

KINS Governors' Newsletter to all Parents and Carers

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Welcome to this terms newsletter. It has been, as usual, a very busy term.

The school has again taken part in many charity activities during the term (e.g. Poppies/Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Shoe Box Appeal) as well as celebrating many national "Days" such as Odd Socks Day and World Mental Health Day.

Many thanks to all parents and carers for your support in making such days so successful. Thanks also to the school staff who plan and supervise these activities.

At last the playground has been tarmacked and has now been marked up with lots of activities for the children to enjoy both in lesson time, where appropriate, and during breaks and lunchtimes. It has taken a lot of time and effort, mainly from Mrs Dolman who has been trying to achieve this for the last 4/5 years!

Obviously school attendance is never far from the Governors discussions, and it is pleasing to see a gradual improvement in our school attendance figures. Again, thanks to parents for ensuring that your child/children attend regularly. We completely recognise that if children are really ill they cannot come to school but there are some helpful guidelines on the NHS website about when not to send children in to the classroom and when it is fine to.

The link is: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

During this week it has been my pleasure to attend each year groups Nativity play. They have been brilliant! Well done to all the children who have learnt songs and lines and made the plays so enjoyable, not forgetting of course thanks to the staff for the hours of patience at rehearsals and thanks to parents for help with the costumes.

This year's KINS Reception and Nursery classes have contributed to the making of the most brilliant Christmas Tree for the St Giles Church Christmas Tree Festival. If you get a chance to visit the church to see it, it is just inside the door to the right.

Looking ahead to when the weather improves, the school has a Vegetable Garden which the children get involved with via their class activities or as part of the Gardening Club run by a few volunteers in the summer term. I wonder if we could engage more people in the summer term to help with the watering of the plants during dry spells. Please consider this over the next few months. We will be making an appeal for help around Easter time.

Finally, I hope everyone, children, parents and staff have a good Christmas and New Year and we will see everyone again on Monday 6th January 2025.

Sandra Fraser, Chair of Governors