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Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of our first half term, I am delighted to report that the children have made a fantastic start to the academic year. They have worked hard over the past six weeks and will deserve the half-term holiday when it arrives.

You will see from the diary dates that I have included everything that we have in our diary for the academic year so far. Of course there will be updates and additions as the year goes on. The date for the Christmas performance has been set for Tuesday 13 December. At the moment, the plan is for the Year 3 & 4 performance in the morning to begin around 9.15am and the Year 5 & 6 performance in the afternoon to begin around 2.00pm.

Please keep a look out for the curriculum newsletters that will be coming out towards the end of this week. Mrs Neal and I always look forward to the children bringing in the work they have done for the 'Creative Challenge'. Of course, the children can earn extra Class Charts points for the work that they bring in to school.

Attendance is very high on the Department for Education's agenda this year. We are now into the second full school year following the Covid pandemic, therefore the DfE expect every child to have 96% attendance or better. We will be increasing our communication over the course of the year with the parents of those children who do not meet this target. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance and would like support from the school please contact Mrs Neal who will be happy to help you.

As you all know, I work across both Kinsale and Firside. In order to streamline my communications I am asking that all emails are sent to the following email address only – rrobinson9nr7@nsix.org.uk

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all a very enjoyable break.

Kindest regards

Mrs Robinson

Year Group News

Year 3

Year 3 have all settled into their Kinsale Junior School journey well this half term. They have been enjoying their English lessons, looking at different books linked to the science lessons that have seen us investigating different types of rocks. The children have been excited about history, learning about Prehistoric Britain and have been especially interested in exploring the variety of tools and their evolution

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through the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. In maths, we have been working on our knowledge of place value and 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We look forward to another exciting half term and our visit to Banham Zoo!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have enjoyed a multitude of experiments within their science learning such as exploring the melting points of chocolate and ice and the process of evaporation on water. In English we have been finalizing and editing our diary entry based on the story of Lila in The Firework-Maker's Daughter escaping a group of hungry pirates. Finally, in Discovery, the children have concluded their learning on climate and rainfall and have started demonstrating their knowledge with wonderful double page spreads.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great start to the academic year. They are beginning to demonstrate wonderful learning potential and understanding the expectations of working at Year 5 levels.

They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Space in Science. The children have loved thinking about what is out there and how there could be other planets just like ours in other solar systems and galaxies. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about the phases of the moon and created an informative leaflet of the phases throughout the lunar month. The children have used their knowledge of Space in their English work and written an explanation text inspired by Dr Maggie's Tour of the Solar System.

In History, the children are learning about the Ancient Maya. They have enjoyed learning about the

gruesome facts about sacrifice, tasting deliciously spicy cacao and having a go at writing in hieroglyphics.

In Maths, children have been revising their knowledge of number and place value and working with greater numbers. They will now use this knowledge and apply it to addition and subtraction.

Year 6

Year 6 have made a fabulous start to the academic year and are well into the swing of things now. In maths, we have already covered place value and our four operations and are now looking at properties of number, including multiples, factors, squares and cubes and order of operations. In science, we are finishing up our light topic, where the children have made some wonderful periscopes and set up some excellent experiments to investigate refraction and reflection. In English, all of the children have already written some brilliant newspaper reports, based on Michael Morpurgo's Beowulf; now, we are beginning a creative and more modern narrative, centred around computer games. In art, we have been looking at environmental activist and mixed media artist Kurt Jackson. Finally, in their games lessons, we have been focusing on building fitness and endurance in their cross-country unit.

In addition, many of the year 6 recently enjoyed a trip to the High School for our maths competition and our touch rugby competition run by the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership (WNDSSP) on Thursday 13th. We are looking forward to our trip to Africa Alive on Thursday 20th October.

Uniform

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for making sure that your children are in the correct uniform – the children really do look smart and ready for learning.

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However, there are a few children in years 3, 4 and 5 who are wearing incorrect uniform. I am acutely aware that we are all facing a cost of living crisis and rising energy costs, so I ask that when you replace your child's uniform please make sure that you buy **white shirts** (not polo shirts), **black trousers or skirts** and **royal blue jumper or cardigan** (not sweatshirts).

As we move into the winter months if you would like your child to have something warmer to wear in school I am more than happy for them to wear either a black or royal blue fleece. These should be free of all logos or markings. Amazon have a selection of such fleeces (Activewear, Regatta and 247 Clothing) ranging from £9.95 up to £12.95. These do not form part of the compulsory uniform but are an optional extra for those who wish to wear an additional layer of clothing in the winter months. Please note that hoodies will not be permitted.



Children in Need

On Friday 18 November we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. Children will be invited to come to school wearing bright colours and something spotty! Contributions can be made via Scopay closer to the day. Further details will be sent out after the half-term holiday.

Diary Dates

October

18 – 19 October	Donations for Harvest Festival
Wednesday 19 October	Year 5 trip to Banham Zoo
Thursday 20 October	Year 6 trip to Africa Alive
24 – 28 October	Half-term holiday
Monday 31 October	Flu vaccinations for all pupils (session 1)

November

Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 trip to Africa Alive
Friday 4 November	Year 3 trip to Banham Zoo
Saturday 5 November	Friends of KJS Firework Display
8 - 10 November	Parents Evening
	3:30pm – 5:00pm, face-to-face in the Hall. Remote sessions will be available for those parents who cannot attend in person.

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Friday 18 November

December

Thursday 1 December

Monday 5 December

Thursday 8 December

Tuesday 13 December

Friday 16 December

January 2023

Wednesday 4 January

February

13 – 17 February

April

3 – 16 April

Monday 17 April

Tuesday 18 April

Friday 21 April

May

Monday 1 May

8 – 11 May

29 May – 2 June

June

Tuesday 27 June

July

Friday 21 July

Some clubs may be cancelled. More information will follow.

Children in Need

Flu vaccinations for all pupils (session 2)

Friends of KJS Christmas Fayre (2:30pm – 4:30pm in the Hall)

Friends of KJS Disco

Christmas performance – Year 3 & 4 morning, Year 5 & 6 afternoon

Last day of the autumn term

Christmas jumper and non-uniform day

First day of the spring term

Half-term holiday

Easter holiday

School closed for staff INSET day

First day of the summer term

Class photographs

Early May Bank Holiday – school closed

End of Key Stage 2 SAT's tests

Half-term holiday

Whole school photograph

Last day of the summer term

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