

Kingsmoor Newsletter 16TH October 2023



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SURVEY REQUEST FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING WRAPAROUND CARE

Dear Parent Carers,

In 2023's Spring Budget, the government announced as part of their proposals the ambition that by September 2026 all primary aged children have access to term-time wraparound provision from 8am - 6pm, for those families who wish to make use of it. This provision would either be offered at their child's school setting, or as part of a community network of schools.

In order to prepare for this, the Education & Childcare Places team at Somerset Council are very keen to understand the current levels of demand families have for wraparound (before and after school) provision for their children, by completing this online survey https://forms.office.com/e/y1H7Vdc7rU. We would ask that responses are submitted by **Tuesday 31**st **October 2023**.

For any questions or support regarding this, please email educationplaces@somerset.gov.uk

Thank you in advance for your support with this,

The Education & Childcare Places Team

POPPY APPEAL 2023

The school will be supporting the appeal once again and donations can be brought into school after half term in return for a poppy.

This year we also have other goodies from the Royal British Legion with a minimum donation of 50p and £1.00. These will be kept in reception if you wish to donate further.

DATA SHEETS – (A Department for Education Requirement)

Thank you to everyone that has returned their Data sheets. Could any outstanding forms be returned by the **end of this week** as it is important for the school to have the most up to date information. Please check that all the details on the forms are accurate and complete. A signature is required on the reverse of the form. Thank you

EYFS AND KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The production will be held over 2 evenings Mon 27th and Tues 28th November at 5.30pm. Further details will follow together with ticket requests after the half term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you wish to order photos (that were taken on Friday) the cut-off date is **Friday 27th October** to ensure free delivery to school. Late orders are still possible but are subject to a postage charge to your home address.

REMINDER INSET DAYS

A reminder that this Friday (20th October) is an INSET day for staff training.

PARENT WORKSHOP – TUNING INTO KIDS (MHST)

There is still space to join the parents who have already registered for this group. A great opportunity to learn strategies for supporting your child's emotions and behaviours at home. Please text to express interest. 07395831256 - Session 1 is Thursday 23rd Nov 1:15-3:15, then weekly 30th Nov, 7th Dec, 14th Dec, 4th Jan and 11th Jan. Let's make the most of MHST (Mental health school's team supporting our school.)

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are very aware of the changing financial positions some members of the local community find themselves in. If your circumstances change for the worse there are benefits for your child that come from proving your eligibility for Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of any of the following: Income Support (IS); Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related); Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7400 after tax; Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA); Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190 then you may be entitled to other support in school such as subsidies for swimming and trips or Free School meals.

In addition to this financial help, the school needs this information to give as statistics (**not pupil or parent names**) to the education department so that they make fair comparisons between schools. More importantly, a part of the school budget is also based on the number of children eligible for Free School Meals. If we don't know, we don't get the money and everyone loses out.

Confidentiality will be maintained and your details are secure with us. Contact Mrs Williams if you are in receipt of any of the above benefits

Please note that by providing your proof of eligibility for Free School Meals does not mean that your child has to take up the free school meal provided by the school.

KINGSMOOR FRIENDS

Forthcoming Kingsmoor Friends Events

Friday 10th November School Disco 6.00 – 7.30pm

As this is the first disco of the year, we ask that Class R parents stay to accompany their children.

Friday 10th November Non uniform Day

In exchange for children being allowed to wear non-uniform, we would like them to bring in donations for the Kingsmoor Friends Christmas Bingo (17th November) and Christmas Fair (1st December). Raffle prizes, chocolate, wines and other goodies are all appreciated.

Friday 17th November - Christmas Bingo

Doors Open 6.00pm, Eyes down 6.30pm – Lots of prizes and an approximate 8.00pm finish.

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair 2 – 4pm

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Parties and Theatre visit.

Further details of all the above events will follow.

Thank you in anticipation of supporting these events and thank you to Kingsmoor Friends for organising this important aspect of school life.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Oct	19	Year 5 and 6 visit to London
	20	School Closed - INSET
	23 – 27	Half Term Holidays
Nov	10	Non School Uniform – Donations for Christmas bingo and Christmas fair
	10	Kingsmoor Friends Disco
	17	Kingsmoor Friends Christmas Bingo
	22/23	Parent evenings (details to follow)
	24	School Closed - INSET
	27/28	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity
Dec	1	Kingsmoor Friends Christmas Fair
	7	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	14	Christmas Party Day
	15	Last day of term
Jan 2023	2	Start of Spring Term