

# Kingsmoor News



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## **KINGSMOOR FRIENDS**

There will be various up and coming events during the term organised by Kingsmoor Friends (Disco, Bingo etc), further details will follow.

Thank you for your support of these events that help the school with resources for the children.

The next meeting is this Friday (25<sup>th</sup> January) – Everyone is welcome.

## **STAFF STRUCTURE**

Please see a letter from Mr G Sluman (our Chair of Governors) on the reverse of this newsletter booklet.

## **SEVERE WEATHER**

If the school has to close due to extreme weather or other emergency events, information will be available from the following sources

- the school website [www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk)
- the school Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/kingsmoorprimaryschoolbawdrip/>
- local radio stations

BBC – Somerset Sound. 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz

Heart FM. 102.6 FM, 97.1 FM (Yeovil Area), 96.5 FM (Taunton Area)

Breeze FM. 100.8 FM, 102.4 FM, or 107.4 FM

For information please do not rely solely on receiving a text message. If possible the School may make use of the service which sends a message to the first listed mobile contact for parents, hence the importance of keeping the office informed of changes to contact mobile telephone numbers

## **HEAD LICE**

The school is currently experiencing an epidemic of head lice across all classes. Nowadays, the Local Health Authority advise against schools from sending out individual letters notifying parents of head lice. The only way to eradicate the problem is for the whole school to be 'free from head lice' and **parents to continually check their children's hair**.

Please read the information on the inside of this booklet taken from the NHS website.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will again be distributing the £1 World Book Day book tokens to children and young people in schools. They can be used from the Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March children can come into school dressed as a character from a book and bring in a book to share. This is an optional event for the pupils.

## **ILLNESS AMONG PUPILS**

Over the past few days we have received multiple phone calls from parents informing of their child's absence due to illness and also several members of our staff have been unwell. There are various viruses and bugs circulating at the moment - symptoms include headaches, sickness, high temperature and loss of appetite.

As always we will try to contact you if we suspect your child is coming down with the illness – it's better to be safe than sorry. Extra days at home recovering fully are inconvenient, but in the long run are better for everyone.

Also please note that whilst a supply of paper tissues is available in every classroom, it is preferable that your child has his/her own supply, particularly when they have a cold.

**School procedures for medicines in school** – If it is agreed between parents and the class or Headteacher that exceptional circumstances apply, then special arrangements can be made for the administration of **prescribed** medicines. Parents should complete an "Authorisation and Medicine Detail Recording Form" which can be obtained from the school office.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Feb	18-22	Half Term Holidays
March	7	World Book Day
	20-22	Year 5 and 6 Residential Camp at Kilve
April	1-2	Year 3 and 4 Production of "Ye Ha"
	8-22	Easter Holidays
	24	Class Photos
May	3	School Closed – INSET
	6	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
	13-17	Year 6 SATS week
	24	Kingsmoor's Dance Festival
May	27-31	Half Term Holidays
June	28	School Closed – INSET
July	1	School Closed – INSET
	19	Kingsmoor Sports Afternoon
	22	Annual Awards Ceremony
	23	Year 6 Leavers assembly at 10.30 and last day of school

## How to get rid of head lice

### Important

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

### Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

For more information about wet combing, see the [Community Hygiene Concern website](#).

### Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

**Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work.**

**For example:**

- **products containing permethrin**
- **head lice "repellents"**
- **electric combs for head lice**
- **tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil**

**herbal remedies**

### You can't prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

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Headteacher Mr M Bird

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you about a change in staff structure that we have introduced after a successful trial period last term. We are able to introduce this arrangement due to us having suitably experienced and qualified staff across the school that allow us to strengthen the overall provision.

As part of our staff development programme, Mrs Warren – the Deputy Head teacher, will be gaining more experience of Headship at Kingsmoor during 2019. Although having increased responsibility for school management, particularly when Mr Bird is 'off-site', Mrs Warren will continue as the main Y5 teacher. Mr Bird will henceforth be working for 4 days each week, the days depending on calendar events and important issues that arise. This arrangement will be reviewed in the Summer term 2019.

There will be some occasions when we employ other known and effective part time teachers to teach Mrs Warren's class but this will increase her availability for parents and other school management business as needed.

Mr Bird and Mrs Warren will be available to answer any questions you may have about these changes, in the meantime thank you for your continued support shown to all staff responsible for your children.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Sluman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr G Sluman  
Chair of Governors