



Kingsway End of Autumn Term Newsletter 2017

5 December 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

There is a lot of news to share with you all in this newsletter so forgive me if it is a little longer than usual!

Academy Conversion

Firstly, I am delighted to tell you that after a rather lengthy and unavoidable delay, Kingsway Primary School will be converting to Academy status and joining the LiFE Multi Academy Trust from January 1st 2018.

The other members of the trust are Bosworth Academy and The Winstanley School. Kingsway will be the first primary school to join the trust but we are hopeful that other primary schools will join us over the next few years. The ambition of the trust is to provide local families and children with access to outstanding education from ages 4-19 and for the schools to support each other in achieving that aim.

I would like to reassure you that when we open again after Christmas on January 9th 2018 there will be no sudden changes. Although we are going to become an Academy, we are very keen to retain our name and our individuality, the quality of the teaching and learning will remain, as high as ever and the day-to-day running of the school will be unaffected.

In time, and where it is appropriate and beneficial to do so, we envisage sharing additional resources and learning opportunities with Bosworth and Winstanley. For example, the schools in the trust are already planning for A level or GCSE students in Maths to take part in a tutoring and revision programme for some of our Year 6 pupils in the Spring term. I am sure that many similar learning opportunities will arise over the next academic year. In fact, our school dinners are already provided through Bosworth Academy and so is our ICT support.

If you would like to read more about the LiFE Academy Trust the website address is:
lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

I am sincerely looking forward to embarking on this exciting new venture with you all. I firmly believe that it really will offer our local young people stability, continuity, exciting learning opportunities and ultimately a very bright future.

Staffing

A big welcome back to Miss Towers who has recently returned to school from her maternity leave as an LSA. Miss Towers is now able to cover teachers for short absences as well as being an enhanced First Aider in school. We are very pleased that she has stepped straight into her new role so seamlessly.

Early in the spring term Mrs Chaudhary will be taking her maternity leave and is hoping to return to us in time for the start of the new academic year (18/19). Mrs Painter is also returning from maternity leave and she and Mrs Compton, an experienced teacher new to our school, will be sharing the teaching in class Diamond. Mrs Painter will work Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Compton Wednesday to Friday.

I am also absolutely delighted to say that our final maternity returner for now will be Mrs Joh Eardley who will be returning to part time teaching duties in year 2 (Topaz). As you may be aware Mrs Eardley is returning to school as a wheelchair user and adaptations for appropriate access to the building and classrooms are currently being made. Mrs Eardley will phase her return over time and will work alongside Mrs Patel and Mrs Palmer for 2.5 days each week. I know that the staff and pupils cannot wait to have her back in school.

Responses to Parental Questionnaire

Thank you so much for taking the time and trouble to complete and return our recent parental questionnaire to us. We had a very high number of returns (nearly 90 and still counting). In general, there was an overwhelmingly positive response to all questions. I was particularly delighted that 90% of our parents and carers feel that their children are well taught, are safe in school and are making good progress.

Many responses were signed and so teachers have been able to make direct contact with parents over any specific issues raised relating to their child. Where responses were unsigned but issues were raised, could I encourage you to pop into school to chat to a member of staff or to myself about any concerns that you may have.

We looked at all the responses very carefully indeed and will make changes and improvements where necessary and practical.

We also intend to send out this questionnaire on an annual basis so that we can track the impact of any actions that we take.

Contact Details

A polite reminder that if you would like electronic copies of letters etc. sent from school, please ensure that the office have your current and correct email address. Please also ensure that the office have your up to date details if your telephone number has changed and/or emergency contact details have altered. **It is vital that school is able to contact you or a trusted adult quickly in case of emergencies.**

Payment by cheque

Please can we ask that **all cheques** for trips, dinner money etc. be made to 'Kingsway Primary School' now that we are converting to academy status.

Governors

Finally, I am delighted to welcome two new parent Governors to our school: They are Mrs Morjaria and Mr Taylor. I am very much looking forward to working with them and our existing Governors as we move forward as an Academy.

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a very Happy New Year from everyone here at school.

Very best wishes

Julie Olsen

Headteacher