



# Kingsfield News

Learn Together, Play Together, Succeed, Together

Part of the  Children's First Learning Partnership  
Inspiring Excellence Together

7th October 2022



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## Diary Dates For Parents

Coming Soon.....

Parent Assemblies

Super Squirrels—Friday 14th October  
at 2.30pm

Fantastic Foxes—Friday 21st October  
at 2.30pm

Parents Evening

17th & 18th October

Harvest

20th October

### October Half-Term

24th - 28th October

Nativity Week—5th December

### Christmas Break

19th December - 2nd January

### February Half-Term

20th - 24th February

### Inset Day

Monday 27th February

### Easter Break

3rd - 14th April

### Closed for Voting—4th May

### May Half-Term

29th May - 2nd June

### Inset Day

Monday 5th June

### Last Day of School

Friday 21st July

For dates over the year please visit  
the website

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

## Parents Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on Monday 17th & 18th September. Letters have been sent out and in order for teachers to provide you with an appointment, the slip at the bottom of the letter needs to be filled in and returned. Thank you.

## The Book Fair is back!

The Book Fair begins on Wednesday 12th October and ends the morning of Monday 17th.

Come along to the hall before or after school to buy a book and help to earn free books for our school!



Find and follow us to see what we get up to!  



**ADMISSIONS FOR 2023**

**KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

**21ST NOVEMBER 2022**  
9.30AM

- Chat to teachers
- Meet the Headteacher
- School tour

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK A PLACE!  
TEL: 01782 973800



## Science Homework

This week the children have had an assembly introducing the first homework of the year! We found out about some famous astronauts and were given our mission.

EYFS - Draw, colour or paint a picture of an astronaut in space.

KS1 - Find out what an astronaut needs in space and design them a space suit.

KS2 - Find out more about an astronaut. Present what you have found out. You could make a book, an information poster, use the computer

- the choice is yours!



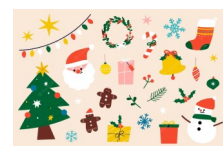
## Cauliflower Cards - The Christmas Card Printing Service

You will have received a letter explaining about cauliflower cards—to read again it is available on the website at

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

All payments are to be paid directly to Cauliflower Cards via their website and orders must be placed no later than 2nd November.

Enjoy getting creative!



the dates are:-

A huge **WELL DONE** to the following children who were awarded a golden ticket this week and chose a prize from the golden chest:-

William Belfield, Reuben Hopwood, Madison Hanley, Ezra Knapper, Faith Boulton, Layla Gartside, Aimee Pierpoint, Bella Biddulph, Lily Wain



**VIP Education**  
Visionary Individual Pathways

VIP Education supports with school attendance—please see the newsletter below for information about a school attendance.

The Headboy and Headgirl interviews have taken place today and the appointments will be being announced very soon. Congratulations for all pupils who have taken part in this process.

### School Uniform

There are no changes to our uniform just an update to the policy which is under consultation. It can be found here:-

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

Any feedback is welcome.



### Theme of the Week Next Week

Dealing with Emotions

### E-Safety Stars

Each class has appointed an E-safety Star who meets with Mrs McAulay to discuss how we can keep safe when using computers.

Next week the Stars will be meeting to create our job description and how we can help other children in our class to be SMART when using the computer.



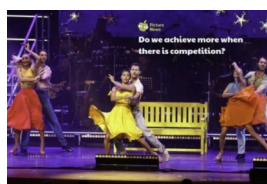
Thursday 13th October

Next week is the Parent Engagement session for the parents of children in Charming Cheetahs. The children have had so much fun at their session each week—they can't wait to show you some of the things they have been doing.

Terrific Tigers will have their parent engagement session on Thursday 20th October.



This week's question in Picture News was...  
Do we achieve more when there is a competition?



A great discussion about the ups and downs of taking part!

### House Points

**Mars - 441 Jupiter - 311**  
**Earth - 414 Saturn - 377**

**This weeks winners are Mars**

**Busy Bees - Eddie Baker**

**Clever Caterpillars - Molly Ribbans**

**Terrific Tigers - Ronnie Rockley**

**Charming Cheetahs - Imogen Cliff**

**Perfect Panthers - William Belfield**

**Learning Lions - Luca Lamkin**

**Super Squirrels - Nivishan Ariyakumar**

**Wise Owls - Bailey-Ray Holmes**

**Fantastic Foxes - Austin Postlethwaite**

### Awesome Award

**Busy Bees - Chloe Bennett**

**Clever Caterpillars - Frankie Dervishi**

**Terrific Tigers - Ezra Knapper**

**Charming Cheetahs - Henry Hawthorne**

**Perfect Panthers - Poppy Foster**

**Learning Lions - Dre Zake**

**Super Squirrels - Ronnie Spencer**

**Wise Owls - Rossi Street**

**Fantastic Foxes - Abigail Findlay**

### Thoughtful Friend

**Busy Bees - Harper Rose Williams**

**Clever Caterpillars - Faith Holland**

**Terrific Tigers - Isabelle Barber**

**Charming Cheetahs - Eddie Deakin**

**Perfect Panthers - George Cashmore**

**Learning Lions - Sonny Redfern**

**Super Squirrels - Hetty Dawson**

**Wise Owls - Evelyn Mitchell**

**Fantastic Foxes - Mailli Holley**



Our next PTFA Meeting is on  
Thursday 3rd November 3.20pm.  
We would welcome your attendance.

### The lunchtime Menus

Menu's can be found at  
<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/lu-nch-menu/>

The menu for next week is:-



New winter menu is coming school - sandwiches will not be an option for the winter.

**School Attendance last week was 96.86%**

**Class attendance was:-**

**Busy Bees—92.31%      Clever Caterpillars—98.47%**

**Terrific Tigers—98.47%      Charming Cheetahs—94.27%**

**Learning Lions—99.35%      Perfect Panthers—92.86%**

**Wise Owls—97.39%      Super Squirrels—98.21%      Fantastic Foxes—98.44%**

**Congratulations goes to:- Learning Lions**

**School target is 96.5%**

## Attendance and Punctuality Newsletter

As you are aware, it has been a difficult few years for schools due to covid restrictions. This has had a massive impact on children's education and mental health. With this in mind, it is imperative that we strive to improve pupils' attendance at our school.

### **Why school attendance and punctuality are important**

Going to school regularly and arriving on time is important for your child's future as it will enable them to achieve to the best of their ability and gain the GCSE grades they require for their future chosen career path. As well as this, going to school helps to develop social skills, life skills, cultural awareness, and friendships.

### **Impact of absences**

17 days absent from school in a year could mean a drop in a GCSE grade within all subjects.

Missed number of days	Missed number of sessions	Missed number of weeks	Missed number of lessons
1	2	0	5
3	6	0.5	15
5	10	1	25
7.5	15	1.5	35
10	20	2	50
12.5	25	2.5	65
15	30	3	75
17.5	35	3.5	90

### **Impact of lateness**

Over a school year –

5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent

15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent

30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

Pupils arriving late miss valuable teaching and learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious.

### **Help and support**

School staff are committed to working with parents to ensure any problems are dealt with straight away in order for pupils to feel happy and safe and achieve to the best of their ability. If parents have any concerns relating to attendance or lateness that they wish to discuss, please contact Mrs Butler.

To support the school in our commitment to improve school attendance and punctuality, we have employed an independent Education Welfare Service – VIP Education who will provide advice and guidance to the school, parents, and pupils. If you wish to discuss any concerns, please contact the school office who will provide you with their contact number.

## **Attendance and punctuality reminders**

### **Reporting absence**

Please contact the school office by 8.45 on the first morning of each absence. If no reason is provided the absence will be unauthorised on the attendance register.

### **Medical appointments**

We expect parents to make medical and dental appointments for their children before or after school or during the school holidays whenever possible. If this is not possible, confirmation of the appointment will be required prior to authorising the absence. If no evidence is provided, the absence will be unauthorised. Children are expected to attend school prior to the appointment and parents are expected to return their children to school following the appointment. If your child does not attend school before or after the appointment the absence will be unauthorised.

### **Holidays**

Pupils have 13 weeks holiday each academic year. Family holidays should be avoided during term time.

### **Arriving on time**

School starts at 8.45 and ends at 3.05pm for Reception, 3.15pm for Year 1 & 2 and 3.20pm for Year 3 & 4.

The morning register is taken at 8.55. Registration closes at 9.05. Pupils arriving to school after this time will receive an unauthorised absence on the attendance register.

### **Attendance policy**

Further information on our school's attendance procedures can be found on the school website

# Energy Saving Day



SATURDAY, 8TH  
OCTOBER

10.00AM - 1.00PM

BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

Low-Cost Living Ideas

Financial Advice

Local Food Options

Free Food

Giveaways

Environmental Groups

Local Council Advice

