

Welcome to Kingston Community School's first Newsletter. It is great to start the new school year off, with fantastic news, that the new school site has been secured. This is a big step forward and solidifies the school's commitment to develop and transition into the new site. Can I take this opportunity to thank all parents during the period of uncertainty prior to this and for the continuing support and commitment in helping us to reach this point, I now look forward to working with you all on the next phase of our journey, Devinder Riat.



Kingstons House

We have great news to start the new term. Please see letter attached.

Safeguarding—Road and Car Safety

As a reminder, please park considerately when dropping off your children to school. **Do not block driveway entrances or exits, at the school or our neighbours.** It is wonderful to see so many children using their scooters and bikes to travel to school each day, there is a scooter/bike store if needed. Please do ensure your child does not leave the school grounds ahead of you when you exit each day, we are very mindful of the parked cars just outside the school. So, what does the law say?



- By law, adults must wear a seat belt in cars, vans and goods vehicles where one is fitted.
- It is an offence to drive with a passenger under 14 years of age who does not wear a seat belt or child restraint (as appropriate) in the front or back seat.
- Children can use a seat belt when travelling in the front or back seat of any car, van or goods vehicle once they reach their 12th birthday.
- Younger children can also use a seat belt when they reach 135 cms (4'5") tall.
- Any other child must use a car seat/booster appropriate to their weight—see the label on the seat.

There are very few exceptions (see www.direct.gov.uk/think. Look for Road Safety: hot topics).

Childhood Cancer Fundraising

With the very sad news of Ms Cramp's son the school wishes to support The Royal Marsden Hospital by fundraising and raising awareness of this disease. We will be fundraising in October with the children engaged in various activities. If you wish to know about this disease please follow the link: <http://www.goldseptember.com/schools/>

Attendance/Lateness

We had 3 children achieve 100% attendance for last academic year. Certificates and prizes will be given out at next Friday's assembly along with termly 100% attendance.

We will be focusing on attendance this year, our target is 97%. Letters will be sent out on a weekly basis to children whose attendance falls below 95%.

Well done to Oyster Class for achieving over 97% since the start of term.

| | Attendance | No. of Lates |
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| Oyster Class - | 97.2% | 5 |
| Jellyfish Class - | 96.4% | 5 |
| Dolphin Class - | 94.1% | 13 |
| Octopus Class - | 92.3% | 5 |

Class Dojo

Across Kingston Community School we are now using an additional method to



promote positive behaviour alongside our traffic light system. Class Dojo is used across many schools around the world and is a way to promote a positive classroom culture. Throughout the week teachers, lunch time assistants and all other school staff will award children Dojo points, these can also be taken away when the class and school rules are repeatedly not followed. The points be logged by all staff and at the end of the week the person who received the most points that week will receive the leader award and be celebrated within the classroom and our celebration assembly. We hope that you will enjoy hearing about your child's Dojo success as much as we enjoy awarding the points!



Buildings Update

All summer works at Acre Road were completed on time and parents were invited to see the new Year 2 classroom this week.



Parent Partnership to the rescue!!

Thank you very much to Robbie for helping Martyn rebuild the wall that was damaged. This has saved the school a lot of money and it looks great.



New Pre-School Initiative

KCS in partnership with AFC outreach workers, Emma and Rachael have started a Stay & Play session on a Thursday 9.30—11am for children aged 0-4years old. All local families are welcome, please tell a friend.



Flu Vaccine

Your Child's Nasal Flu consent form has been given out. Once received please complete & return to the School office as soon as possible. Please note this vaccine has gelatine.

Many thanks from the Kingston School Aged Immunisation Team.

Responses to Parent Surveys

Parent Surveys are a great way for the school to listen to the views of the parents and carers. We are so happy to report that in the previous 2 surveys conducted this calendar year, over 96% of parents reported their child likes school and they feel their child is safe at school. The parent surveys also showed that 96% of parents feel their child is making good progress and the teaching at KCS is good.

Parents reported that they would like more information on how school deals with unacceptable behaviour and also how the school prepares our children for their future lives. This information is coming your way along with another parent survey for this half term and a new Parent Voice noticeboard to capture parent feedback.

Please look out for a new survey being emailed to you at the weekend.



September 2017:

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| 19th | Year 2 Classroom look 3:10pm |
| 29th | First Rewards Assembly, parents invited by invitation |
| 29th | Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9am—10.30am |

October 2017:

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| 9th | Flu Vaccines |
| 10th | Individual Photos |
| 20th | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| 30th | BACK TO SCHOOL 8:45am |