



Friday 6 September 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

Welcome back to our new school year! It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week.

Whilst we welcome new staff this September, our aim is to provide the children with a memorable experience of school. We must give an extra special welcome to all those new children (and families), as well as our new Reception class. Speaking of our youngest learners, it is always fantastic to see how quickly they settle in to school life and I believe this is enabled by the hard work and preparation from our staff and families working together.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Everett, Director of Education. She will be a valued and visible presence in our school, please introduce yourself when you see her and I know that you will join me in welcoming her to our school community.

As always, the teachers have been busily organising imaginative and inspiring learning for the children within our school. We pledge to make each day memorable and enjoyable at KHCPs. We are delighted to see how children are excited to be back in their school. After all, we want the children to make lots of progress academically, but school is also about enjoyment!

KHCPs is very proud of the work it continues to do to make sure that children can remain safe. Keeping our children and ourselves safe is something that should always be at the forefront of our minds and takes many forms. Please take time to look at the Safeguarding section of our website, which is dedicated to keeping our children safe. If you do have any concerns or questions, please speak to a member of SLT or contact the School Office to make an appointment with me.

An important announcement for school lunches- especially for families in Year 3! Universal free school meals remain in place for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Therefore, those families who are eligible for benefit related free school meals in Year 3 (or above) need to register via the School Office. If you are unsure regarding eligibility, please come and see the office team. Even if you think you may not be eligible, DO apply because you (and the school) may be missing out on funding. Year 3 parents who are not eligible will obviously need to pay for school meals. On this note, we are encouraging children to bring in a 'healthy snack'. The infants are provided with a piece of fruit daily, so please encourage your children to try these. For more information about why we should encourage healthier snacks, and for ideas on what you can provide, please follow the [link](#). Please be reminded that we do not allow nuts in school due to allergies. Children should also be provided with water bottles (with water in them) please.

Commitment from families is a vital component in our partnership and the start of the year is an appropriate time to remind you all about the importance of attending school every day, and arriving on time. Learning takes place from 08.30 and we look forward to every child being able to benefit from a full experience of school. I am sure most of you are aware that the Department for Education has issued new statutory guidance for attendance, called *Working Together to Improve School Attendance*. This came into effect on the 19 August 2024. It details what schools, parents/carers and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school. There are some important changes to attendance management from 19 August 2024, which will affect the support parents/carers and pupils receive from schools, and the legal sanctions that are used in certain circumstances. Please refer to our school policy which can be found on the website, for more information on this. Please ensure you look at the policy on the website, or speak to a member of staff if needed.

This year we will continue to share our daily reading figures with you, as reading is a life skill that helps to improve our future. The teachers track the number of children reading at home each week, and we are pleased to say that this is gradually starting to increase week on week, which is very positive. The children have been made aware of the importance that reading has and how it helps access all areas within the curriculum, and ultimately our life chances. It is essential that all children read daily for 10 minutes. Going forward, if we find that your child has not read once throughout the week, and that their Reading Record hasn't been signed by an adult at home, the children will read with a member of staff during their break or lunch time. Please help your children develop this life skill by listening to them read daily. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to your support in this academic year. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Townsend



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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	100%	99.5%	93.6%	95.4%	94%	91.3%	93.8%	95.1%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 1	Year 3



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Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

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Stars of the week Congratulations to all of our Stars of the week.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Josie	Azura	Elsie	Freddie	Delilah	Ethan	Charlie



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Myah in Year 6 for displaying the school values of kindness and safety and for a positive start to the new academic year. Keep up the good work!



Reminders

Uniform reminder: Children should wear the correct uniform to school (black shoes) and please remember jewellery should not be worn in school – it is too precious and contravenes the 'Health and Safety' guidelines which all schools abide by. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they are removed before coming to school, Thank you!

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](#).



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