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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back and of course welcome all the new families that have joined throughout the school. I look forward to meeting you all and of course learning all those new names! Reception children have met the challenge of the first day at 'big' school and are beginning to get to know their new surroundings. Year 1 and Year 2 children are settling down and happily looking forward to starting new and exciting projects.

I have been *impressed* with the punctuality of the children for the first two days – please keep it up! **A prompt start to the beginning of the day** helps to build social relationships and ensures no learning is missed.

The children have done amazingly well with using the old entrances on Ross Crescent and Briar Road. Classrooms will be open from 8:45am Monday to Friday. Finishing time for all years from Monday is 3:05pm.

If you need to speak to a member of staff about your child, try to catch them at the end of the school day when all the other children and parents have gone. For any urgent matters or appointments please pop in or telephone the school office. If someone else is collecting your child, please make sure they are over 18 years old and let the school office know the name of the person collecting in advance. Children will not be allowed to go home with another person unless their parent has informed the school first.

If your child is unwell please keep them at home but also telephone the school office before 9.30 am to let us know.

Headteachers no longer have the discretion to allow time off during a school year for a family holiday, days out, weddings etc, or to agree extended leave for parents to visit their country of origin. If you child is absent from school because of a holiday or family occasion which has not been agreed with in advance, this may be classed as unauthorised and you may be fined and legal action taken against you. If there are exceptional circumstances please make an appointment to discuss these with me.

Please keep informed by Parentmail, Marvellous Me App, our school website and of course our Twitter page.

Attendance

A Trophy is presented to the class with the best attendance each week. Classes are very competitive so please help your class by being on time every day. Children with 100% attendance are rewarded at the end of each half term with certificates, a special badge for a full term and everyone wants to win a trophy for 100% attendance at the end of the year!

Kind regards,
Mrs Caroline T-Walmsley
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Friday 10th September
School Council Meeting

Monday 4th October
Sibling Photographs – 8:00am
Individual photographs

Monday 18th October
Parent & Teacher Consultations
3:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 20th October
Parent & Teacher Consultations
3:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 22nd October
Break up for Half Term – 3:05pm

22nd October – 29th October
Half Term Break

Tuesday 21st December
AUTUMN TERM ENDS 1.30PM

Christmas Break
Wednesday 22nd December to 4th
January 2022

Wednesday 5th January – Inset Day
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS

Thursday 6th January – Back to
School 8:45am – For all Children

February Half Term
Monday 14th February – Friday 18th
February

Friday 1st April – Break up for Easter
Holidays – 1:30pm Pick up

Easter Holidays
Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

Tuesday 18th April – Inset Day
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS

Wednesday 20th April – Back to
School 8:45am – For all Children

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 27th May – OCCASIONAL DAY
– SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

May Half Term –
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

School Meals – Food Allergies, Intolerances and Cultural Diets

If your child has, a food allergy or intolerance or requires a cultural diet, it is important that both the school and our catering team know. Please email the school to let us know and you will need to apply to Herts Catering Ltd for your child to have a menu adapted to their particular requirements. You will need medical evidence of an allergy/intolerance or you can download a form which can be completed by your GP or hospital consultant/dietician. Please go to specialmenu.hcl.co.uk to apply, download the medical evidence form or for more details. If in doubt give the school office a call and we can help you.

PE Days

On the days your child's class is doing PE, please make sure they come to school in their PE kits, with trainers or sensible footwear.

PE kit day	
Monday	Blue
Tuesday	Blue, Purple, Yellow & Green
Thursday	Red, Orange, Green & Yellow
Friday	Purple



Marvellous Me App

Next week, Reception Parents will receive a letter containing information to log on to your Marvellous Me account. It is an app where teachers can keep in contact with parents and send home rewards, letters, reminders, information on what they are learning in school and pictures of your child.

Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may be entitled to pupil premium free school meals. For every Pupil Premium child we offer School Uniform, help with school trips and free milk. If you have not filled out an application form for Pupil Premium FSM, pop into the office to collect a form or apply online at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

School Clubs

Breakfast Club is open, you can now book breakfast club with the school office. Monday to Friday 7:45am to 8:45am.

Afterschool Clubs start from Monday 6th September. All afterschool clubs are now full, if you would like to join our waiting list, please send an email to admin@Kingsway.herts.sch.uk

Reading Books

Year 1 and 2 will be sent home with a reading book from today, they will be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday as long as their reading record is signed. Please try to read for ten minutes a day with your child.

Medication in School

If your child needs medication in school, make sure it is in the original packaging with the prescription sticker attached. We can only accept prescribed medication. You will need to bring all medication to the school office and fill out a care plan.

Dinner Menus

We have a few children without completed Dinner Menus. We will be sending home a Dinner Menu to be completed ASAP. Please make sure it is sent back on Monday, so we can order meals for your child.



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Please ensure you sign up for Parentmail when you receive your letter. We use Parentmail to send out our weekly newsletters, send information about events and you can also pay for school trips, milk etc. If for any reason the school has to close unexpectedly this will be our main point of contact with you. If you do not have access to a computer/laptop/tablet to read newsletters etc. we can arrange for you to receive a paper copy, just ask at the school office.