

Headteacher:
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Newsletter



From the Headteacher



Kingswood

The 40 children who attended the Kingswood residential trip to Staffordshire had an amazing time, attempting all sorts of activities including zip wire, fencing, quad biking and climbing. Thank you so much to Mrs Lacey, Miss Nicklin, Miss Lyford, Mrs Nurden and Miss Packham for giving up their time during the first weekend of the half term holiday. A never to be forgotten experience!

Attendance

School attendance was a fantastic 95.68% last term with a record 234 children achieving 100% attendance after Easter. Winners of the termly attendance awards were 2A Mrs Debus' class 97.76% and 5A Mr Clark's class 97.59%. They will be looking forward to their class treat soon. Can I please remind all parents that Headteachers are not able to authorise holidays under any circumstances and as a school we will only authorise a maximum of two days absence for exceptional circumstances.

Website

Over half term our new website was launched and we hope that you have had a chance to view it. At last there are some up-to-date photographs and hopefully it is easier to find what you are looking for, when you need it! No doubt there will be the odd glitch but overall I hope that it gives you a better flavour of the school and the learning that takes place here. Please tell us if there is anything missing that would be helpful to you.

Hoedown Showdown

The Summer Fete is just four weeks away. There is lots to look forward to and you should have had a separate letter giving more details. The more helpers we have the better and if you work with friends then you can have a wander and enjoy yourself at the same time!

Car safety

We had a close miss at the school gates on Tuesday with a parent parking on the zig-zag lines at the gate to drop off their children and then, as they attempted to turn around, almost reversing into another child who was walking past. The zig-zag lines are there for a reason; please do not park on them. Running late is not an excuse, nor is poor weather. Please can motorists leave extra time for their journey and park in a safe place away from the school gates. I have asked the PCSO to monitor the situation when he can.

Playground Equipment

A polite reminder please to not allow children to access the school play equipment or trim trail before and after school as they are not supervised at these times. For everyone's safety ball games should not be played at these times and bikes and scooters should be walked through the playground, not ridden. Thank you in advance for helping keep the school a safe place.

Fiver Challenge

Miss McKenna is leading the Fiver Challenge in Year Six, where children are given the challenge of 'investing' £5 in order to generate and make larger amounts of money. It's a fun way of introducing ideas about business and thinking about the world of 'work'. Our budding entrepreneurs are holding a market after school on **Thursday 29 June**.

Best wishes,
Neil Blackwell



What we are doing!

Phonics Screening

Next week is Phonics Screening week in Year One and for some children in Year Two. The children have made fantastic progress this year and the tests will be administered during the school day with their class teachers.



PANTS

Certain conversations are very difficult to have with children, even as parents. Talking PANTS is a simple way to keep children safe from abuse. The acronym teaches children that they have a right to say no and that they should tell an adult if something upsets or concerns them.

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

If your child says something that worries you, talk to one of our safeguarding team or contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.



Dates for your diary

Monday 12 June	Phonics Screening Week for Year 1
Monday 12 June	Family Meals Week all week
Tuesday 13 June	Y3 Chedworth trip
Thursday 15 June	Y5/6 cricket festival
Tuesday 20 June	Chenderit transition day begins
Friday 23 June	Early Years Sports Day
Wednesday 28 June	Y5 Steamer Point trip



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Thursday 29 June	Y3 & 4 Rounders festival
Friday 30 June	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 4 July	Y1 Sea Life Centre trip
Saturday 8 July	PTFA summer fete 11.00-2.00



St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>