

King Edwin Primary School



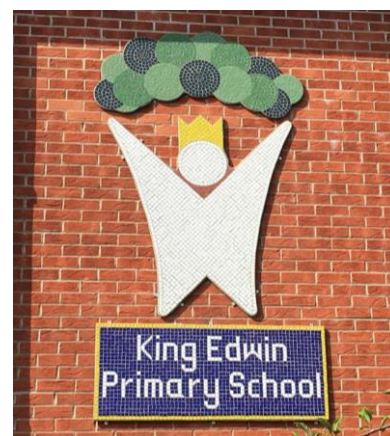
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Dear Children and Parents,

It is the start of a new school year at King Edwin Primary School and it was lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return yesterday. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some family time together. I am pleased that I bumped in to many of you over the holidays and it certainly looked like everyone was having fun. Thanks for giving me a 'high five' and saying "hello". As usual it has been a busy and exciting start to the term with so much happening at KEPS.

We have had a busy time during the break as our school building received some updates and improvements. Through a new government backed scheme, we are now proud to say that all of our lights (over 350 around school) are LED based and our energy consumption and carbon footprint has been almost halved overnight. I must mention Bill (our Site Manager) and his team as they have worked hard to ensure that all building work was carried out in time for the start of term. We have so much more planned for this year too. We want to ensure our children have the very best facilities at KEPS and I am sure that with the support of our community, this can be achieved in the near future.



We must all welcome our new starters in Foundation and across other classes in school. I am pleased that we have added even more KingEdwinners to our team! All of the children have settled in beautifully and it's been a pleasure to walk around school and see everyone working hard, learning, playing and having fun.

It is important to look back very briefly on the successes achieved last year and I will start by congratulating our past Year 6 children for their brilliant SAT results and for settling in well at their new Secondary School. I've many photos of them in their new uniform and they look great. I am sure we all wish them the very best in their new schools as they continue to thrive - once a KingEdwinner, always a KingEdwinner!

This year we will continue to strive to improve and offer the very best possible education for our children. All staff will be aiming high and encouraging children to have high aspirations for themselves. We expect to 'Kick on' after two years of strong development and I am certain that even greater outcomes can be achieved within our



school community.

In the coming weeks we will be updating our calendar and issuing numerous pieces of information regarding developments at the school including dates for the rest of the year, school club information and much more. Please keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter page as we will continue to use this to enhance our communication.

I have spoken to most of the children now and have managed to have a chat with many parents but for those that I have missed so far, I will be around in the school playground as always so feel free to pop and have a chat. 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. Our curriculum has been further developed and tweaked to ensure that we are constantly refreshing and developing our provision. The children have started very well and already there has been some high quality learning experiences at King Edwin. Class teachers will be sending their newsletters out soon to share expectations and other information pertinent to each year group. Please remember that if you are concerned about anything at school, simply make an appointment with the class teachers as we always want to make sure that concerns or issues, no matter how big or small, are resolved as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately there has been a delay with the delivery of our new planners and this will have a small impact on the children. For the time being, we have printed a few reading diary pages to get the children started and as soon as the planners arrive, we can add these pages into the plastic wallet at the back. Our reading challenge can be started straight away and we know how the children love to read at KEPS...they will be annoyed if they have to wait for the planners and miss out on recording their books and reading comments.

It is going to be another fantastic year at King Edwin Primary School and I am very excited about the opportunities that we have in store for our children. We look forward to continuing to work closely with our KEPS community and building upon the success of recent times. I know I can count on your support and together we will ensure that KEPS offers the very highest level of education and care for our children

Kind regards,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton and all staff at KEPS

