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King's Oak Primary School
Weekly Newsletter

Check out our website: www.kingsoakprimary.co.uk

Collection of Children from School:

Please remember to inform the office if your child is being collected by someone other than yourself.

Empty 500ml plastic bottles needed!!

Year 4 need empty 500ml plastic bottles for a DT project next week. Please send any from home in. Thank you.



Cardboard and newspapers also needed!!

Please send in any old newspapers and cardboard to school, as Year 4 also need them for a DT project next week. Thank you.



Ali's Blog

It was wonderful to see so many of you here at school this morning supporting us with the MacMillan Coffee morning. The children were so excited to see so many of you looking at their work and listening to them reading. The children have been working so hard since the beginning of term, it has been a pleasure to share this with you.

Overall school attendance this week is 93.36%.

Uniform/PE Kits— Please can you make sure that all your child's uniform / PE kit / sweatshirt / bag is named. We have recently had a number of children going home with other children's kit, if you find you have someone else's belongings please return them to the class teacher. We will continue to work on this. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Baby Girl

Congratulations to Mrs Turner on the birth of her baby girl on Wednesday 27th September



Classes with highest attendance week beginning 25th September 2017:

- EYS - Farmer Ducks - 94.21%
- KS1 - Gingerbreads - 96.18%
- LKS2 - Harry Potter - 100%
- UKS2 - Stormbreakers - 97.35%

Please remember to call the office

Pupil Information / Student Update Forms:

Please can you make sure that the Office has your **most up to date** contact details. We must be able to contact you in the case of sickness or an emergency.



Please return your update forms to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mr Men Blog

This week in Mr. Men we have been planting our own bean plant. Some of us put the bean in water only, and some of us put it in compost with water. Also, we were looking at cress in class to see if it was healthy or starting to die. We put two in a dark cupboard, one without water and one with, and we put two near the window, one without water and one with. Three of them were starting to die and one of them, the one with water and sunlight was alive and healthy. As well, we got to draw still life pictures oranges, strawberries, pears, kiwis and peaches. We have enjoyed this week!



Paddington Bear Blog

We've had a very exciting week in Paddington Bear! We discovered a new den had appeared in the school grounds. It was made of branches, leaves and twigs and it had a warning sign on it saying 'Kep Owt'. We spent lots of time trying to discover who could have built it. We were so inspired at seeing this new den that we made our own dens in class. We used a range of different materials including sticks, bracken and tarpaulin and then tested them to see how reliable they were. We are still trying to discover who could have built the new den and why!



Please note that we will not accept the old pound coins from 15th October when they cease to be legal tender. Don't forget to spend or bank any old coins you still have!



Caterlink News

The school census is being conducted on Thursday 5th October. Please see the menu overleaf for details of the lunch that will be on offer to our children.

Look out the Vikings have arrived. Lock up your daughters and all your treasured possession for they will surly take everything! Year 6 were acting out the monks reaction to being invaded in their monastery. The children will be writing a diary entry in English as a monk recalling the events and feelings as the Vikings invaded.

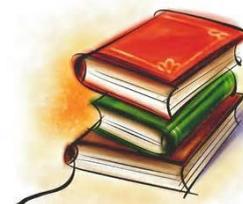


Read to Dogs

We are delighted to report that Read 2 Dogs will be starting again this term. We are looking forward to welcoming the author Sarah Mackie and her dog Milo into school.



Library books are now being issued to all children. Please ensure that your child brings their library book back to school on the day of their library session. Books not returned will incur a £5 fine. Thank you.



Please be reminded that dogs are **not allowed** on school grounds and if they are left outside, they must be away from the front entrance.

Thank you

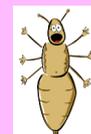


Lost Property There are a number of items in our lost property box, most of these items are unnamed, please can you make sure that all yours child's clothing is named so we can return items. If you are missing any items, please ask at reception.

Head Lice

We have had a case of head-lice in school.

Could parents please check their child's hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.



Attendance at King's Oak Primary School

We are keen to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time.

Reporting your child sick/absent from school

If your child is absent or unwell, on the day of absence we ask parents/carers to telephone the school to let us know on 01234 220480 using option 1 leaving the following information:

- Your child's name
- Class
- Reason for absence



Please telephone the school each day your child is absent

If we have not received a call by the time registers close, we will contact parents/carers by text message or phone call to establish why the child is not in school. This is a very time consuming task, which is why we ask that parents/carers contact the school by **9am** on each day of absence.

Why is attendance important?

If your child continues to be absent from school and their attendance falls below 92%, the school and Education Welfare Officer will begin to monitor their attendance more closely. Please make every effort to improve your child's attendance as it is vital for their education and progress. Ultimately, the higher the child's attendance, the better chance they have to improve attainment levels.

Punctuality:

The DFE state that it is essential that pupils form good habits of punctual attendance at school from the earliest age. Children who arrive late at school:

- miss learning opportunities
- disrupt children already engaged in learning activities e.g. reading
- could potentially raise anxiety levels when entering a class full of children
- miss additional support for children put in place first thing in the morning such as reading, handwriting and other key notices/interventions

The school doors open at 8.40am, the school day starts at 8.50am. Please ensure that all children are in school by 8.50am at the very latest. Doors close at 9am, children will need to be signed in at the school office by their parent/carer.

The Education Welfare Officer regularly and robustly checks our school registers and takes referrals for children who have a poor record of attendance.

Illnesses and quarantine periods

Illness	Recommended time off school	Comments
Chicken Pox	Until all blisters have crusted over	Check vulnerable children and staff
Conjunctivitis	None	
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours from last episode	
Head lice	None	Treatment required (available from supermarkets and chemists)
Threadworms	None	Treatment for child and household
Tonsillitis	None	Most cases are due to a virus
Whooping Cough	5 days from starting antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Hand, foot and mouth	None	

Pupils Choice

Thursday 5th October

Sausages in a Roll with onions

Or

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Served with

Potato Wedges

Baked Beans and Coleslaw

Iced Sponge

Or

Fresh Fruit Platter

