



KING EDWIN NEWS



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Dear Parents and Friends of King Edwin Primary School,

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year especially our new starters in F1 this term - Welcome to TEAM KEPS! After a great start to the academic calendar I sincerely hope that 2018 is a healthy and prosperous year for us all here at KEPS. Last term, like any other, was an exceptionally busy one and I would like to express my thanks to all families for the support received during the autumn months. It really helped us to build a very strong platform for moving forward.

The children have started the year in the manner that I would expect and our assemblies this week have prompted some great discussions. We talked about responsibilities in school and how important the children's contributions are to the way our school develops. Our School Council, Eco Team and Ambassadors have some very important work ahead of them.

You may have heard some of the children talking about 'Wang' also known as 'Ice Boy'. We discussed the plight of Wang during a whole school assembly and the children have responded extremely well to his story. Essentially Wang helped remind our children of our King Edwin HIGH FIVE Values and we decided to award him with our High Five trophy. We intend to follow this up over the course of the term and hopefully we can find out more about Wang.

Thinking ahead, there is a great deal to look forward to this year as we look to continue our school development and ensure that our children get the best possible opportunities to 'grow, learn and achieve together'. The staff have been working very hard to plan some fantastic learning experiences and this year we have a number of additional extra curricular opportunities and school visits to add to our provision. We are all really excited about the planned events and can't wait to get going!

In an ever changing world that seems to bring new challenges almost daily, it is important to revisit our aims and values; think carefully about what we believe in and what we aim to achieve together in our community. The children and staff worked very hard to develop this last term and I have listed them below as a reminder of what our children are 'living by' every day at KEPS.

Many thanks again for your support,
Andy Callaghan-Wetton (Headteacher)

King Edwin Primary School - Our Vision and Values

GROWING, LEARNING & ACHIEVING TOGETHER

King Edwin Primary School offers a rich, varied and inclusive learning experience which covers every aspect of a child's development, extending well beyond the classroom and reaching out into our local and global communities.

Our school Vision represents the very 'essence' of King Edwin Primary School. Written and developed by children, staff, parents and governors; our vision underpins all that we are and aspire to be.

OUR VISION – THE KING EDWIN WAY

We are all part of a close school community committed to ensuring that King Edwin is a caring and inclusive school where children develop a love of learning which will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We believe in providing an engaging, challenging and creative education within a safe, nurturing environment. By developing children's self-esteem, independence, resilience and motivation our children are able to grow, learn and achieve together. This is a school where children are encouraged to 'dream big' and follow their dreams, safe in the knowledge that we are fully behind them every step of the way. Our vision becomes reality because all stakeholders at KEPS are fully engaged and emotionally invested in realising our vision.

KING EDWIN 'HIGH 5' VALUES

RESPECT

We are a happy, safe and caring school where all beliefs, opinions and property are respected.

GOOD CHOICES

We support children to make well informed life choices and decisions. We encourage a healthy life style, aspirational goals and positive behaviour choices that result in successful life outcomes.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage ambition, aspiration and a personal drive to be the best that we can be.

DETERMINATION

We take pride in all that we do, showing determination, perseverance, a positive attitude and resilience that enables us to achieve our goals.

CREATIVITY

We encourage creative learning through developing our imagination and our ability to generate new and different ideas. We celebrate and nurture skills of inventiveness and individuality. We utilise our problem-solving and reflection skills.

Our Vision and Values are the guiding principles that embody everything associated with being a **'KING EDWINNER'** and a member of **TEAM KEPS**. We celebrate this with a special **'HIGH 5'** when our values are demonstrated and we **'GROW, LEARN & ACHIEVE TOGETHER'**

Seasonal Weather



At this time of year when sunny days can be few and far between, we try to let the children go outside as much as we possibly can. Unless it is raining heavily, our expectation is that the children will get the opportunity to have a run around outside. This means it is very important that they bring a waterproof coat to school each day. The new style fleeces are fine as long as rain is not too heavy. However when heavy rain is forecast these are probably not sufficient and end up being quite wet all day. Staff will insist children wear coats outside - this is as much to safeguard and protect them.

A few polite and friendly messages

I would like to ask for your support with the following as we begin the Spring Term:

- Please ensure children arrive on time - punctuality is a really important life skill for our children
- Children should wear the appropriate footwear and uniform every day - please contact the office if you have an issue regarding school uniform
- School meals are to be booked via the School Gateway App
- Parents - please continue to support children with their DoodleMaths
- Children should continue to read daily - Early Bird Reading is also Tuesday to Thursday mornings
- Please park thoughtfully around our school site for the safety of our school community
- **No dogs** are to be brought onto school site under any circumstances
- Children must wear the correct PE Kit - we will ask children to wear our spare kit otherwise

Request for spare clothing and parents that happen to speak any additional languages

We've been asked by teachers to see if parents have spare/old school clothing that could be used in the event of 'little accidents' that may occur. It's always good to be able to support a child by allowing them to change into a new set of uniform. Mrs Harvey would also like to speak with any parent that may have a skill that we could benefit from at KEPS. We are looking for people that can speak other languages and support a MFL club later next term. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dates for the year

Communication has been one of our top priorities and it remains so for 2018. We want to get it right and strive to do our best to do so! Please continue to check our website, school calendar, Twitter and Facebook pages for the latest KEPS news. A list of proposed dates is to the right of this page however please note that they are subject to change.



Uniform

We would like to remind all parents and carers that our school have adopted a school uniform policy in which all pupils are expected to wear the following dress code:

Navy Blue Sweatshirt with logo
Summer dress alternative

White polo shirt – preferably with logo
Shorts as summer alternative

Grey/black trousers or skirt
Grey / black / white socks

Black 'sensible' shoes - no trainers or high heeled footwear are allowed

* Children are not permitted to wear any bracelets but may wear a watch

* Studs may be worn in ears but no earrings - children must be able to remove them for PE

Seasonal illness

At this time of year the 'a range of illnesses begin to raise their head. According to the BBC's Health Website: Most illnesses are passed on through poor hygiene - usually due to not washing hands properly after touching toilet seats, handles etc. Practising good hygiene helps reduce the chance of passing on infection. Children who have had the bug should stay off school while conditions exists and remain off for a further two days after their last vomiting period. For information regarding specific illnesses, please see the useful information 'Infection Guidance for Schools' as supplied by the Health Protection Agency - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-control-in-schools-poster>

Year 2 Fly to Africa

We arrived at school in the morning with our hand luggage and we handed in our passports and boarding passes ready to board a flight to Africa. During the flight we had drinks and snacks and when we eventually arrived we learned about the 54 countries within Africa. We used atlases to find all of the different countries and we painted an African sunset skyline picture. We also created some African flags. We had a brilliant day and hope we can travel back soon! *By the children in Year 2*

Useful dates for your diary - others to follow

Table Top Cricket

Tue 23rd January

Florence Nightingale Day Yr1

Monday 29th January

Harry Potter Book Night

Thursday 1st February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February

F1 Police visit AM & PM

Tuesday 6th February

Ambulance Service Visit

Wednesday 7th February

Forest School Valentine

Monday 12th February

INSET DAY

Friday 16th February

Half Term

Sat 17th - Sun 25th Feb

Book Fair Week

Monday 26th February

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

British Science Week

Monday 12th March

Year 3/4 overnight-The Deep

Thursday 15th March

London Parliament Visit

Friday 23rd March

School Group Photos

Wednesday 28th March

Passover Themed Day

Thursday 29th March

End of Spring Term

Friday 30th March

Beginning Summer Term

Monday 16th April

KS2 SATs Week

Mon 14th - Thur 17th May

INSET Day

Friday 25th May

Half Term

Sat 26th May - Sun 3rd June

INSET Day

Monday 4th June

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

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