

# The Forest News

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Kings' Forest  
Primary School



We continue to learn about Black History during our assemblies this month. Our celebration board is looking great in the main reception corridor.

One of our school values is 'Be Respectful' and work on respecting other people and cultures is embedded across the curriculum.

This includes learning about other faiths and religions through visits to places of worship, workshops and school visitors as well as lessons on RE.

Our curriculum is written to include diversity and this can be seen through topics such as Y5's study of The Americas experiencing Blues music through to Y1 topics on celebrations from around the world and these are just two small examples. This kind of work ensures that the children learn that they are growing up in a diverse society and this is something to celebrate.

Dear Parents/Carers

I look forward to welcoming you to our two parents evenings next week. EYFS/KS1 consultations will take place in classrooms and KS2 consultations in the school hall. The children have settled very well into their new classes and I am sure that you will be pleased to hear about the progress they have made.

Fox and Owl children are doing particularly well this term. All the children are now in full time and the progress they are making is already very strong. We asked an independent moderator to ensure that the judgements that we have made about their development on entry are inline with other schools and I am happy to report that once again the team know the children very well and their assessments are accurate. It is very important to us that we benchmark our judgements against other schools and our experienced team in EYFS have always been very successful in correctly identifying the needs of the children and providing them with excellent day to day provision. My thanks also to the many parents who have commented on how well their child has settled into school life. Well done the EYFS team.

This is the last newsletter before half term. I hope you have a restful break and I will see you all to begin term 2 on Monday 5th November.

Best Wishes  
Ms Porter  
Headteacher

Date	Event
23.10.18	Parents evening 3:30—6:30pm
25.10.18	Parents evening 3:30—6:30pm
26.10.18	Individual and Sibling photos Term 1 ends
05.11.18	Term 2 starts
07.11.18	EYFS Autumn Craft for parents 9.15am
16.11.18	Children in Need
26.11.18	EYFS—YR5 Flu Vaccination
30.11.18	INSET
05.12.18	EYFS Nativity 9:30am Y1/2 Nativity 2:15pm
06.12.18	Y1/2 Nativity 9:30am EYFS Nativity 2:15pm
11.12.18	Y3/4/5 Carol Concert 9:30am
13.12.18	Y3/4/5 Carol Concert 2:15pm
14.12.18	Save the Children Jumper Day Christmas Fayre 4pm
18.12.18	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner KS2 Christmas Party
20.12.18	KS2 Christmas Dinner EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party
21.12.18	Term 2 ends



Many thanks to our local PCs for visiting Y2 and telling them all about life in the police force.

### Safeguarding Corner:

Did you know that monitoring attendance and ensuring good attendance in school is part of our safeguarding duty?

Please help us with this by phoning the school on everyday that your child is absent and please do not be offended if the office staff ask the reason for absence. We are required to code absences appropriately and keep up to date records.

You can report an absence using our absence line  
01454 866466 option 1

The government target for all children is 96%. Any child who falls below 90% is classed as persistently absent from school by the government. We work with the local authority education welfare service to ensure that all children are in school on time and for as many days as possible.

We know that children get ill (teachers do to!) and will always seek to understand the barriers to attendance before we begin the legal process.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>  WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

### Notes from the Office:



Due to the weight of traffic and the danger this poses to children the car park is not available to parent/carers during school hours (unless the parent/carer holds a blue badge in their name). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please see PTA recent newsletter for PTA events.