

KINS Governors' Newsletter to all Parents and Carers

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Welcome to the 2nd Governors Newsletter of the school year. Thankfully- as I write this- we are experiencing some dry weather and we are seeing snowdrops, daffodils etc.

I know that you all appreciate that we have to keep a close eye on our attendance figures and it is pleasing that we are making very slight improvements as the weeks go by. As can be seen though, attendance figures are still a challenge for us. Our current attendance figure is **92.6%**

I and the Governing body would like to thank parents who ensure that their children are at school as much as is possible: with many childhood illnesses around at the moment it is sometimes a difficult decision as to whether to send your child to school but you will always be informed if your child is not coping at school.

Thank you too for the Parents who complete our questionnaires. Last year a suggestion was made on one of them to have a teacher/parent meeting as children move from Reception to KS1 classes and this was actioned; it will also be offered this year. An early date for your diary therefore is Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

An urgent plea: Please could you make sure that **all items worn for school are labelled** so that clothing/pumps/ outdoor wear can be returned to your child promptly. We have a good number clothes in our "Lost property" box in school, especially school jumpers and cardigans. These are placed outside at some home times so that parents can identify and take home their children's lost items - please do.

Our school spends a huge amount of time and effort to ensure that children learn to read. We have a very comprehensive Phonics curriculum and reading is promoted constantly. However, the amount of time when children can read individually in school time is restricted as we have a huge curriculum to deliver to the pupils.

It would help and encourage your children if you would continue to read both **with** them and **to** them at home – as I know many of you do. A list of appropriate books is available on the website using the link: [Reading Book Titles](#)

Many of the children have now visited Killamarsh Library that is located in the new Killamarsh Active Building and they have a wide selection of children's books there which are free to borrow rather than buying books.

Finally I hope many of you have been able to attend the class assemblies being held over the last few weeks – the dates for all these were in the most recent Newsletter sent out by Ms Holmes.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support for the Infant and Nursery school.

Sandra Fraser, Chair of Governors

At the Governors meetings we discuss

- *the strategic direction of the school through agreeing its aims and values;*
- *holding school leaders to account for the educational performance of pupils and staff;*
- *ensuring that the finances available to the school are used to best*

Parent Governor

If you would like to be on the Governing Body please do get in touch. You can contact Miss Holmes in school or myself, Sandra Fraser via email to sfraser@killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk