



KING EDWIN NEWS

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at King Edwin Primary School. May I also say a huge 'thank you' to everyone in the King Edwin community for making me feel especially welcome. Your messages of support and friendly 'hello's' are very much appreciated.

It was a busy and exciting start last week and hopefully our involvement with the Tour of Britain was well worth while the effort. Mrs Farrow did a great job organising it all and Team KEP pulled together to make it all happen (even despite an unexpected fire alarm just minutes before we left). Our children and families were awesome too!

In the coming weeks we will be updating our website and issuing numerous information regarding developments at the school including dates for the rest of the year. We have also launched our new Facebook page. Please bare with us as I get up to speed with things. I have, at least, worked out how to use the photocopier now!

I have spoken to many of the children and have managed to have a chat with many parents but for those that I have missed so far, there will be a further opportunity to do so on **Monday 18th September at 9.00am** and **Friday 22nd from 3.15pm** in the school hall. I am keen to hear new ideas and suggestions and look forward to discussing this informally with parents and children.

The staff have been exceptionally busy over the summer and have some fabulous starting points this term. The children have started very well and already there has been some high quality learning experiences at King Edwin over the past few days.

We have set a number of dates for this term and although they are subject to change, the majority are pretty static and we anticipate them taking place. Hopefully by providing these dates so early parents will be able to plan ahead. I have also enclosed a variety of information for the start of the new term which I hope will be very helpful to you. If you require further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

It is going to be a fantastic year at King Edwin Primary School and I am very excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to working more closely with our community, ensuring the very highest level of education and care for our children.

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

Useful dates for your diary
- others to follow

- KS1 Harvest Festival
20th September 9.30am
- Individual school photographs
26th September
- KS2 Harvest Festival
27th September 9.30am
- Parents Evening
17th and 18th October
- INSET day
20th October
- Last day of term
Tuesday 22nd Dec

All dates subject to change
See the school online diary to
keep up with all the latest
news at KEPS



Tour of Britain is Terrific

The Nottinghamshire stage of the Tour of Britain drew 200,000 spectators and our King Edwin community were out in force to support the riders.

People from across Edwinstowe flocked to the event to watch the international athletes, waving and cheering with excitement as they raced on past. TV commentators claimed that the county had the 'biggest crowds of the tour so far' and the race stewards said that King Edwin Children gave the loudest cheer!

Without the support, goodwill and enthusiasm of the school community, we simply wouldn't have been able to attend this event on what was the first day of the academic year. We would like to thank all families and staff for making it happen and of course our fantastic children for being so well mannered and supportive throughout the event. What a great way to start the Autumn Term. Well done TEAM KING EDWIN!



School Council and other school leadership responsibilities

Our School Councillors have been elected and we would like to congratulate the following children:

Year 1- Martha Roberts and Riley Saywell

Year 2- Samuel Harrison and Khaleesi Lester

Year 3- Harrison Hepworth and Annabel Emmerson

Year 4- Max Millington and Maisie Clark

Year 5- Thomas Kenwright and Charlie Murray

Year 6- Ricky Ryder and Juelz Bamford

Our Year 6 representatives also take on the significant responsibility of being our Pupil Parliamentarians. They will have similar duties to that of 'Head Girls and Boys' and be significant leaders in our school. They will represent the school in a range of events, attend meetings and act as the pupil voice for the duration of their service. This is a new and exciting position and we know that our Pupil Parliamentarians are very happy to have been elected to represent their peers. Well done everyone!

In the coming months we will be extending opportunities for children to lead at King Edwin. We will introduce Sports Leaders, Eco Team Leaders and Happy Playtime Monitors. All of these opportunities will help children to have a greater say in the way their school works on a daily basis. It also allows children to develop a range of new skills. We will update you as the new positions are filled.



Medication and allergies

It is essential that school is well informed of any medication and conditions that any child may have. The administration of medicine is always best given by parents although in some circumstances our trained paediatric first aid providers may do so. In all cases only prescribed and clearly named medicine will be administered. We must also ask that children are never sent with medication in their bags as there have been occasions in other schools where children have had medicine on site and have misplaced it during the school day. This can obviously be very dangerous. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Friends of King Edwin

Many thanks to the troop of parents that worked hard last year to provide much needed funds for school and much appreciated entertainment for our children. The 'FOKE' was as successful as ever last year and we are hoping it will continue to grow from strength to strength this term as we prepare for our next school event. Proceeds from our FOKE fundraising have been used to purchase a new projector and sound system for the hall, a few new iPads for children and I am pleased to say that our clubs are now heavily subsidised to the extent that at the moment they are free of charge. The work of the FOKE team really does make a difference in our school and I am very grateful for their support. A meeting will take place later this month to discuss the year ahead - all parents are very much welcome but in the meantime if you wish to find out more about the FOKE please see Mrs Shaw or ask in the playground and I am sure many of the FOKE regulars will be happy to recruit you. They are a great bunch!

Parent Helpers

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We really value parental help in school in a whole host of ways. Currently we have support with swimming, reading and school visits. If you can help in any way, however infrequent, we would really appreciate your time. To give us flexibility in support it is often helpful that volunteers have undergone a DBS check. We can administer this for you. If you feel able to support now or at some point in the future, please contact Mrs Coles or Mrs Armitage in the office to express your interest.

School times and parking

A quick reminder that the school day begins at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. We really are trying to ensure a greater level of punctuality this year. Our lateness record is not as positive as it could be. Please call the school as early as possible if there are difficulties with collection at the end of the day. We do understand that issues often arise and are happy to help on the odd occasion. Please remember that the zig zag lines outside school indicate a no parking area and that traffic wardens regularly patrol this area. We have already had a visit from traffic wardens this week.



Homework

As a result of our parent questionnaires and homework trials conducted in the summer term, teachers will be sending Bingo homework out next week. I have many other ideas in the pipeline for our homework provision however and I will be sharing new arrangements with you over the coming months. A separate letter will be sent out communicating our homework arrangement in more detail when they have been finalised. Thank you to all of those children that have gone above and beyond (especially in Mr Bandy's Class) and have been doing lots of extra work at home and really enjoying their independent learning time. This is very impressive!

Clubs

We offer a range of extra curricular clubs at King Edwin and do our best to provide something that suits everyone. Our clubs letter was sent out last week with this terms offering. Please remind all children that they are expected to show a commitment to their chosen club and attend every session unless they are absent from school. We also ask parents to support us by ensuring prompt collection of the children at the end of their chosen club. We endeavour to listen to what children want in terms of clubs and will offer clubs based upon this principle as the year progresses. It is important to note that our clubs are voluntarily offered and whilst we aim to please everyone, this is an impossible task...we will nevertheless have a go !

A very warm welcome to all of our new starters at King Edwin

It gives us great pleasure to welcome all of our new starters into King Edwin. They have settled really well and have made a really positive start to their time at KEPS. Already we can see many King Edwinner traits on show and we feel very lucky to have them all at our lovely school.

I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Miss Trolley, Mr Lewis and Mrs Oxborough to the KEPS team. They have lots of new ideas and are really keen to help our school become an even better place to learn. They will be around the playground in the mornings so don't forget to introduce yourself and say 'hello'.

We would also like to welcome some new children that have recently joined us from different schools. They have settled well and have already made lots of new friends. Welcome to King Edwin - we are really pleased that you have joined us.

Foundation Stage & 30 Hour Provision

Welcome to all the new children in Foundation we have had a fantastic start to the new school year and they are all settling well into the new routine of coming to school. Well done to the children who are staying for the new 30 hour provision. The children are enjoying coming all day and really excited about bringing their lunch. We will be welcoming more children to join us in January so if you think you may be interested or wish to find out more please speak to a member of staff in the Foundation team.



Polite Reminders

- UV pens are not allowed in school– a poster with further details is up in every class window.
- We kindly ask that fidget spinners are not brought into school. This is due to a number of issues that have happened of the last 6 months. This is not something that we would have liked to do but keeping children safe is of paramount importance to us.
- Please do not send dinner money through the office. We ask that you give it to your child's class teacher.

Special Celebration Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly will take place every Friday afternoon and two children from every class will be crowned 'King Edwinners' for achieving that something extra special over the course of the week. The awards will be closely connected to our new school aims and over the course of the year we hope to invite a few parents to join in with the celebrations. House point updates, Eco Class Awards and Lunchtime awards will also be given out during our celebration assembly over the course of the year.



Year 6 Spy5 Adventure

This is classified information if you tell anyone else you might be arrested.

On Monday 12th September the spy trainees from year 6 were taken to a secret hideout to start their spy missions. To start with they had to be transported by a high tech coach, from K.E.P.S to the SI5 headquarters in Nottingham. They were split into 8 groups to complete the missions.

When the secret agent year sixes arrived at headquarters they were all given a special computer to practice their mission skills (e.g. Vent climbing and code cracking). After they had opened the safe on the laptop they were given question sheets for which they would find the answers around the room.

After answered get the question it was very spies favourite part... LUNCH TIME!!!!!!

For lunch the spies had brought their own secret packed lunches. Then they were able to buy more gadgets from the shop but the down side was they couldn't take them to the mission.

Finally it was time to begin their first ever mission! To start with a pilot and co-pilot were chosen (in group 8 they were Matthew and Scott). The pilot had to steer the ship DAHV to get to the docking bay on the U.S. Endeavour. Unfortunately, on the way there a bomb was detonated on fuel tank A; so the crew had to switch the valve so it connected to tank B. Thankfully the teams did it perfectly and with ease.

After they had docked, they realised that they walk across a thin beam otherwise they would set off an alarm. There were many different rooms but here are our favourites; at the start of every room the agents had to use a keycard and a FPT so they wouldn't set off the alarms.

Our favourite room was the laser room where the spies had to dodge laser beams to get to the other side. The lasers meant they had to sometimes get on the floor, step over the, and also climb between two lasers.

Another one of our favourites was a room where the agents were given pulse blasters to disarm a laser grid and its alarm. After they disarmed it the spies had to climb across tanks to reach the other side.

Also there was a room where they had to escape because a missile was launching.

First they had to find a way out the radio tower but there was only walls, so there was only one option.... EXPLOSIVES! After they caused damage to the wall they crawled through the hole, up some steep steps and up a small ladder. At the top it was time for the final challenge... Going down the slide!! Then they were congratulated on completing their first mission.

Every spy was proud of their performance and then they were transported back to K.E.P.S. on another high tech coach.

Written by spies Matthew Betts and Joshua Cullen

