



Kings Norton Primary School

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OUR DIAMOND RULES

SHOW RESPECT AND GOOD MANNERS.

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS WITH THOUGHT AND CARE.

CARE FOR EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, I hope you all managed to have some rest and time away with your families during August. Although not the hottest summer on record, I'm sure that it didn't dampen the traditional English summer spirits! Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, as usual I would like to begin by informing you of some staffing changes this year and welcome to the team Mrs. Lee in year 4, Mrs. Hands in year 2, Miss. McKenna in year 1 and Mrs. Smith as teaching assistant in year 2. I would like to wish them every success as they begin their careers at Kings Norton Primary.

If you have any questions or need to chat I will be outside at 8:45 or available to speak to you by phone during the day whenever reasonably possible. Mrs. Rushton and Mrs. Cooper are usually available for any questions and/or support.

Please remember.....if we don't know there is an issue we cannot resolve it, so please come in and talk to us! Please resist the use of social media to discuss any issues on public forums. I look forward to working with you all once again and have no doubt this will be another successful year for the school.

Diamond Rules

At the top of the page you will see our diamond rules, we use these for all aspects of life in school as we feel they encompass every eventuality and are used by all. We use these to support and reinforce all positive aspects. If you would be kind enough to support these at home that would be wonderful and really help the work we are doing in school. Your back up is essential in reinforcing any work that we do with your children.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Online preference forms should be completed and

returned by 31st October 2017 or are completed online by going on

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions; if you complete the online form you will receive an email informing you of your child's school. If you wish to view schools that are outside of Birmingham and whose open evenings fall after this original closing date you may apply online by the final deadline on 31st October 2017.

Reception Class 2018 Open Evenings Parents and their children who are due to start school in September 2018 are welcome to attend our Open Evenings on Thursday 12th October 2017 and Thursday 9th November 2017 at 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

*Follow instructions with
thought and care.*

Headteacher: M Tromans

*Care for everyone and
everything.*

*Show respect and good
manners.*



Messages for Teachers If parents or carers have messages for Teachers in the morning, please find a Teaching Assistant in the rear playground who will be happy to help by passing the message on. If you wish to speak to a Teacher personally then please ask to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Visitors can only be admitted at the start of the school day for pre-arranged appointments. Thank you for your co-operation.

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles : Children in Yrs. 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to be provided with a piece of fruit or dried fruit for their mid-morning snack; other food items which claim to contain fruit such as fruit strings or fruit bars should not come into school. Teachers will ask children to take home any food items which don't comply with our healthy food policy. I am sure that you will give us your full support in developing and encouraging healthy eating habits.

A reminder also that fizzy drinks should not be brought into school. Chilled water is freely provided and children are encouraged to drink this throughout the day. Only those children bringing in a packed lunch to school may bring a carton of fruit juice to drink at this time. Water bottles may be purchased from the school office.

Attendance: I am very pleased to report that our attendance for the end of the last academic year was 96.60%. Thank you to all of our parents who support us in getting your children to school regularly and on time. I would also like to remind all parents that no authorised holiday leave is granted during term time and so absence for the reason of a family holiday will be unauthorised.

Food and drink on the school site: Please only give your child food or drink when you have left the premises at the end of the school day. We have a strict policy on children bringing sweets and other confectionary into school.

Parent and visitors code of conduct: Our code of conduct highlights acceptable behaviour for all adults in the school. You will find a copy on the website in the 'our school' menu. All discussions are held in a calm, supportive manner that follows the restorative approaches that we adopt with the children, views are listened to and valued at all times.

Jewellery and Mobile Phones: The school policy on these items is that they should not be in school: however, regarding mobile phones, we understand that some children bring a phone for safety reasons so they can phone parents on safe arrival at school and when they leave. Where this is the case, (usually no younger than yrs. 5 and 6 pupils) please inform the school in writing that you wish your child to have a phone in school, these should be switched off on entry and exit to the school grounds and will be secured in the office during the day. Items of jewellery are valuable and can easily be lost and can cause injury during P.E and other physical activities. Where children have pierced ears, studs may only be worn and these must be removed or covered up with tape during P.E and swimming activities. The school can take no responsibility for lost items or injury caused as a result of jewellery being worn in school.

School uniform: Children should have the correct uniform each day which includes black shoes and no trainers. Please ensure everything is labelled with permanent pen so we can identify lost items, we always have an incredible amount of clothing unclaimed each year and some items are nearly new. Any items unclaimed by the end of the week can be provided for your child, just come and ask.

Scooters and bikes: For everyone's safety please do not allow your children not to ride these in school.

Medical Conditions: A reminder to let us know if there has been any change related to your child's health over the summer. For example he/she is now using an inhaler or any other regular medication, even if they do not need it whilst at school. This information helps us to take the best care we can of your child. You will be receiving a number of forms to complete over the next few weeks, it really helps us if you can complete and return the forms to the school office. Also please check regularly that asthma inhalers are in date if they are kept in school.

Parking: Finding a parking space at the start and end of the school day is a perennial problem but trying to manoeuvre a vehicle in front of the school gates is illegal and potentially dangerous. Can I remind you that the Navigation Pub car park and Kings Norton Green can be used by parents at peak times; I also ask that parents do not park in front of the sliding gates when called into school to pick up an unwell child.

Dogs on School Property: You will be aware that for the safety of our children, pet owners should not bring their dogs onto the school premises. I am sure that the responsible pet owners amongst you would not wish your animal to harm anyone, least of all a young child. Therefore I am bringing this to your attention in the expectation that you will keep your dogs a safe distance away from the children and parents coming in and out of school.

Free Events at Kings Norton Park All activities meet at the grass area near the car park on West Hill Road.

- Tai Chi – for all ages and abilities, gentle all round exercise, 6pm Wednesdays
- Beginners Running 9.30am – 10.30 am Saturdays couch to 5k beginners running group
- Social Group running group 9.30am – 10.30am Saturdays

Food Bank Donations If you would like to donate any dried or tinned food to Cotteridge Food Bank, we have a blue container outside the main front door for your kind donations. Many thanks go to those who have already kindly donated. If you are a family in need please contact Sue Rushton for food bank vouchers

Enquiries to the School Office: Please be aware that the School Office staff are available to help you between 8.30 am - 3.45 pm Monday to Friday.

Term Dates and Training Days:

Friday 20th October - 3.15 pm School closes for half term holiday

Monday 30th October - 8.55 am School re opens for pupils

Friday 22nd December - 3.15 pm School closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January 2018 - 8.55 am School re opens for pupils

Friday 16th February 3.15 pm School closes for half term

Monday 26th February - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 27th February - 8.55 am School re opens for pupils

Thursday 29th March - 3.15 pm School closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 16th April - 8.55 am School re opens for pupils

Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday, school closed

Thursday 3rd May - Election Day, school closed to pupils

Friday 25th May - School closes for half term

Monday 4th June - 8.55 am School re opens for pupils

Friday 20th July - 3.15 pm School closes for Summer Holidays

Monday 23rd July - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 24th July - Teacher Training Day

Important Dates

W/C 11 September - Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 11 October - Class 3M Inspire Workshop

Thursday 12 October - Class 3C Inspire Workshop

Thursday 12 October - Reception Class 2018 Open Evening 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 17 October - Class 4R Harvest Festival

Wednesday 15th November - Parent's Evening 3.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Meet your child's new teacher. We would like to invite you to meet your child's new teacher, to gain more information on expectations and the curriculum for their year. The meetings will take place in the Infant Hall at 9.00 am to 9.30 am

Year Group	Date
5	Tuesday 12 th September
4	Wednesday 13 th September
3	Thursday 14 th September
2	Monday 18 th September
1	Wednesday 20 th September
Rec	Thursday 21 st September

Inspire Workshop dates 2017-18

	Autumn 2017	
Year 3	3M - Wed 11.10.17	3C- Thurs 12.10.17
Reception	RA- Wed 01.11.17	RH- Thurs 02.11.17
	Spring 1 - 2018	
Reception	RA- Wed 17.01.18	RH- Thurs 18.01.18
Year 2	2B- Wed 31.01.18	2H - Thurs 01.02.18
Year 5	5D - Wed 14.02.18	5O- Thurs 15.02.18
	Spring 2 - 2018	
Year 1	1E - Wed 07.03.18	1M- Thurs 08.03.18
Year 4	4R- Wed 14.03.18	4L- Thurs 15.03.18
	Summer 1 -2018	
Year 6	6AB- Wed 25.04.18	6AW- Thurs 26.04.18

Message from the PTA

This year's PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on 4 October at 7pm in the Infant Hall. Please feel free to come along – everyone is welcome.

Yours faithfully.



Mike Tromans.
Headteacher