



Headteacher's Comment:

This week marked the start of our Forest School lessons. As you will see from the photos below, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their introductory sessions this week. Forest School is something that we feel enriches children's learning experiences and every child should be given the opportunity to experience lessons beyond the classroom. Forest school can also have the following benefits for our children: Mental health - Forest School can improve children's emotional wellbeing and self-esteem; Confidence - Children can grow in confidence by demonstrating independence at their own pace; Problem solving - Children can develop problem-solving skills through hands-on activities and exploration; Connecting with nature - Children can build a connection to nature and themselves by exploring the outdoors; Imagination - Children can stimulate imaginative play through hands-on engagement with nature; Improved cognition - Forest schools can positively affect children's cognitive development, language development, and social and emotional development; Physical health - Children can improve their stamina and develop their gross and fine motor skills through physical activity; Resilience - Children can develop resilience by facing challenges and overcoming obstacles in a safe and supportive environment. Forest school forms part of our curriculum so we ask that the children being in appropriate clothing so they can participate in these sessions each week. You will receive confirmation when it is your child's turn to take part in these lessons.

This week everyone has had the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture when learning about Black History Month. This will continue throughout October. Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

October – Black History Month

Wednesday 23 - Parent Consultations 15:30 – 18:00

Thursday 24 October – Parent Consultations 17:30 – 19:30

Thursday 24 October – Forest School - Year 3 & Year 4

Friday 25 October – PTA Halloween Non-uniform day & tuck shop

We break up for a two-week half term.

Monday 11 November – Anti Bullying Week

Friday 15 November – Children in Need



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.5%	96.2%	93.7%	93.2%	94.05%	95.3%	94.1%	94.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 1	Year 5



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.7%	96.7%	93.6%	93.5%	94.1%	94.9%	94.05%	94.9%

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Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jake	Evie	Chloe	Tommy	Sonny	Sidney T	Penny



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Savannah in year 3 for always demonstrating positive behaviours and setting a good example to others.



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Just a reminder that when the children have the Halloween non-uniform day we ask that ordinary clothes are worn and no football kits are worn as these have previously caused rivalry among the children. Thank you for your support with this.



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception		1 (6%)	2 (14%)	2 (14%)	4 (26%)	6 (40%)	10 (66%)
Year 1				4 (17%)	7 (30%)	13 (56%)	20 (86%)
Year 2		2 (9%)	2 (9%)		17 (77%)		17 (77%)
Year 3			3 (15%)	6 (30%)	5 (25%)	5 (25%)	10 (50%)
Year 4		2(9%)	1(4.5%)	3 (13.5%)	5 (22.5%)	11(50%)	16(72.5%)
Year 5	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	13 (47%)	17 (61%)
Year 6				1 (6%)	5 (29%)	11 (65%)	(16) 94%
Total							65%

Kids Inspire Christmas Appeal

On Thursday we marked the importance of Mental Health and spoke about how we can support our friends, This is something that is high on our agenda at KHCPs and Kids Inspire is a charity that we use at school to support our children. We hope you can support them with this years Christmas appeal. If you know of a family that could benefit from the Christmas Appeal, please speak with Miss Townsend or Mr Webb. Thank you.

This Christmas, the cost of living is overwhelming many families. Kids Inspire believe that every child deserves a special Christmas, which is why this 'appeal' has taken place every year for the past 15 years. This year they are anticipating a high demand. If you can, please make a difference and donate to the 2024 Christmas Appeal.

Donate, give a gift, or give a hamper

For the past 15 years, they have successfully run a Christmas Appeal to source, wrap and deliver presents, and hampers, to nominated children and their families in Essex. Every year we appeal to the local community to support the appeal to help give children a better Christmas.

The options to be involved are:

Donate a cash amount on the just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ki-christmas-24>

Give a gift - new gifts for children aged 0-18 (value of approx. £10-£20). we can

Collect in school and donate on your behalf to a collection centre.

Give a hamper - if you would like to donate a hamper, below are the contents to fill your hamper with. Please use a bag for life or tote bag for contents: 1. *Box of mince pies (please check the expiry date - the end of December 2024 is ideal!).* 2. *Box of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and marshmallows.* 3. *Box or tin of biscuits and a box or tin of chocolates.* 4. *Christmas pudding/custard.* 5. *Savoury biscuits or crackers with chutney, pickle or jam.* 6. *Crisps – sharing bag.*



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