



## Kingsway Primary & Nursery School



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### **Dear Parents,**

Whooooo! There are some scary things around (and that's just the Headteacher!), so I'd like to inform you of the exciting things coming up so that you're not too scared...

**CHRISTMAS IS ONLY 57 SLEEPS AWAY!!!!!! AAARRRRGGGGGHHHHHH!!!!**

### **'Harvest Celebration'**

Thank you once again for your kind generosity in collecting food for our Harvest Appeal! The Food Bank were so pleased with all of your support and wanted to say a big thank you as they know how vital this contribution will be for people's lives. I'm sorry that I couldn't be there for the assembly but I know that everyone had a lovely time. Well done!

### **Friends of Kingsway ~ Spooky Disco**

Our annual Spooky Day will take place this Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October where children can come into school dressed in spooky clothes of their choosing. I know that you will have had fun picking out your costumes already. Just a reminder that if we do find any masks are too scary then we may ask your child not to wear it at certain times. 'Friends' and teaching staff will then be providing a Spooky Disco after school which you should have received your tickets for. It starts straight after school and children need to be collected at 4.45pm from the Hall doors nearest Year 6 classroom.

### **Parents Workshop ~ Internet Safety**

**Mr Walker will be holding a workshop for parents this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.** E-safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We want to help our parents and children improve their own understanding of e-safety issues so they can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

To try and help parents with the fast moving and changing world of internet and social media, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.45pm you are invited into the school for advice on social networks, which websites and apps may be suitable or unsuitable and steps that you can take to ensure that your children stay safe online.

### **Reading**

This year we have been focusing a lot on reading and we would like you to get on board with this too. Please can you read with your child each night and encourage them to talk about their reading further by asking lots of open questions, e.g. Why did...? How do you know...? Then if you can sign their reading records (or older children can write in theirs) it would help us to know who needs further support. Reading will help with all areas especially to help your child with writing which we are also improving.

### **Children in Need Friday 16th November 2018**

In order to raise money for this wonderful charity we would like your child to bring in a £1 donation for the opportunity to come into school wearing something with spots on. The theme this year will be 'Spotacular' so dress to impress for the day! Looking forward to seeing spots before my eyes!

**Anti-Bullying Week ~ 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November ~ Theme: 'Choose Respect'** children will be learning all about the ways to respect everyone and how things influence the type of person we will grow up to be. The week highlights this serious issue and each child will be fully involved in a variety of activities.

### **Website**

We have set up our NEW website and are now awaiting training so we will be able to put together the most up to date information that you will need. Please bear with us and we'll be up and running in no time! Thank you.

### **PE Reminder**

Please can you make sure that your children have their full PE kits in school on the appropriate days and that all clothing is labelled. I would also like to remind you that for health & safety reasons, ear-rings should NOT be worn for PE sessions, so could you please remove them on the days of your child's sessions. If they are unable to be removed then please provide your child with tape that can be put over the ear-rings. Thank you.

### **Our Christmas Surprise!**

I have arranged for our children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 and KS2 to have a Christmas Treat to go and visit the Chill Factor on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This year will give all our children the opportunity to explore snow and get to meet Santa and play on some of the slides and slopes. School, with the help of Friends of Kingsway will subsidise the trip and we would be very grateful if you could also help with a donation towards the cost? Please could you pay £5 towards this lovely treat and arrange for payment by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This can be paid through our ParentPay.

**An early note from Chill Factor:** Please ask everyone to bring in the following

1. Gloves (entry is not allowed without them)
2. Thick socks
3. Warm clothing suitable for minus 3 temperatures

All participants under the age of 17years must wear a helmet on all activities, these are available free of charge in the changing village

### **And finally...**

Welcome to Mr Saunders who is joining us to teach Reception Class whilst Miss Dowling is absent. He has made a great start today and I know that you will all make him feel welcome at Kingsway. Have fun!

Iain M. Lewis  
Headteacher

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

- 😊 School will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 1.00pm

*'Kingsway: The Heart of Learning where we want to explore, discover, reach for our dreams & have fun on the journey!'*