky (1910) and watched Disney's own interpretation on Fantasia 2000. They really enjoyed the way the bird was painted with a mixture of yellow, orange and red.

Mrs Markham played a bubble catching game last Thursday to welcome back Bubble 4B to school. They had so much fun and made their own bubble wands!

Bubble 4A used chrome books to support their fact file writing about endangered animals in their English session, after receiving a letter from an explorer Sir Derek Smith.

The also worked together as a team to make a crazy golf park in the outdoor area. Here is one of the holes! On one of the holes, Mrs Hancock had to get the ball over the ramp and jump the water! Just for the record she failed and ended up with very wet golf ball.

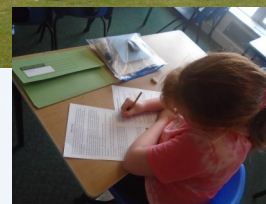


In Bubbles 5A and B the children have had a great time doing lots of fun activities, both inside and outside enjoying the warm weather.

They have been looking at endangered animals and used the chrome books to research their animal of choice, finding out what they eat and what continent they can be found on.

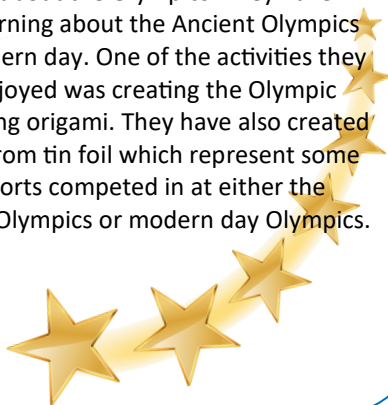
The children also found out how big these animals were in metres and used their maths skills to measure the length of them together. The Blue Whale was by far the biggest!

This week the year 6 children in Purple, Black and White Bubbles have continued their work in English, reading the book Atomic and have produced character descriptions and are re-writing the story ending. Learning in Geography has focussed on imports and exports across the world, whilst in art the children have created beautiful artwork based on rotational symmetry and spent time enjoying the good



The children have had a great time taking on this challenge, even surprising themselves as to what they can achieve. Well done to all who took part in the KS Ball skills challenge.

The Year 5 Key Worker Bubble have enjoyed learning about the Olympics. They have been learning about the Ancient Olympics and modern day. One of the activities they really enjoyed was creating the Olympic rings using origami. They have also created figures from tin foil which represent some of the sports competed in at either the Ancient Olympics or modern day Olympics.



Here is a look back at the rest of the 2019-2020

School	School score
1 Pwells CE Primary School	247,860
2 Warden Hill Primary School, Cheltenham	242,287
3 Kingswell CE Primary School	213,331
4 Redwood Primary Academy	200,654
5 Beech Green Primary School	184,231
6 Lakeside Primary School, Cheltenham	181,150
7 Upton St Leonards CE Primary School	176,440
8 Kingsway Primary School, Gloucester	171,442
9 Abbeywood Primary School	165,392
10 Dunstley Primary School	164,325
11 Harwickle Personal Academy Gloucester	160,306

TT Rockstars

The children in KS2 took part in the Gloucestershire Rockstars Championship in May 2020. All their scores were added up and out of 100 schools that took part Kingsway came 8th on the Leader board. Great perseverance and success by all who took part. Well done.



A group of KS2 children took part in the GSSN Penathlon at Gloucester Academy. They had a great time taking part and worked hard as a team competing against 10 other school. There was a wide variety of activities for the children to try based on skill, hand eye coordination and balance. They did very well and received a medal and T-shirt for taking part.

Well Done.



Mrs. Wilkins Kingsway Primary School 20 minutes ago

TTR Tournament Results

Well done Kingsway, you are amazing!

As a school we came 8th out of almost 100 schools with a total score of 171,442, brilliant work. You should be very proud of all your efforts.

127 of you took part and the top three scores were

17061 from a member of Hawk Class
17053 from a member of Hobby Class
13,107 from a member of Osprey Class

Class results
1st Osprey Class 40,163
2nd Hobby 30,214
3rd Hawk 30,176
4th Kestrel 29,680
5th Eagle 13,053

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Wonderful Young Voices

Here is a look back at
the rest of the 2019-2020



Children collecting and supporting the Foodbank

Great act of Kindness which is one of the schools core values

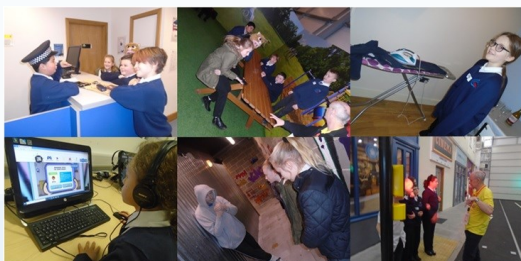
Thank you



World Maths Day – The children had a great time working together in teams problem solving all the maths question to get clues in order to win a prize. The children dressed up as well.



World Book Day – The children had a lovely time listening to stories and sharing their favourite book with other children and adults around the school whilst dressing up as their favourite character



Year 6 visit to Skill Zone

Wishing you all a very relaxing summer break and good luck to all our leavers from all the staff at Kingsway Primary School

Important Diary Dates

July 2020

10 July 2020 - Year 6 -socially distanced picnic at school

September 2020

1 Sept 2020 - INSET Day

2 Sept 2020—INSET Day

November 2020

2 Nov 2020 - INSET Day

2-6 Nov 2020—Year 6 PGL trip

January 2021

4 Jan 2020 - INSET Day

18 Jan 2020 - Bikeability week for Year 5

Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 3rd Sept - Fri 23rd Oct 2020

Term 2: Tues 3rd Nov - Fri 18th Dec 2020

Term 3: Tues 5th Jan - Fri 12th Feb 2021

Term 4: Mon 22nd Feb – Thurs 1st April 2021

Term 5: Mon 19th April - Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6: Mon 7th June – Weds 21st July 2021

