

Newsletter 11th September 2020



Welcome to the new academic year. We hope that the children are all settling into their new classes. It was lovely to see all the excited faces coming back into school after such a long time for some of them.



Morning Drop off

Thank you to everyone for following the drop off and pick up arrangements this past week. We have however noticed that some families are arriving at the gate as early as 8.30am making this area very congested. Gates are open from 8.45am - 9.00am giving 15 minutes to drop your child/ren off. Please help us with social distancing by not arriving before 8.45am and perhaps, year 3 and 4 parents come first and year 5 and 6 parents come a little later or let their children walk to school alone if they are in the older year groups.



Parent Consultations Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October

Please make a note of the above dates for parent consultations. **School will be closing early both days from 1.40pm.** All children will need to be collected at this time (more details on this soon). Acorns after school provision will run from 1.40pm

and close at 5.30pm each evening. More information on how to book your consultation with your child's class teacher will be sent home shortly.



Upper School Year 5 and 6 - PE Days

Starting Monday 14th September we are asking for Years 5 and 6 to come to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE, the rest of the time they need to be in school uniform. The reason for trialling this is the space available for each class to change in is very limited and sometimes difficult to manage with separated groups.

The curriculum letters going out today have this information on.

As the weather is a little unpredictable at the moment please make sure they wear jogging bottoms and a warm sweatshirt to and from school with their PE kit underneath.

Year 3 and 4 must continue to wear their school uniform each day to school as the arrangement for them to change into their PE kits is working well.



School Office

The office is open to all parents if you have items to drop off or have a question. Please come to the office door and they will be able to help you from a safe distance. We also have a new member of staff join the office team - Mrs Anderson and she will be in the office 3 days a week.



After School Clubs

At the moment we are unable to offer after school clubs. We will review the situation with clubs after the October half term.



Cashless School

As you are aware we no longer take cash in school. All payments for lunches , school trips etc, must be made via your Scopay account. Everyone has been sent a personnel link code to set up their own account. If you have lost your code, please see Mrs Rogan in the school office and she will request a new one.



School Meals and Booking Links

Lunches now need to be booked a week in advance. You can book up until midnight Sunday for the coming week. The cost is £11.25 per week. Please ensure that you add your payment onto your Scopay account. To book the choice of meal your child would like please use the following links for your child's year group.

Year 3 - <https://forms.gle/Zfq5xWRveBhPDq7K9>

Years 4, 5 and 6 - <https://forms.gle/WMnm4dJNvnfv9HhW8>



Usborne Books from Mr West

This week every class received a delivery of Usborne books, bought with money raised from our sponsored read. Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child, and to Michelle Dalby for organising. As you can see, we bought a fantastic range of books for the children to enjoy.



Transfer to Secondary School 2021 Information for Year 6 parents

This week we sent home a leaflet on Secondary School transfer for 2021.

School open evenings and days start on Tuesday 24 September for Kingston schools. Please note due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, these dates may be subject to change- please check school websites well in advance.

The application process

Please ensure that you read the complete Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools brochure online at www.kingston.gov.uk

Apply online at www.eAdmissions.org.uk

Your application will be managed by the Council's School Admissions service where you live (eg if you live in the Royal Borough of Kingston, this is your home council).

You can apply for up to six schools, academies or free schools (state-funded schools) in the Kingston borough and in other council areas.

- You must list the schools in the order that you prefer them. The order of preference is important as it will decide which school is offered if your child qualifies for a place at more than one school.
- Each school considers your child's application against its admission criteria **only** and not according to your order of preference.
- The order of preference in which you list your schools is **confidential**. Schools are **not** told the preference order in which you have listed them.
- You should check if you need to complete a supplementary information form for the schools you are applying for. If the school is outside Kingston borough, please refer to the relevant local authority or contact the school (contact details for neighbouring authorities can be found in the Admissions brochure).
- For more details on the schools' admissions criteria, please refer to the school's individual website.
- Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, secondary schools may change the dates of their open events. Please check the schools' websites for details
- If your child sits a selective (grammar) school test, and if the test results are not available by 31 October, you will be able to add or remove selective schools preferences and change your preference order to a maximum of six preferences **by 10 December**.

All of the above points are covered in the Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools brochure in a step by step guide which you can find on the Kingston website:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/downloads/download/218/secondary_school_admissions_brochure

Please also look at the 'Frequently Asked Questions' on the website:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200222/secondary_schools_ages_11_to_18/1637/frequently_asked_questions_in_kingston_borough

If you require any additional support or advice please email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk and provide a telephone number to contact you on.

