

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES



Dear Families,

WOW! I can not believe we only have 1 week to go of our first half term! It has been wonderful to get to know the children and staff, what the community loves about the school and how we can develop it further.

Before half term, you will receive via email a Home Helper document from us. This will tell you what your child will be learning about next half term. It will have key vocabulary for different subjects, links to websites which can support you and your child with home learning and will provide the key book text that your child will be reading in class. Alongside the new vocabulary each teacher already sends out to prepare children for the following week (started in late September) we hope that this enables families in understanding the learning your child will undertake.

School Value Focus

We are Happy, we are compassionate, we are respectful

Kindness is such a simple thing, yet it has the power to transform someone's day and make them happy and grateful. A smile, a helping hand, or a thoughtful word may feel small to us, but for the person receiving it, it can mean the world and make them happy. What is even more special is how happiness and kindness spreads - it has a ripple effect. When one person displays it then it can often inspire the next person to do the same, and before long it reaches far more people than we might imagine. This links so closely with some of our school values. We are happy, we are respectful and compassionate. Happiness, kindness and compassion supports ambition and determination too, because when we encourage one another and celebrate each other's successes, we create an environment where everyone can thrive.

As I've walked around school this half term, I have seen so many examples of happiness and kindness through respect and being compassionate: children helping one another when they find something difficult, sharing, offering encouragement on the playground, or simply sharing a friendly smile in the corridor. On school trips staff have seen children holding doors open for the general public, being polite, engaging with site staff and asking curious questions. These small gestures create big ripples, helping our school feel safe, happy and welcoming for all. I would encourage parents to continue these conversations at home: What does kindness / happiness look like in your family? How can we show kindness in our community? Together, we can keep those ripples spreading further and wider.

Thank you!

Thank you for the well wishes I have received from parents via staff, my recovery is going well and I just can't wait to be back at King's Meadow with your children and the staff. I am very much still involved in school life and in contact with the school daily – technology is amazing at letting us work remotely!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their patience and kindness when we have reviewed the school's systems this half term and being open to change such as 'parent's evening' format, communication methods or the new location of the late door. We will continue to

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review things throughout this first year, trying to ensure all systems, events and processes have purpose and impact.

I would also like to acknowledge the issues with the school MCAS system – this is something that is unfortunately out of our control, but we have fed issues back to the company each time. Please do keep telling us if you are still having issues.

School Events

Last week, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Fisher organised different school trips for our pupils. Mrs Atkinson and some of our year 1 staff team, took our year 1 children to Eureka in Halifax to explore the human body and the importance of keeping healthy. Year 6 travelled to North Yorkshire to visit the Eden Camp and explore what life was like in World War 1 and II. The children and staff very much enjoyed travelling back in time.



On Friday, a wave of yellow travelled through the school with the children and staff supporting the Hello Yellow day. The school came together to talk about the importance of Mental Health. Mrs Fisher spoke in assembly to the children about what Mental Health is and how as a community we can help each other. My thanks to the staff team for promoting this important day.



Last week, a PTA letter was sent to parents for our first meeting on 20th October at 9am. This will be held with Mrs Moore in my absence and will explore different ideas to fundraise for school resources. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting with coffee and cake!

Community Support

A fortnight ago, I met with Tracey Carrington (centre manager) at the Red Roof centre who is working with a wide range of organisations to support our community in various ways. The centre has a regular Citizen Advice team, police PCSO and other services to help with home and community issues. We will be adding some of the community projects and initiatives to our newsletters in future. Additionally, we are also aware of how many families are struggling to register with dentist surgeries and parents raising concerns about not knowing how to put parental controls on devices, especially with the festive season soon upon us. Tracey and her team are exploring opportunities in both these areas to help parents. I would also encourage you to check out their website to find out more – events and classes.

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[Red Roof Centre CIC | Kinsley](#) - www.redroofcentre.com

If you haven't visited our Instagram page yet – we are also adding on quick parent guides to a variety of areas – building emotional resilience, dangers of energy drinks, creating family rules for using devices. We are also starting to put children's work and event photos on the platform, including our football team who played so well in their first tournament hosted by us on Monday. Mrs Fisher reported that she was so proud of all of them, reflecting the school values with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. Well done superstars!

I hope you find the last newsletter of this term beneficial in detailing events, news and ways the school can support. When half term comes on Monday 27th I hope you all have a wonderful rest and enjoy the Autumn spooky festivities – Boo!



Thank you for your continued support in making King's Meadow a thriving and nurturing learning environment.

Mrs Williams-Kendall
Head of School



Celebration Assembly

After half term, we will be inviting parents in of children who will be collecting a Values Champion certificate on a Friday assembly. Parents will be notified by text message from the school office by the Wednesday before by 3.30pm. Parents will be required to come to the school office and sign in on the Friday morning. Once we have settled all children into the hall, parents will be brought down to sit on the benches at the side.

Please can I remind you that we have a Waterton Trust Mobile Phone Policy – parents are not allowed to take photos of children in school due to safeguarding reasons. Should parents be on their phones in the school building – you maybe asked to leave.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have high expectations upon school attendance and punctuality. It is crucial in supporting your child to learn, grow and develop. King's Meadow's attendance aim is to ensure that every child, regardless of race, gender or ability receives their full entitlement to school and educational provision.

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We do all we can to encourage the children to attend, and to put in place appropriate procedures and believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes towards school.

Year Group Attendance – Since Sept 3rd to now

Reception - 96.7%

Year 1 - 91.4%

Year 2 - 95.6%

Year 3- 94.5%

Year 4- 94.1%

Year 5- 94.1%

Year 6 - 95.2%



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Please could I remind parents that children should be in full school PE kit on PE days. We have seen many children without PE kit or without appropriate footwear or some in their own casual clothes, especially some football kits being used.

Wearing PE kit in primary school helps prepare children for secondary school by building independence, ensuring comfort and participation in physical activity, and instilling a sense of discipline and equality.

Clean and Safe



As we move further into Autumn with the cold and wet weather, please could I remind all children and families to keep off the trim trail and grass before and after school. Our cleaning team do an amazing job but mud from shoes is really hard to clean on carpets.



Keeping off the trim trail is also for health and safety reasons as we do not have staff out

Well done to Reception – the only year group above 96% for attendance since the start of term.

Only a few weeks to go until the children start receiving Golden Tickets after half term if they are in school everyday. Each individual will then be entered in a draw for a brand new bike or scooter with hat and accessories!!

This half term, classes have been very competitive racing to gain the highest attendance for surprise quad time. Year 6 have won it several times and year 3. Well done to those classes.

This week, the class attendance has been as follows

R - 96.7%
 1CT - 88.6%
 1 JM - 93.9
 2BA - 95.6%
 3LC - 94.5%
 4/5 BP - 92.5%
 4/5 CB - 96.0%
 4/5 CG - 93.7%
 6 - 95.2 %

Only two classes above 96% last week – well done to Reception who will receive quad time as a surprise this week.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

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supervising at these times. Please help us to keep the school clean and safe.



What is in your child's lunch box?

Research shows that less than 2% of packed lunches meet the School Food Standards and so offer a far less nutritious option than school meals. We know that many parents want to send their children off to school with a healthy, tasty, packed lunch but often this is not the cheapest or most convenient option.

Information below may support parents with this – click on the link below:

[A week's worth of healthy school lunch ideas – Active For Life](#)

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



Safeguarding is a priority here

Following on from our last newsletter, I have detailed more about the immediate symptoms that can support parents to identify and support should they be concerned about family members or those in the community in relation to Ketamine

Should you wish to talk to a member of staff about any concerns, please get in touch with the following designated safeguarding leads.

Our school Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Penny (Executive Head)

Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)

Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)

Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)

SYMPTOMS OF KETAMINE ADDICTION

PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

- Tolerance
- Cravings
- Withdrawal Symptoms
- Impaired Coordination
- Numbness or Tingling



BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS

- Compulsive Use
- Neglect of Responsibilities
- Secretive Behavior
- Risk-Taking Behavior
- Inability to Stop or Cut Down

PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS

- Mood Swings
- Anxiety
- Hallucinations
- Dissociation and Depersonalization
- Preoccupation with Ketamine





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