Newsletter—Term 4 2024

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Headteacher News

I am delighted to lend this section of the newsletter to celebrating events and thanking members of our school community.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in our Cultural Evening, I am always very proud that we can hold the event and celebrate our school community.

I would also like to mention the school football team and the players and staff involved. We have played a number of games recently and the children always try really hard. Well done!

The Friends of King's Farm recently brought a number of benches for the children. They were delivered last week and the children are already enjoying using them, thank you.

There have also been a number of Class Assemblies held and I thank the staff and children for organising them and our families for your attendance.

Lastly, we say goodbye to Miss Percy and Mr Pring. Miss Percy is continuing her career at another school. I wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all she has done.

Mr Pring has been appointed as Headteacher of Thurnham Infant School. As you know, Mr Pring has been seconded there for four days a week since September and will now join as substantive headteacher after the Easter Break, I would like to congratulate Mr Pring on his appointment and thank him for all that he has done for the children of King's Farm Primary School and I wish him all the best for the future.

Mr Chris Jackson
Headteacher

Our year 6 children will commence their swimming lessons on Thursday 6th June and then every Thursday up to 18th July, a total of 7 lessons. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.15am on these dates.

Events

The following Educational Visits/workshops took place during Term 4:

- Kent Fire and Rescue spoke to all children from Reception to Year 6
- A selection of pupils in upper KS2 met Alessia Russo at Bearstead FC
- We celebrated World Book Day
- Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Chatham Dockyard
- Year 4 have been busy with their St George's Day Parade workshops
- Year 4 are looking forward to their visit to Bedgebury Forest National Pinetum

Early Pick Ups

We would be most grateful if you could avoid picking your child up early on a regular basis (unless for a medical appointment etc). You can book your child into After School Club if you are not able to collect them at the end of the day.

Being picked up early affects the other children and means that your child is missing the end of their lesson which will impact on the next day's learning.

- **5 mins missed every day adds to 3 days lost each year.**
- **15 mins missed a day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year**

Parking

Please could you ensure that care and consideration is given when parking outside of school. Especially refraining from parking on the zig-zagged yellow lines by the school gates.

Remember to leave enough room for the school bus to park when returning from Educational Visits.

Special Menu Day

On Thursday 16th May we will be serving our Toy Story Menu. Letters will be sent home soon.

Attendance

It is vitally important that you do let us know straight away if your child is absent from school. If you do not let us know then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

On the first day of no contact with the school a home visit will be carried out.

Being late also adds up to a loss of learning

- **5 mins late every day adds to 3 days lost each year.**
- **15 mins late a day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year**

If well enough, please ensure that your child attends school.

The school's phone number is:
01474 566979

After School Clubs

All bookings for Clubs and After School Clubs are made via the Weduc App.

School Dinners

School dinners must be paid for in advance, the cost of a school meal is £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week. Please make payments via the Weduc App.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals, for more information go to:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Residential Visit to Kingswood

We are planning to offer the children (currently in year 5) the opportunity to take part in a residential stay at the Kingswood Grosvenor Hall from Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th November 2024, when they are in Year 6.

Please join us for a meeting on Tuesday 26th March 2024 2.20pm to answer any questions you may have.

Information for your Diaries and Fridge Doors:

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February	**Staff Development**
Tuesday 20th February	**Pupils in School**
Thursday 28th March	**End of Term 4**
Easter Holiday	***Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April***

SUMMER 2024

Term 5

Monday 15th April	**Pupils in School**
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**
Friday 24th May	**End of Term 5**
May Holiday	***Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May***

Term 6

Monday 3rd June	**Staff Development**
Tuesday 4th June	**Staff Development**
Wednesday 5th June	**Pupils in School**
Tuesday 23rd July	**End of Term 6**
Summer Holidays Commence	***Wednesday 24th July***

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

AUTUMN 2024

Term 1

Mon 2nd September	**Staff Development**
Tues 3rd September	**Staff Development**
Wednesday 4th September	**Pupils in School**
Friday 25th October	**End of Term 1**
Autumn Holiday	***Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November***

Term 2

Monday 4th November	**Pupils in School**
Friday 20th December	**End of Term 2**
Christmas Holiday	***Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January***

SPRING 2025

Term 3

Monday 6th January	**Pupils in School**
Friday 14th February	**End of Term 3**
Spring Holidays	***Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February***

Term 4

Monday 24th February	**Staff Development**
Tuesday 25th February	**Pupils in School**
Friday 4th April	**End of Term 4**
Easter Holiday	***Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April***

The children return to school for Term 5 on Monday 15th April, our lunch menu will be Week 3.