

King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to keep you informed about a few changes that have been put in place this year at KEPS. Most of them, you will already know about but just in case you have missed the communications that we have sent out, I have detailed the key changes below:

- We now use Doodle Maths and Purple Mash platforms to support children at home and at school with their learning. These platforms are online and are proven to help children consolidate and develop greater mathematical and reading skills. Please see your child's class teacher if you do not have your child's usernames and passwords. We have many other applications that children use in school and we also let parents know when any really good Apps become available for free such as our recent communication about 'Teach Monster' – The Phonics App.
- Our Early Bird Reading times take place from Tuesday to Thursday every week and all families are welcome to come into school 10 minutes early to read with their children. This has been really popular this year and we can see a real difference in the confidence of many children when they read. Reading every day with a child is extremely helpful to children and this is one strategy that will support them.
- Our Reading Challenge has closed for this term but we will be starting again in the Summer Term...we have many gold award winners and this is great to see!
- Homework is class specific and a copy of this is on the school website. We have Bingo Homework tasks, Doodle Maths set homework, special topic based activities and of course we always ask families to support children as they see fit. We understand that all families have busy schedules and we try to find a healthy homework balance in our school.
- We have many interventions in school for almost every child at KEPS. The interventions are organised quite fluidly to support a child when they need it. This could be to help children that are achieving very well in a subject (perceived as gifted or able), or for children that have fallen behind in an area of a subject. Interventions are also in place to support children with a range of other temporary issues such as lack of confidence, short period of absence, difficult home incidents or other issues that might have caused a slight dip in successful learning within the class.
- Communication has improved this year and we continue to strive for further improvements. Please make sure your details are up to date in the office. We have email, Facebook, Twitter, School Comms, Text and we always try to meet face to face if we can.
- School WOW days, visits and residential stays – we are trying to make sure that we offer a very broad and balanced curriculum that gives our children special memories, skills and prepares them for life. This year we have started a programme of overnight stays for Year 2, 3 & 4, 5 and Year 6. Our WOW days also ensure that the children really enjoy their learning. We are always looking to add new opportunities so if you have ideas, please let us know.

There is so much more for us to do and there always will be but many thanks for your continued support this year. Parent support is vital to the continued success of our school and your child's development.

Kind regards,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton (Headteacher)