



KSJ Fortnightly Flyer

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and ways of working together.

Parents and Cake

Friday June 6th – come for a natter, share your irks and your wows about school development.

Our Christian Distinctiveness

This half term our Christian values are Endurance and creation. With the church we are revisiting the value of Service.

Pupils are reminded of these throughout the school day. In our Monday worship we explore these in more detail and through linking experiences to Bible stories. When children see their acts of endurance or creation in their own lives, they are invited to put a glass bead in the jar. We also encourage each other to show our gratitude for endurance and creation through our 'Child of Light' postcards. Thank you to all of our children for taking these values so seriously and sensibly and contributing to our school positivity through following them.

Volunteer Day

Thank you to the families and staff who came along to our volunteer day, or their own suitable time to support improving our school grounds. The pathway is half completed, Jean's Oasis garden is complete and our sensory area is developing nicely. We have also created some butterfly and bee habitats. Our EYFS outdoor area has also been updated with a gorgeous small world area and gardening space.

Attendance

Our attendance continues to be a focus for improvement, but is slowly improving following the winter colds and flu.

YR	94.1%	
Y1	93.9%	
Y2	97.5%	5 pupils above 95%
Y3	90.4%	2 pupils above 95%
Y4	94.1%	4 pupils above 95%
Y5	95.4%	5 pupils above 95%
Y6	94.7%	10 pupils above 95%
Whole school	93.8%	National 94.8%
Persistent absence	9.8%	

Forest School

Please can I remind you that forest school clothing, needs to be long sleeves and trousers? This is regardless of the weather. This is due to the brambles and twigs and protecting the children.

Summer Sunshine and Heat

Whilst we are experiencing higher temperatures, please can you ensure that children have a water bottle in school, hats and sun cream is applied before school. Children are welcome to bring sun cream into school in their bags and apply it mid-way through the day, if you wish.

Food Waste

As you may already know, new government legislation means that schools must now ensure that all food waste is collected and disposed of separately to all other waste. This has meant some additional costs to school. As a result, any pupils with packed lunches, will have all waste returned in their packed lunch bags. This will also help parents see what has been eaten by their child. There will be new systems in place for clearing lunch plates and the children will be guided by midday assistants for this. Again, thank for your understanding and cooperation.

VE Day Celebration

Just a reminder – parents are invited for cake at 2.30pm on Thursday 8th May to celebrate VE day commemorations. Pupils are invited to dress up in 1940s style clothing. There will be lawn games for families to play also.

Jean's Memorial Oasis Garden

Our spirituality garden is almost complete and finished. Thank you to everyone who has contributed bulbs, funds, seeds, ornaments. The children have created a guideline for all pupils to follow – reminding them that it isn't a place to play, but a place to go and be still, quiet and to think and reflect. There is a newspaper article about the garden in the Northwich Guardian online.

[Kingsley St John's Primary pupils honour beloved teacher | Northwich Guardian](#)

Building Plans

Governors have worked closely with our Building Consultant to arrange for a new school entrance. Quotes have been received and a company sourced. Our pre start meeting is planned for next week, where we will discuss whether there needs to be any alternative access arrangements and when the works will commence. We have also been successful in our building bid to block off the hall and create a secure entrance when coming into school. This will include some more interior doors, so that visitors will need to wait in this area before being admitted by an adult into the school building.

Governors

Please see the list of our Governors below – in order to keep you up to date:-

Gail Fullbrook (Chair of Governors)

Ian Critchley (Finance, Safeguarding and SEND governor -also vice Chair of Governors)

Bruce Waddell (Health and Safety Governor)

Kira Fayle (wellbeing Governor)

Alison Eaton (Foundation Governor)

Avril Topping (Foundation Governor)

Charlotte Falconer (Parent Governor)

Helen Unsworth (Parent Governor)

Lisa Raynor (Staff Governor)

Key stage 2 SATs and Residentials

The week beginning 12th May will see our Year 6 pupils taking their end of key stage exams. They will be invited into school for 8.30am for a pre-SATs breakfast. On Monday will be the spelling, grammar and punctuation paper, Tuesday is Reading, Wednesday is Maths and so is Thursday. Good luck to our pupils – we know you are fabulous. The Monday is also the day that Barn Owls will go on their residential to Robinwood in North Wales. The weather looks fabulous, and also a little cooler next week, so we hope everyone has a great time away. Year 6 will be using the Barn Owl classroom for their tests.

New Age Kurling

Barn Owls welcomed Mandy last week to try out some New Age Kurling in the school hall. Our Barn Owls were very well behaved and really enjoyed the new opportunity to try a new sport. It inspired a group of Barn Owls this week to play cricket during their break time. There were some wonderful shots and fielding to be seen.

Buddies

For pupils attending morning sessions breakfast will be provided between 7:30am-8am. This then gives staff time to be able to take the children outside and make the most of the lovely weather.

Advertising Kingsley St John's

We are looking for some locations to advertise our school by placing a banner up around the locality – Kingsley and beyond. If you can recommend any locations, please do suggest them. Forresters and Gleaves have both been approached. Frodsham Dental Surgery have also offered to place one in their window.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

