

King Offa Primary Academy Newsletter ~ September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to the children and their families after what I hope was a very enjoyable summer holiday. The children have settled back into school very well and it's been a real pleasure to welcome the new children who have joined us at school in the foundation stage.

I am sure that you will have been aware of the building work that has taken place at King Offa over the summer. More details and some pictures are on the following page of this newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cutting, our caretaker, and Mrs Harrison, our finance manager, who oversaw the work in the summer. They worked tirelessly to make sure that the work was completed on time and was of a very high standard. Thank you both!

Attached to this newsletter you should find details of our new attendance policy for all children at King Offa. If children are to reach their full potential they need to attend school every day. The policy sets out how we will work with families to ensure that their child has the best attendance possible and what steps we

will take when attendance is below an acceptable level. Please also note the updated guidance on holidays in term time, which cannot be authorised.

On the back page of this newsletter you will find a calendar of key dates for the school. We have tried to give as much notice as possible for key events although some timings will still need to be confirmed. It is not possible to share the dates of all the Paragon events yet but we will let you know in plenty of time when they are. We really value your attendance at school events and hope to see lots of you this year.

We are looking forward to another very successful year at King Offa. I am extremely lucky to lead a school where the children, staff, parents and wider community share the ambition to make King Offa the very best it can be. I have no doubt that this year we will continue to ensure that the children learn as much as they can, that their learning is fun and that we continue to care for and look after every child.

James Freeston - *Headteacher*



Our staffing for this year:

Foundation: Red Class - Mrs M Speed. Blue Class - Miss C Hedges. Purple Class - Miss C Frame.

Year 1: Orange Class - Miss C Dowling. Turquoise Class - Miss R Winchester.

Year 2: Green Class - Miss C Andrews. Yellow Class - Mrs T Barbary.

Year 3: Swallows - Miss C Skues. Magpies - Miss L Cole.

Year 4: Ravens - Mrs L Osman.

Year 5: Falcons - Mr R Laker. Kestrels - Miss E Langton.

Year 6: Hawks - Miss M Suggitt. Eagles - Mrs F Meader.

Class cover: Mrs J Smith. Ms E Perkins.



Welcome to our new staff.



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BUILDING WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS

In April East Sussex County Council asked us if we would be prepared to take an additional foundation stage class to help the Local Authority cope with the bulge in pupil numbers for this academic year. Following a meeting with the county architect and a discussion around the financial implications, we agreed to accept an additional class. This has resulted in some significant improvements to the school which you can see in these photos.

Our new Year One classrooms really are amazing! The addition of a door into Orange class means that both classes can now access the outside space to further enhance their learning. They now make the most of the covered area in front of Turquoise class and the decking by the door to Orange class. This really helps with the transition from foundation stage to key stage one.



Our key stage one toilets had definitely seen better days. The work the Local Authority has done for us means that the toilets are now light, airy, colourful and much more appealing than they were!



Our foundation stage playground has been increased in size. We now have exits from two of our classrooms and the ramp from Blue class has greatly improved access.

Still to come...

Our foundation stage playground will have a large area covered with synthetic grass providing a much nicer surface to play on. As well as this, the children will be getting their own pirate ship to give them a really great stimulus for play.



Our freshly resurfaced main playground will be improved further during the October half term when play equipment and line markings will be added.



Remember to check out our Facebook page and 'like' it. You will then see any updates we make. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page - just search for

'Facebook King Offa Primary Academy'.

School Development Plan 2015-2016

Our goal for King Offa is to achieve an 'Outstanding' judgement from Ofsted. When the school was last inspected in May of 2014 we were judged to be 'Good' in all areas. Our key priorities for this year are:

Outcomes for pupils

To continue to raise attainment towards 'Outstanding' by:

- - Ensuring most able pupils reach their full potential.
- - Increasing the % of children who reach the required level in their phonics screening test.
- - Raising standards in reading across the academy.



Effectiveness of leadership and management

To further strengthen the academy leadership so that it is 'Outstanding'

- - To maximize the effectiveness of all leaders in school and promote a culture of continual professional development.
- - To further refine and develop the strategy for the spending of Pupil Premium funding.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

To maintain 'Good' teaching and increase the percentage of 'Outstanding' lessons taught by:

- - Implementing the new teaching and learning policy.
- - Inducting NQT's effectively.
- - Maintaining and improving our assessment systems.

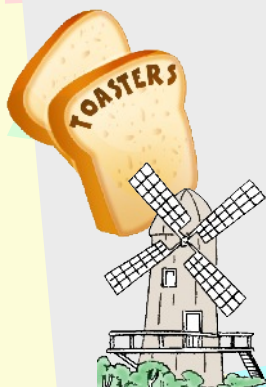
Personal development, behaviour and welfare

To develop 'Outstanding' attitudes to learning whilst ensuring that all pupils are kept safe by:

- - Implementing the revised academy attendance policy.
- - Involving all stakeholders in developing their understanding of e-safety

TOASTERS Breakfast Club and Windmill After School Club

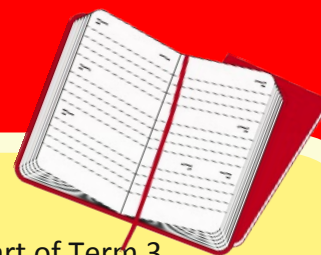
On INSET days our Windmill Club will be opening all day. If you would like to book a place please contact the school office. A whole days childcare from 7.45 to 6.00pm costs £21.50



Normal Daily Charges

Breakfast Club	7.45 to 8.30	£2.50
After School Club	3.00 to 4.00	£4.50
	3.00 to 5.00	£7.00
	3.00 to 6.00	£9.00

KEY DATES 2015-2016



September

Fri 18th - Thurs 24th 3:00 – 3:30pm Book Fair

Wednesday 23rd Year 2 to Paradise Park

Thursday 24th Individual and school sibling photographs

Tuesday 29th 3:00pm – 6:00pm Parents Evening

October

Thursday 1st 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parents Evening

Friday 9th INSET Day

Monday 19th Year Three to Plumpton Agricultural College

Friday 23rd End of Term 1

November

Monday 2nd Start of Term 2

Friday 6th INSET Day

Monday 16th Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 17th 9:30am – 10:30am Prospective Parents Tours

Wednesday 18th 9:30am – 10:30am Prospective Parents Tours

Thursday 19th 6:00pm – 7:00pm Prospective Parents Tours

December

Wednesday 2nd Evening (TTBC) Year Six Big Sing @ De La Warr

Tuesday 15th Morning (TTBC) – KS2 Christmas Concert @ St Stephens Church

Wednesday 16th
9:30 – Foundation Stage Christmas Show
1:30 – Key Stage One Nativity

Thursday 17th
9:30 – Key Stage One Nativity
2:00 – Foundation Stage Christmas Show

Friday 18th End of Term 2

January

Wednesday 6th Start of Term 3

Monday 25th Maths Week

February

Tuesday 9th Internet Safety Day

Friday 12th End of Term 3

Monday 22nd Start of Term 4

March

Thursday 3rd World Book Day (costumes please!)

Monday 14th Science Week

Tuesday 15th 3:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 17th 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Parents Evening

Friday 18th Afternoon (TTBC) – Science Fayre

Wednesday 23rd End of Term 4

April

Monday 11th Start of Term 5

May

Monday 9th Year Six SAT's Week

Friday 27th End of Term 5

June

Monday 6th Start of Term 6

Friday 10th INSET Day

Monday 13th Year Six London Trip

Monday 20th Sponsored Splash

Tuesday 28th Year Five Blacklands Farm Trip

July

Monday 4th Careers Week

Wednesday 6th Sports Day

Thursday 21st End of school year for children

Friday 22nd INSET Day

(TTBC = Time to be confirmed)