



26 October 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term here at Kingsway. With just over 8 weeks until we break up for Christmas there is, as usual, a lot to pack in.

Thank You's and congratulations

As a result of the cake sale recently, we raised £237.87 for The Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Thanks to all volunteers who have continued to come in and read with the children this year, your support is invaluable and much appreciated.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped on the recent 'Gruffalo' trip to Beaumanor Hall. It was, as usual, a hugely enjoyable day.

Thanks to staff and children who attended our 'Beaumanor Tea' a few weeks ago following a fantastic year 6 residential trip.

Congratulations to Mrs Eardley, Mrs Morris, Mrs Painter and Miss Towers all of whom are expecting babies in the New Year! We all wish them and their families much happiness with their new arrivals. We have made some new appointments to cover these absences and are in the process of completing this task. As soon as I am able I will let you and the children know who will be teaching these classes for the remainder of the year.

It is also with great sadness that we say farewell to Mr Rob Maddams. Rob will be leaving at Christmas to continue his teaching career closer to his home. We wish him sincere congratulations on his new appointment, however, to say we will all miss him is a huge understatement!

Again, as soon as I am able, I will confirm any staff changes that need to be made.

First time admissions - EYFS

We would like to remind parents of children due to start school in September 2017 that the deadline for applying for a school place is January 15.

Transfer to High School

Please can we remind parents of children in year 6 that the deadline for applying for high school places is October 31 **Failure to apply on time may mean your child will not be allocated a place at the preferred school.**

School Photographer

The photographer will be at Kingsway School on Friday 30 October to take individual (and brother/sister) photographs from 8.45 am onwards. Please note that full school uniform will be required on this day as usual.

School Uniform

If you would like to order school uniform we will be placing an order on Tuesday morning next week. We also have a new stock of PE T-shirts which are on sale at £5.50 each. Book bags and PE bags are still only £3, available from the school office.

Nut Policy

In our policy section on the school website we have a new Nut Awareness policy. We currently have a number of children in school who have allergies to nuts and so we are asking all families to ensure that no one (pupils, parents and children) knowingly bring nuts into school. All packed lunches and snacks must also be 'nut-free'. School dinners do not contain nuts at all. Please read our policy for full details.

Important dates this term

Individual & Family Photos	Friday 28 October (AM)
Flu immunisation Yr 1-6	Monday 7 November (PM)
Pantomime	Friday 25 November (AM)
EYFS production to parents	Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 December (2.15pm)
KS1 production to parents	Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15 December (2pm)
Christmas dinner day	Wednesday 14 December
EYFS Christmas party	Friday 16 December (PM)
KS1 Christmas party	Monday 19 December (PM)
School closes for Christmas	Wednesday 21 December (3.20pm)
School opens for spring term	Thursday 5 January

Yours sincerely

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