

KINGS' FOREST SCHOOL
CLASSES FOR 2010/2011

Dear parents,

As you know, the summer term ends on Thursday 22nd July 2010. It is time to arrange classes for next year as children will visit their new teachers and Y6 pupils visit their new secondary schools. Please note the following information.

1. New Reception (EYFS) children for 2010/2011 will enter school as part of an induction process that last for 5 weeks. The children also visit in advance for a teddy bears' picnic and have a play session with the current Reception (EYFS) classes.
2. Classes moving from Reception to Y1 will be mixed as we now know the personalities, ability mix of the year group and we are able to place the children in combinations that work best in school.
3. The current Y1 classes moving to Y2 will be mixed as we now have a clear idea of ability and we are able to spread the different learners between two Y2 classes.
4. Current Y2 children moving to Y3 classes will remain as they are.
5. Current Y3/Y4 will be mixed with Y4 into three 4/5 classes. This is as a result of the amalgamation year, when the two schools that joined together had surplus places. Whilst we have held on to one smaller year group for the past two years, we are no longer able to do this as a result of budget constraints. The children are taught to individual strengths as part of a personalised learning programme. This means that groups of children with similar abilities work together, regardless of age. The most able children will work at an advanced level.
6. Current Y5 will stay in two classes in Y6 and will not be mixed.

Mixing the children is something we give considerable time and attention to. Combinations of ability, friendship groups, behaviour, pupils with Special Educational Needs, more able pupils, plus the numbers of boys and girls are all taken into account in the process. Class teachers are consulted and their views are taken into account based upon what they know about the children in their classes, but final decisions rest with the Headteacher.

Your child (ren) will have one session where they meet their class teacher before the end of term. As you know, Mr Bowman will leave us to become a Deputy Headteacher in Bristol and Miss Jackson has been appointed Deputy Headteacher in Bristol also. We have retained Mrs van Staden and appointed Mr Richard Harris.

Class arrangements and teachers will be confirmed by the second week in July.

Many thanks
E Whiting
Headteacher