



Kingsmoor Newsletter

15TH September 2023



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Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely holiday.

Our new Reception pupils have had a great start to their Kingsmoor journey – coming into school beautifully! We look forward to working with and supporting our new families and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school. Remember our door is always open to all our parents should you have any questions, feedback or queries – in our aim to *'look after each other, our school and everything in it.'*

Please ensure you have read this week's email which had the **Parental code of conduct and parents' information booklet** attached. This contains important, updated information for all parents which will hopefully be supportive for our school community. Many thanks.

Mrs Warren

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS - A REMINDER

All newsletters are sent out by email with an attachment and also a link to our website. Please ensure that your email details held at school are up to date.

A MESSAGE FROM KINGSMOOR GOVERNORS

Welcome back to a new term and new year- and obviously, we can't not comment on the unseasonably hot start it has been! The library was very stuffy on Monday evening with all the Business and Education governors together in one room!

Our first meeting is a short one and rather formal in content – for the year ahead, signing off declarations of interest, our standing orders and terms of reference (how we run as a Governing body) and our code of conduct, the essence of the code is: to ensure the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction, to hold leaders to account and oversee the educational, staff and financial performance of the school – and for us as governors to do so with commitment and diligence.

This term will see us looking at, amongst other things, the staffing budget and the school development plan for 2023/24 – incorporating feedback from Ofsted and other plans the school has for making Kingsmoor even better. And when planning our meetings, there was already talk of Christmas events and plays! Welcome back and welcome to the new families joining us this year and to our new teaching staff Miss Floris and TA Mrs Engleby. We would like to wish Mrs Temple all the best as she starts her maternity leave.

Rachel, Chair of the Governors Education Committee

NEW DRIVERS TO KINGSMOOR

Please be aware that the school bus needs to "get through" from 08:50 – 09:00 and 15:20 – 15:35 approx (as do other emergency vehicles).

Double (and single) parking in some places can cause access and turning problems for the bus, other vehicles and residents. **Please do not park on the bends as per the highway code** and in front of resident's gateways. We appreciate your support in this matter with the aim to keep the children safe and maintain a good relationship with our neighbours.

There have been several instances over the last couple of weeks when parking has been on a corner/bend and the coach driver has been instructed to call the police by their employers as they cannot get through.

Thank you.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you for returning the afterschool club requests which started this week. Please note that if a club is cancelled your child/children will not have an automatic place in extended school late leavers.

EXTENDED SCHOOL

Please note that most of the afterschool “Late Leavers” places are taken and there is a waiting list for certain days.

FLU VACCINATIONS (for all year groups - Reception through to Year 6) Monday 9th October

The NHS school nurses will be visiting on the above date to deliver the vaccination programme (by way of a nasal spray), for all children.

A letter which explains the immunisation programme was sent out by email last week . Please complete the consent form (one for each child) using the link that was in the body of the email or as below, rather than on the attached NHS letter (which does not appear to be working).

<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>>>

VISITING SESSIONS FOR NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024

We would like to invite all parents and children who are interested in applying for places at Kingsmoor School in September 2024, to come along, have a look around the school and meet us. You can turn up at either of the following sessions or arrange an alternative if necessary.

Wednesday 4th October 1.30 – 3.00pm or Thursday 5th October 1.30 – 3.00pm

Application for school places can only be made online at Somerset County Council, Booklets with application forms will not be sent out as in previous years. The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2024.

Please log into <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/>

PE KIT and NAMED CLOTHING

Everyone looks very smart for the start of the term. Let’s keep their clothing with the owners! Please name and regularly check all clothing. Please ensure it is the Kingsmoor PE kit and school uniform as stated in the school brochure which was sent out in an email last week.

CLOTHING BANK

A reminder of the “big grey clothes bank” which is outside of the school. Please use the bank as this raises money for the school as well as the chosen charities.

HEADLICE

For some families this is a very frustrating problem. Regardless of how well an individual family responds to an outbreak and which products are used, the infestation reoccurs.

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.

Combing through wet hair regularly with a fine comb and conditioner is said to be the most effective preventative available. Please use a fine comb on your child’s wet hair as frequently as possible.

Reminders like this will reappear periodically indicating that headlice have been recently reported in the school.

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MHST (Mental health support team)

I am really pleased to inform parents that Kingsmoor is now being supported by the MHST team which work across Somerset. The mental health team work in partnership with Young Somerset and the Somerset NHS foundation trust. This link allows the school to access whole school mental health support for our pupils, as well as to provide evidence based cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) interventions for mild to moderate mental health and well being needs for pupil and parents on a 1:1 and small group level. Key areas of focus are based around worry/anxieties. Parental workshops, 6 week courses will also be available – further details to follow next week so watch this space. I hope it will be really supportive for our families moving forward.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Friday 13th October

The school photographer will take photos of individual children and family portraits. We will let all the children have their photos taken but you are not obliged to buy the photo from the proof form which will be sent home on the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Oct	4 & 5	New reception 2024 visits
	9	Flu Vaccinations
	13	School Photographer
	17	Reception class vision screening
	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
Dec	1	Kingsmoor Friends Christmas Fair
	7	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	15	Christmas Party Day
	16	Last day of term
Jan 2023	2	Start of Spring Term

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2023/2024 Academic Year

September 2023					October 2023					November 2023								
M		4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27	W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa		4	11	18	25
Su		3	10	17	24	Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su		5	12	19	26	
December 2023					January 2024					February 2024								
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	Sa		3	10	17	24
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	Su		4	11	18	25
March 2024					April 2024					May 2024								
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28	
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Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	Sa		4	11	18	25
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	Su		5	12	19	26
June 2024					July 2024					August 2024								
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	
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Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27	Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28	Su		4	11	18	25

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1:** 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)
- Term 2:** 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
- Term 3:** 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
- Term 4:** 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)