

## KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you all had a wonderful break and are now ready for the term ahead.

Thank you for all your support at the numerous events held before Christmas. All Christmas performances were well attended and all raffle prizes were collected. Thank you once again for all your support.

Although the weather was fine before the Christmas break, please can I remind all parents of our adverse weather policy. The school attempts to remain open at all times. If school does need to close we will attempt to text all first contacts on the child's emergency contact list. It is important that these numbers are kept up to date, so if you do change your number please can you let the school office know as soon as possible. We also alert Dearne FM and they will do their best to ensure that it is on their website and announced during their morning breakfast show. We also tweet the closure and this will appear on the schools web site, We notify the local authority who will also list it on their school closure web page. We do not pass messages on through other parents. If in doubt please contact the school, phones will be manned as soon as we possibly can.

If we are opening on bad mornings we do keep registers open for late arrivals on these days and do not mark children as late so please try and bring them in as soon as you can.

This term we are working with School Health UK in the aim to improve the lunches the children receive, whether these be school dinners or packed lunches. Many of you will have heard that the government are trying to reduce the amount of sugar intake for children, you will have also received the 'Change for Life' booklets giving you tips on how to reduce sugar intake. To help with this, from **Monday 28th January** we are asking you to no longer pack any drinks in your child's lunchbox and your child will be given water like the school meal children from school. Can I also remind parents that only water should be in your child's water bottle in school and if staff do notice other juices or flavoured water in bottle you/your child will be asked to empty it and fill it with water.

If there is a medical reason as to why your child needs something else to drink during the school day please contact myself or Mrs D'Silva directly with the medical advice so that we can amend your child's records and let all relevant staff know.

With the support of School Health UK we shall also be changing the structure of lunchtimes over the next few weeks. Children will be allocated a sitting and a home place which will be their daily seat in the dining hall and all children will be eating and leaving a table together. We hope that you will support us in these changes to help develop a happier, healthier lunch time for everyone.

Thank you for all your support.

H. Otley

Headteacher

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **After School Club/ Breakfast Club**

Following on from feedback received from users of our Breakfast Club and After School Club, we will be using an electronic system to book places starting from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Places are limited and must be booked in advance for **both** clubs with effect from this date.

You will book sessions through the School Gateway (which you currently use to make payments, so no additional website/app to get used to). **Payments must be made at the time of the booking** unless you currently pay using Childcare Vouchers, otherwise the session will not be confirmed and your child will not be able to attend.

Registers will be available for a half term at a time, so you are able to book well in advance. The system will also show your balance and transaction history (the same as it does for dinner money). Any existing balances held in school will be transferred onto the new system. Registers will close 24 hours before the start of the session and last minute bookings will not be able to be made. Any cancellations will still need to be done by email to [j.dodson@keresforthprimary.org.uk](mailto:j.dodson@keresforthprimary.org.uk) and will be subject to the £8 charge if 48 hours' notice is not given.

### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals has not increased for some time now as we try to keep the price as low as we can. Unfortunately the cost of providing the service continues to increase and as such the Governing Body have had to take the difficult decision and increase the price of a school meal to £2.00 per day, with effect from 1st April 2019. We are confident that this still represents good value for money as the meals provided are of a high standard.

## **Diary Dates**

9th January	Choir Young Voices
21st January	Mini-Archery Day Y1-5
23rd January	Parents Kingswood meeting
29th January	Y3 and 4 After school Bench ball tournament
10th February	Y5 and 6 to Kingswood
15th February	Kingswood return
15th February	Break up for half term
25th February	Children start back
25th February	James Brunt Environmental artist working with Y1 and 4
26th February	James Brunt Environmental artist working with Y1 and 4
14th March	Y5 Emmanuel Church—Life path project
18th March	Class photographs
19th March	Parents evening
21st March	Parent evening

