

Kingsland Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now in the third week of this new school session and I have a few updates and reminders for you.

COVID-19

We continue to follow all Scottish Government and Scottish Borders Council guidelines and ask you to continue to support us in this. Thank you for working with us in regard to arrangements for pick up and drop off of children. Our Primary One children are doing very well and we would now encourage parents/carers to begin to leave children at the top/bottom of the hill to walk round to the playground by themselves if you are comfortable to do so. Extra staff will be on hand to walk with children. This helps reduce the number of adults in the school grounds and we know from doing this with last year's Primary Ones that they also very much enjoy the little bit of independence!

The start of the day routine is working well with your support. If children are late they should still come in through the main front door.

At the end of the day we appreciate as few parents/carers as possible coming onto the pitch for collection. As many families as possible meeting off site is a great help.

Consent Forms

Included in this envelope you will find the following forms that need to be completed and returned by no later than Friday 3 September please:

- Flu immunisation consent form from NHS Borders. The date for the flu immunisations is Thursday 28 October 2021
- Annual Data Check form- it is particularly important we have your up to date contact information so that you don't miss emails or texts from school
- Local Area consent form for excursions out of school but within Peebles
- Allergy/Food Preparation consent form

- Bikeability consent form (P6 only)
- Running Club consent form (optional for P6 and P7 only, return the form if you would like to attend)
- iPad agreements (P4 only)

School office hours

A reminder that office hours are:- Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 3.45pm
Friday 8.30am – 1.30pm

These are the hours during which we have office staff available to answer the phone. The phone will not be answered out with these hours.

School Photographs

Usually at this time of year we arrange for individual school photographs to be taken. We are working on arrangements for this to potentially take place later in the session. This will be dependent on the public health guidance at the time.

Class Information

Also included in this envelope is some general class information and reminders from the class teacher. On the back you will find the COVID-19 rules we are following in school with the children. Teachers are enjoying getting to know children and establishing routines. If you need to speak to a class teacher please contact the school office. Be reassured if a class teacher has any concerns they will contact you. Remember the return to school continues to be different from normal in lots of ways and all our children need time to get back into a learning routine without pressure from us or yourselves. For some this could take a while.

Year Group Blogs

We are very much looking forward to being able to welcome you back into school as soon as this is allowed. Until then, please make regular visits to our year group blogs. Each class will share what they have been learning. Through doing this they are not only sharing their learning with you, but also learning important digital safety skills about what and when to share information online. The blogs are an important part of our learning at Kingsland so please support us by visiting regularly. You can leave a comment to say you have visited. The children very much enjoy reading your comments in class. You can access the blogs via the school website www.kingslandprimary.org

A few final reminders:

- Please 'bug bust' regularly to help us keep our school head lice free
- No dogs should be brought onto school grounds except guide dogs
- We can supply bags of uniform free of charge on request from our second hand store, contact the office to arrange this at any time

Thank you for your continued support.



Susan Ward
Headteacher