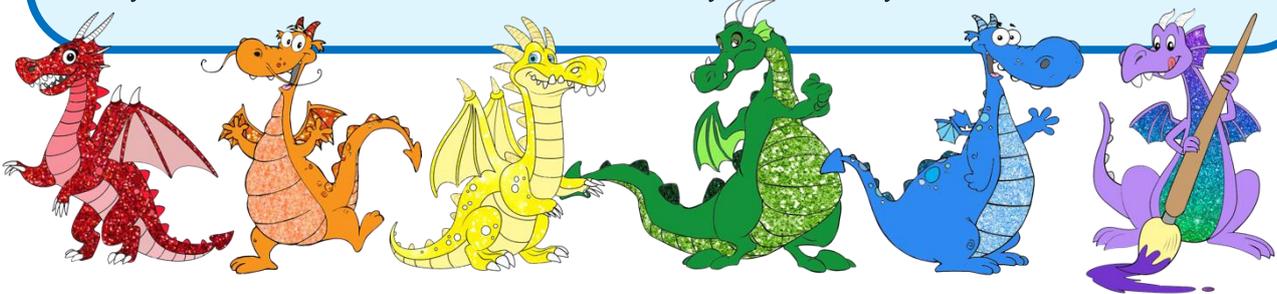


Dear Parents and Carers,

At King's Academy College Park, we have achieved so much over the course of the first half term. The journey to creating a vision of a primary school is now taking shape.

The introduction of our new school values, Responsibility, Teamwork, Challenge, Creativity, Resilience and Independence are now truly embedded in the day to day routines of the school and you can see them in the classrooms and every corner that you turn.



Diary Dates

Parents evenings: Monday 8th November & Thursday 11th November

Children in Need: Friday 19th November

Anti-bullying Week: Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November

Flu Vaccinations: Friday 12th November & Tuesday 16th November

Christmas Celebrations: TBC

Curriculum

We have been working very hard to develop our curriculum here at KACP. We are building our curriculum to make it even brighter and even bolder. Keep an eye on the website for this!

Reading

Reading and a love for reading is so important and here at KACP we work hard to support the children with their reading and the desire to read. As parents we encourage you to do the same. The benefits of reading reach into adulthood and children who are skilled readers tend to get better jobs and have better life chances. This is so important to us and it must be important to you too. We are asking the children to read EVERY DAY at home with a comment/signature from you no less than five times a week. Children are praised, recognised and rewarded in school for this. Thank you for supporting your children.



Children in Need



We will be celebrating Children in Need this year on Friday 19th November by dressing up and a suggestion donation donating of £1. Our theme this year is spots and stripes.

Remembrance

We will be holding a special remembrance assembly for the children on Monday 11th November and holding a minutes silence at 11am.



Website

We are continually updating our website! You can now find essential e-safety guidance on there for pupils and parents and we have added our reviewed Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

Communication

I am aware that processes are in place to communicate information to parents, sometimes are not as effective as we would want them to be. We have been addressing this and acknowledge this is something that we need to improve. We would ask that if you have changes to contact details, please inform the office as soon as possible to ensure that information and messages sent go to the correct phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

The Central Office

The central office, which is located on the junior site is now taking shape. Mrs Smith is also working in the central office. We are committed to ensuring that the office runs smoothly and, on that note, I would like to say thank to you all and your support in helping staff create the central office, the hub of the school.

Staff update



As you know, Mrs Lathem retired from her role as Head of School at the infant school just before half term. Mrs Todd (Year 1 LSA) also retired at the same time after being a member of the College Park team for an amazing 24 years! We will miss them both but wish them a very happy retirement. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Garnett to the Year 1 team as an LSA on 15th November.

Attendance

It is very important that children are in school every day and on time to ensure that they get the most from their education. This is especially important as, due to Covid, their learning has been disrupted. Attendance is not like a test...If you scored 90% in a test I'm sure you would be happy but 90% attendance is not so great.



Did you know....?

If your child's attendance during this school year....	Your child would have lost approximately....	Or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons

Turning up to school on time is important too. Children need the time to settle down, change their reading books, take Accelerated Reader quizzes, complete early work and say hello to their friends before the first lesson. This is all learning time too. If your child is late it can be very unsettling for them and disruptive to the rest of the class.

Did you know...?

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately ...	Or they would have missed approximately....
5 minutes	3.5 days	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days	82 lessons
25 minutes	22 days	123 lessons

Getting your child to school really matters. Remember: **Absence = Lost Opportunity**

Flu Vaccinations

Everyone should now have received a flu vaccination letter. Vaccinations will be taking place in school on the following days:

Infant Children: 12th November

Junior Children: 16th November

If you have any queries about this or have not received any information please contact the school office.

More information about the vaccine can be found [here](#).

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for:

- School Cleaner
- Midday Supervisors
- Learning Support Assistants

Please check the school website for more information.

Exciting News



One of our pupils, Ethan in Year 6, has won a prize for his writing... here's a snippet for you to read!

There was a Robo man and he liked eating laser fries made out of robotic waste. The recycling robot made everyone recycle their robotic waste to make his fries. It did make tasty food though! 'Recycle, you better recycle!' he always said. Robo man went into 'Jimmy Jim's laser fries shop' and he found some robotic cheese in the corner. He had been told that cheeses are made by evil scientists and someone had once got teleported to another dimension, octillions of miles away after eating a piece. The evil scientist kidnapped that person 1,198 years ago in early Victorian times in 1803, and it's 3001 now!

A final word from us all at KACP

From myself and the staff at KACP, THANK YOU. Creating a vision of a primary school brings with it many challenges, but support from parents and carers is essential to ensure that we succeed. Your support and words of encouragement have been a constant and are so appreciated.

On a personal note, a highlight of my day is welcoming the children every morning and having the opportunity to meet you all. From my first day at KACP, the welcome that I received has been wonderful. Thank you.

Take care

Mrs Carlyle

