



# Kingsfield News

Learn Together, Play Together, Succeed, Together

Part of the



9th September 2022



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## Diary Dates For Parents

### School Photos

Wednesday 28th September

### Evidence Me Information Session

Thursday 15th 3.30 & 5.30 pm

### Inset Day

Monday 5th September

### October Half-Term

24th - 28th October

### Christmas Break

19th December - 2nd January

### February Half-Term

20th - 24th February

### Inset Day

Monday 27th February

### Easter Break

3rd - 14th April

### May Half-Term

29th May - 2nd June

### Inset Day

Monday 5th June

### Last Day of School

Friday 21st July

## A Warm Welcome

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and all the children have enjoyed their first few days settling into the new class and learning the new routines. Staff have captured some of these moments on twitter, so follow us to avoid missing out.

During the summer break there has been plenty of work going on in school which has included the completion of a full school re-wiring, painting and decorating classrooms, a staffroom refurbishment and a new soft play surface installed in the play park. School improvements are ongoing and we have a fabulous environment for children to thrive.

And finally today, following the sad news of the Queen's death, we have shown a mark of respect during a time of reflection.



## Welcome Leaflets

On Wednesday, the children all received a leaflet providing information about their new class. Details included when PE days are, key dates for Forest schools and swimming, teacher after school dropins days, teacher emails as well curriculum information and much more.

These leaflets provide really useful information about the new year group and for reference they can be also found on the website at

<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/parent-engagement/>

## The Forest Schools & Swimming Schedule for the School

Over the year all children will enjoy a series of Thursday Forest School Sessions which includes a parents engagement opportunity.

The swimming programme also continues on Fridays for all children from Year 1 upwards.

These whole school schedules can be found at

<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/letters/>

## School Attendance

I am certain that we agree that regular punctual attendance is vital to support confident, capable and happy children.

We can support children's attendance by administering medicine when required, whenever this is the case all medication must be signed in at the office.

Wherever possible we encourage medical appointments such as visiting the dentist, to be arranged outside of the school day.

We do accept that there may be days that children are too poorly to attend, if this occurs parents must contact the school with the reason for absence. If children are sick, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Starting next week we will be reporting on the best attending class.

Our school weekly attendance target to reach at least 97.5% attendance.



### School Meals

All children from Reception to Y2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. The meal are prepared and cooked on site and I would encourage parents to take full advantage of this. The price of school meals is **£2.50** for children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4.

If you think you entitled to benefit-related free school meals you can apply via the Staffordshire County Council website - <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

### The lunchtime Menus

New dates have been added to the Spring/Summer lunch menu which can be viewed on the website at <https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/>

The menu will be changed to the winter menu after the half term. The menu for next week is:-



### Children's Out of School Achievements

Huge Congratulations to Maisy Hancock who has passed her Stage 7 & Bronze Award at swimming during the 6 weeks holiday.



**Please be reminded that your Parentpay account needs to be checked regularly and any outstanding debts cleared.**

**As per the school debt policy any outstanding debts will result in the loss of the facility the debt is for until payment has been made.**

**New pupils to Kingsfield parents will shortly be receiving a letter with information for ParentPay along with login details.**

### Home-School Links Books

This week all children will have received their new Home School Links book. This provides some really useful information in supporting your child's learning. I would encourage you to spend time looking at this communication book together as there have been some updates.



### Nursery & Reception Evidence Me Parent Information Meeting

A short meeting will be held on Thursday 15th September after school at 3.30pm and then again at 5.30pm for parents of Busy Bees and Caterpillars classes. This will provided details on using the App to share information about your child.

### Pupil Leadership Roles

Throughout the week pupils have been voted into special roles these have include:- School Council representative, Eco Warrior, Attendance Officer, Sports Champion, Superfriend and E-safety Star.

Pupils elected into these positions play an important part in representing the pupils voice and making school decisions. Over the next few weeks, these pupil leaders will be announced.



### Vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, then please call the school office on 01782 973800 for an application pack.

The position is term time only for 1 hour per day with an hourly rate of £9.43. (Grade 2 Scale point 2).

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.

<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/policies-2/>

## Year 4 Bikeability

Year 4 have loved completing their bikeability today. They have learnt how to control their bikes, brake correctly using the right brakes and how to cross a road safely. Bikeability couldn't praise them more for their listening, good manners and all round behaviour. Well done year 4.



## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

### We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

### Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

