



Kingsmoor Newsletter

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ZOOM PARENTS EVENINGS – MONDAY 22ND AND TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

All parents should have received their time/zoom link and day of appointment yesterday in book bags. If you haven't made an appointment, your teacher will be in contact.

FLU VACCINATIONS REMINDER (for all year groups - Reception through to Year 6) - TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

The school nurses will be delivering the flu vaccinations to Kingsmoor pupils on Tuesday 30th November.

A letter which explains the immunisation programme was sent out previously. Please complete the consent form (one for each child) using the following link as soon as possible, this link will close two working days prior to the session date <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/west>. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY AND HELP WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL COSTS

We are very aware of the changing financial positions some members of the local community find themselves in. If your circumstances change there are benefits for your child that come from proving your eligibility for Free School Meals. Eligibility also means we can help with other costs that your children may have during their education in primary school.

Another reason for reminding parents about this is because the government's introduction of a PUPIL PREMIUM means that if parents do not claim the benefit, then their child's school will not be given the full funding to support education. Therefore by not claiming for Free School meals (Pupil Premium) the school does not receive the additional funding that the government provides. If claimed this funding supports your child with additional intervention, support if required and enhances our whole school provision of activities (Forest School, music and resourcing). Further information is on the school website.

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.

If you are on certain benefits and think you may be eligible, please pop into the office and talk (confidentially) with Mrs Williams

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please note that even if your child is in Class R, 1 or 2 and currently receiving a free school meal, this Pupil premium is in addition to this and worth applying for now as it follows your child throughout primary school

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

In exchange for a suggested £2 donation (as per Save the Children campaign adverts) children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their Kingsmoor Sweatshirt or cardigan (all other uniform to be worn) to support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

This is an optional charity event

SCHOOL INSET – FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

A reminder that next Friday (26th November) is an INSET day.

KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

Forms have been sent out today for ticket requests for Class R, 1 and 2 performances of "Are we there yet?" Please return requests by Wednesday 24th November.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance - Thank you to all parents that strive to keep their children in school as much as possible (while they are healthy) and avoid booking holidays in term time.

Our attendance rates compare very favourably with local and national statistics and this is due to your support.

Punctuality - the vast majority of children are ready for school starting at 9.00am and take a full part in the planned activities of the day which are so important for setting up their learning for this first session.

A days absence here and there, and 10 minutes missed off the beginning of the day may not seem like much but these times add up and do have an effect on the children both socially and for their learning.

Your support in these matters is vital and is good training for later life. Late arrivals are currently being monitored and follow up letters may be issued.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – Thursday 16th December

We will do the same as last year for our Christmas party food and individual lunch boxes will be given to children containing a sandwich, savoury item and fruit. We will ask the children for their preferences - sandwiches are either Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo, the savoury item is either a sausage roll or cheese and onion roll and the fruit item is either an apple, a satsuma or a box of raisins. Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

Last year a parent kindly nominated us for a Sainsburys community fund donation which enabled us to subsidise the cost of the lunch boxes as they gave us crisps, party rings, chocolate fingers and cakes for every child. If any parent has connections with any of the supermarkets that could help this year, please contact Mrs Williams in the School Office.

Christmas party day is a non-school uniform day and the children will play party games, there will be a pantomime for them to watch and they will take part in the obligatory whole school Christmas bingo!

Kingsmoor Friends and the school are partly funding the lunch boxes and pantomime, but we would be most grateful for a £1.00 donation from parents to be brought in on Monday 13th December.

The school is very conscious of the amount of requests we have been making for donations recently and the forthcoming Christmas Jumper day. But thank you in advance of your support of the school and the charities we have been supporting.

KINGSMOOR FRIENDS

Forthcoming Kingsmoor Friends Events

Friday 3rd December Christmas Fair 2 – 4pm

This will be taking place predominantly outside. The "Big Man" will be there as well as stalls and a raffle!

Thursday 16th December Christmas Parties and visit from a touring theatre company.

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

Nov	23 & 24	Parents evenings
	26	School Closed – INSET
	29	EYFS/Y1/Y2 – Christmas Nativity – 'Are we nearly there yet!' 2pm and 6pm
	30	EYFS/Y1/Y2 – Christmas Nativity – 'Are we nearly there yet!' 6pm
	30	Whole school Flu vaccinations
Dec	3	Kingsmoor Friends Christmas Fair 2.00 – 4.00pm
	10	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
	16	Christmas Party Day and visit from touring theatre company
	17	Last day of term
Jan	4	Start of Spring Term

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