

King Edwin Primary and Nursery School

Autumn 2019 Newsletter from the Governors

As we start a new school year, we would like to say hello and welcome to the new starters and their parents. After a busy and highly successful 2018/19-year we are confident that those Y6 pupils that left us five weeks ago are very well placed for still further success in their new schools. It is really good to see so many of our Y6 graduates keeping in touch with King Edwin and we hope that they will continue to do so as they progress on through the next chapter in their school life. It is very impressive to note that a senior school in our area recently had several of their Y7 prize winners who were King Edwinners, it says a great deal about how our school staff are preparing our pupils very well for that important transition when they leave us.

The summer break has still been a hive of activity at King Edwin with lots more enhancements in school, and Mr Callaghan-Wetton highlighted one very important improvement in his first letter of this Autumn term. The governing body are well aware of the contribution made by parents and the wider school community and we want to say 'Thank you' and ask that you continue to support the Head and his team at KEPS. The targets we set for the school during the last year were very challenging – especially on top of a bumper set of high achievement results in 2018. However, all of these were met – and in many cases exceeded. The success was not just with the results from the SATs, but right across school where the progress and achievements have been an outstanding success. The Governing body wishes to record their sincere thanks to Mr Callaghan-Wetton and all of his staff for yet another wonderful year at KEPS. It is highly commendable that King Edwin is now taking its rightful place as a high achieving school within the Nottinghamshire county area. Towards the end of this term the full details of last year's progress and achievements will be published, together with the national figures (for comparison) and we will ensure that you are advised of these when they are released on the DfE site. You will, we are sure, be as impressed as we are.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils always has the highest priority for King Edwin, and it is for that reason that the Head introduced new parking signs recently for the roadside immediately outside of the school gates. We are aware that this limits parking a little, but there have been one or two 'close calls' and so it is an essential new initiative. We ask you please to observe those restrictions and to slow down as you arrive and depart Fourth Avenue.

Many of you will be aware that there are significant changes planned for further housing in and around the village of Edwinstowe, with at least three sites now underway and one already completed at Rufford Pastures. Some of you have asked how newly arriving children to the area will be provided with a primary school place. The head teacher and governing body have been working hard on this issue for many months now and we are confident that this is being addressed in a positive way by the local authority. We will, of course, give you more information as these plans develop.

Governors attend virtually all of the major school events and activities and are always present at Parents' Evenings. If ever you want to meet or to talk with one of us, we will very much welcome that. Just ask a member of staff and they will be happy to find one of us.

Thank you again for your continued support of our great school, and our special thanks to Mr CW as he starts his third year with us. The progress of the whole school over the past two years has been outstanding. Onwards and upwards.