



3rd January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all!

Our journey continues..., here is my first newsletter of the year so that I can let you know some of the important things coming up this term (and some dates for your diary to give you plenty of notice!).

Safeguarding

At Kingsway we pride ourselves on providing a safe and secure environment for all our children and staff. Our staff completed refresher training for Safeguarding as part of their INSET and we also have three members of staff who have completed updated Designated Safeguarding Lead training. So again I would like to bring to your attention those who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in school should you ever wish to contact us for safeguarding queries or concerns: **Iain M. Lewis is the DSL; Mrs Davies & Mrs Ikin are the Deputy DSL.**

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, our children will receive support from the NSPCC who will be coming into school on Monday 14th January 2019. They will hold assemblies and workshops throughout the morning on their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme. A letter is attached explaining the NSPCC programme in more detail.

Maths Workshop 3.30pm to 4.30pm Wednesday 30th January 2019

I'm pleased to announce that we are re-launching our Calculations Policy in a more user friendly way so that every child will be able to follow being able to solve calculations and problems using a consistent approach. We listened to parents during a reading workshop last term and they asked about how the maths was taught. Therefore, the staff would like to give you a workshop on how we teach (and how children learn) maths in each class. So please come along and you may be surprised to learn new things that will help your children with their maths progress. The workshop starts at 3.30pm until 4.30pm on Wednesday 30th January in the School Hall. We will send out slips nearer the time so that we know how many people would be attending.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2019

This annual event will enable our children to enhance their love for books and I'm sure it will be an excellent day to have fun reading! We may be setting a special challenge too around dressing as a 'WORD'! Don't worry; we'll give you plenty of ideas beforehand!

Red Nose Day Friday 15th March 2019

Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become something of a British institution. It's the day, every two years, when people across the land can get together and raise money at home, school and work. We will be doing our bit too and I'm sure the staff and children will have a fantastic fun-filled day! Details to follow.

SATs Week

The week put aside for **Key Stage 2 SATs** in 2019 will be **Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May 2019:**

- Monday 13th May English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 14th May English reading
- Wednesday 15th May Mathematics papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 16th May Mathematics paper 3

It is very important that if your child is in Year 6 that they are present for each of these days. Year 2 assessments take place around the same time.

Year 6 Residential Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June 2019

Don't forget that this will come round quick again and so to help I would like to hold a meeting with the Year 6 parents to let them know finer details of the trip. This will take place on Monday 21st January at 3.20pm where you will be able to ask any questions you may have. There will also be a pack sent out to explain things nearer the time of the trip. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Parental Help

As you will know, I have always asked for anyone who is available to help within school. We have been very fortunate with parents who have helped in the past and we would like for this to continue this year. If you have **any** skills that we could utilise for the children to experience please come in and see us. We still have a high focus upon reading and writing development within school and we would like to know if you are able to spare any time to listen to our children read? Any time that is convenient to you would be more than welcome. Please see your class teacher.

School Term Dates:

Half-Term: School will close on **Friday 15th February 2019** and re-open on **Monday 25th February 2019**

End of Spring Term: School will close on **Friday 29th March 2019** and re-open **Monday 15th April 2019**.

And finally . . .

Let's remember to smile more, be kind to each other and stay positive. We have such a wonderful school and together we can achieve greater things!

Thank you for continuing to be great! Hope to see a lot more of you coming into school to help out in your child's class.

Iain M. Lewis

Headteacher