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Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your kind words and feedback regarding the positive start to the academic year. I am working hard to improve Kingshill's building and playground this year and have outlined some of the plans below. May I also take the opportunity to thank you for your feedback on the Newsletter frequency. We are now aiming to get out more news and exciting learning happening on X and Facebook!

Are you eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Pupil Premium Funding can bring a lot of support throughout your child's school life. This includes subsidised wraparound care, trip costs and uniform. Please see the office to check your eligibility as you may be eligible!

Kingshill refurbishment plans for 2023/24:

You will see that our playground is improving with new markings and a new 'busy' area for children at lunchtimes. We have now devised a plan so that across the year major improvements to the building and canopies outside will take place. You will see a new slope and new roofing on our Year 1 canopy; a new canopy in the Reception area, as well as new flooring in three of our classrooms. We will also be painting our assembly hall to give it a fresher, brighter look. We are replacing all of our lighting with LED lighting, which should significantly help our electricity bills! We have planned that each half-termly or termly break a new project will take place meaning the above improvements will happen throughout the academic year during the holidays and we anticipate these being finished in Summer 2024.

I wanted to let you know that I have written and submitted a bid for major works to our roof. If we are successful, Kingshill will have a brand new, fully insulated roof across the whole building. The works will not impact on the children's learning as they will be carefully planned and project managed with minimal distractions to learning. We will let you know as soon as we have an update on a decision from Hertfordshire County Council.

Broadening our children's horizons:

Calling all parents! Do you do a job that you love and think would inspire our children? One of the missions we have in our curriculum is to broaden the children's horizons as much as possible and we believe by showing the children the wide spectrum of careers that the world has to offer can be a great chance to broaden their career horizons and inspire them. If you have a job that you would love to talk to our children about, get in touch with the office and we can offer you an assembly slot to chat to our children about your job and career.

I hope you enjoy a restful weekend.
Best wishes, Mr Plumb, Headteacher

NEW RECEPTION TOURS

We are now taking bookings for tours for 2024 reception children. Please contact the office to make a booking.

FRIENDS OF KINGSHILL QUIZ NIGHT!

Join us on Friday 6th October from 7pm for our Quiz Night. More information on the event and how to book can be found on the following pages.

PE T-SHIRTS

We wanted to confirm to parents that PE tops can be plain white and do not have to have the school logo.

PICK UP CHANGES

If you need someone else to collect your child from school at the end of the day, please can you inform the class teacher by writing it on the form when dropping off. Alternatively please call or email the office as early in the day as possible. Thank you.

TALKING TIP FROM OUR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

When you collect your child from school and ask "how was your day?" do they often answer with "fine" or "can't remember"? This is usually because the question is too big, too open and they're not sure where to start. Try using this formula to get more from after school chat... Greet them with a statement rather than a question: "Hey! I hope you had a great day!" Tell them a detail from your day: "At my work today I had to talk on the phone a lot!" Wonder about a specific part of their day: "I wonder whether you had assembly today" Wait: leave a long pause

The reason this works is because we have taken away all pressure, we have given a demonstration about how to share a detail from our day and we have given them a clue about something we'd like to hear about in theirs. Give it a go and enjoy some after school chit chat.

PARENTING HELP ONLINE COURSES

[Please follow this link](#) for some useful online courses. Many are free and cover a selection of parenting topics.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The weekly class attendance award last week went to Adeptan class with 100% and the whole school figure was 98.65%. This week's award went to Rosen with 98.79%. The weekly attendance figure for the whole school is 96.98%. Thank you for continuing to ensure your child comes to school and on time.



Respect

Hard-working

NEXT FORTNIGHT

29/09/23—Y1 and Y2 meet the teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

06/10/23—Quiz night

23-27/10/23—Half term holiday

31/11/23—Individual and sibling photos

20 and 21/11/23—Parents Evenings

01/12/23—INSET day

21/12/23-03/12/23—Christmas holiday

04 and 05/01/24—INSET days

These dates are also available on the Kingshill website calendar, you can subscribe to this calendar and it will automatically download them to your phone or device. **Please go to NEWS AND EVENTS > CALENDAR > SUBSCRIBE TO THIS CALENDAR**

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a parent or carer of a pupil at Kingshill Infant School.
If you no longer wish to receive them please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Plumb



Learning for the next fortnight

For more detail, please follow [this](#) to link to our curriculum pages on the website.

NURSERY

Understanding the World -Introducing Harvest and Autumn. Looking at seasonal changes

Phonics - phase 1 environmental sounds

Maths - subitising skills 1-3 and number rhymes

PSED - learning our routines and boundaries

Literacy - mark making - pre-writing patterns

RECEPTION

Maths - White Rose - Matching and Sorting and comparing

Literacy - Read, Write, Inc - d, t, i, n

Topic - All About Me - Self Portraits and how we have changed

YEAR 1

English: RWI speed sounds and writing simple sentences accurately.

Maths: one more than/ one less than/ using the $<>=$ symbols to compare numbers

Art: Mondrian - looking at his techniques and practicing them

Geography - compass directional language. If you have a compass at home, please show your child and discuss the directions. Find North!

History - How technology has changed over time

Science - Materials

YEAR 2

English: RWI Speed sounds and writing, focusing on sentence structure, verbs and adjectives.

Maths: Place value and partitioning numbers to 100 into tens and ones.

Art: Susan Carlson - practising her technique and creating a masterpiece in her style.

Geography: What is it like to live near the equator?

History: What impact did Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott have?

Science: Living, once lived and never lived. Habitats.

Please discuss your child's learning with them throughout the week. By asking them questions, you help to reinforce what they have been taught, support the transfer from short to long term memory and help improve your child's retrieval strength. All these things will support them in becoming life

Read Write Inc Home Learning Virtual Classroom Videos

For groups A, B, C, Ditty and Red

Fred Games!	Learning to Blend	Set 1 Word Time!
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Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey
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If your child is in one of the colour groups below, their focus at home is to speed up their word reading:

BULLETIN BOARD
FRIENDS OF
KINGSHILL

FRIENDSOFKINGSHILL@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

TO ALL THE NEW PARENTS AT KINGSHILL -
WELCOME! & HELLO TO ALL!
WE ARE FKS! WE PLAN AND RUN EVENTS
FOR THE SCHOOL, PARENTS AND OUR
CHILDREN. WE AIM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
CHILDRENS' EDUCATION AND HAVE FUN
WHILE DOING IT!

DID YOU KNOW THE NEW MARKINGS ON THE
KS1 PLAYGROUND WERE FUNDED BY FKS!

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Please come to our AGM
at the school on
Tuesday 3rd October at
7pm. Find out how we
did last year and what
the fundraising plan
is for this coming
year.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET
INVOLVED ?**
PLEASE EMAIL
FRIENDSOFKINGSHILL@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

save the
dates!

TUESDAY 3RD
OCTOBER - FKS AGM

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER -
QUIZ NIGHT

**THE TREASURER
ROLE IS
AVAILABLE IF
YOU ARE
INTERESTED,
PLEASE EMAIL
US.**

HELP...

CAN YOU DONATE
ANY RAFFLE PRIZES
FOR OUR QUIZ
NIGHT?

IF SO, PLEASE
DROP INTO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.

**THANK
YOU**

Friday 6th October 19:00

Friends of Kingshill



night

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- Bring your own drinks & nibbles -
- Music & Trivia rounds -
- Raffle & fun games -
- £5 per person, please book via gateway -
- Parents/carers, family, friends & staff are welcome! -

Maximum of 10 per team (we can collate smaller groups on the night where needed)

If you have any prizes you can donate towards our quiz night raffle, please drop these into the school office (Champagne/wine, vouchers, chocolates or even a boiler service) Thanks in advance!

For this event we kindly ask you take away your own rubbish at the end of the evening. Thank you!



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

£36
per child

Sibling
discount
available



Professor Fab and her gaggle of wizarding scientists will help you make colour-changing potions, flying broomsticks, toothpaste for giants and truly gruesome ghoul-snot.

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

**Monday 23rd October
St Albans (Garden Fields)**

**Tuesday 24th October
Cambridge (Queen Edith)**

**Wednesday 25th October
Saffron Walden (RAB)**

**Thursday 26th October
Hertford (St Joseph's in the Park)**

**Friday 27th October
Bishop's Stortford (Farnham)**

BOOK NOW AT: WWW.FABSCIENCE.CO.UK

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DAYS
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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

What's on? ★

WEEK 1

ROBOTS, VR & TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, learn to mix like a Pro DJ ... plus MEGA LASER TAG! Explore, experiment and ignite the imagination with this exciting week full of with tech fun!

WEEK 2

MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

Dive into Minecraft Education - design elements of the game, build redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Build engineering skills using Lego bricks, sensors and motors to create crazy inventions powered by code.

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

23RD OCT - 27TH OCT LIMITED SPACES
30TH OCT - 3RD NOV LIMITED SPACES

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"My kids loved it and we've rebooked for the next camps in October. The staff were also super helpful. Would 10/10 recommend!"
★★★★★
St Bernadette Primary School



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What to bring to camp

-  Packed Lunch and Snacks (NOT FREE)
-  Water Bottle
-  Medication if Required
-  Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

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Magic Movers

Creative dance classes aiming to build confidence and social skills through dance routines and activities.

For those aged 7+ with suspected or diagnosed additional needs who are able to follow instruction.



Stevenage | Hampson Park Community Centre | Tuesdays | 5.15-6pm

Flitwick | Flitwick Leisure Centre | Tuesdays | 5-5.45pm

Hitchin | Westmill Community Centre | Wednesdays | 4.45-5.45pm

Hertford | Hertford Wellbeing Hub | Thursdays | 4.10-4.50pm

Biggleswade | Saxon Pool & Leisure Centre | Fridays | 5-5.30pm



Imagination Dance
Community Interest Company

Register now: info.imaginationarts@yahoo.com | 07394 934911



Imagine & Move

Sensory movement classes using props, music and dance-based activities to improve social interaction and expand a child's imagination.

Perfect for those with suspected or diagnosed additional needs (age guidance 3+)



Stevenage | Hampson Park Community Centre | Tuesdays | 4.30-5pm

Flitwick | Flitwick Leisure Centre | Tuesdays | 4.30-5pm

Hitchin | Westmill Community Centre | Wednesdays | 4-4.30pm

Hertford | Hertford Wellbeing Hub | Thursdays | 3.45-4.10pm

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