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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good holiday and were able to enjoy some time with your family. The children have settled back into school routines very well.

This week all the children have been learning about Remembrance and the reason why we wear poppies. I have shared a couple of lovely books with the children about remembrance – ‘Please Write Soon’ by Michael Rosen and ‘Black Poppies’ by Stephen Bourne. Look out in the next few days for examples of the children’s art work on the theme of ‘Poppies & Remembrance’ displayed around school on the classroom windows.

Unfortunately, I have had to talk to the boys today about some unacceptable behaviour that has been happening in their toilets. Quite a lot of damage has been done to the soap dispensers, flooding and blockages created with tissue and items of clothing. This has cost the school quite a lot of money to rectify. Of course, this is not every boy in school creating these issues, but a small number are making it unpleasant for the majority. Please can I ask you to talk to your children about ‘toilet etiquette’ and the importance of making sure that our school environment is safe and clean for all users.

The road works around Hellesdon are definitely causing us all a headache getting to and from school. The heavy traffic is causing delays and drivers are anxious that children may be late for school or they may be late for work. However, I must ask that all adults driving children to and from school park and behave in a respectful way towards our neighbours. The school office received a phone call from a very distressed lady who lives on Kinsale Avenue. Her driveway was blocked by a car dropping a child off at school, just at the point she had called for an ambulance. The car was not moved for nearly 30 minutes. Please park considerately and consider what our neighbours needs may be.

Kindest regards

Mrs Robinson

Year Group News

Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent start to the Christmas half-term! We have got stuck into our new key text of Zoo by Anthony Browne and have been practicing our thesaurus work to enhance our ambitious vocabularies. We have had our first Geography lesson learning about the location of Banham Zoological Gardens. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day at the zoo on Friday. They practiced their map reading skills and learnt all about the role of zoo keepers in conservation.

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Year 4



Year 4 have had a lovely first week back after the half term. We've been looking in detail at the front covers and blurbs of our new books and are especially excited about reading 'The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare' to find out what mystery lies in the shed.

Our highlight of the week was visiting Africa Alive! We were extremely lucky with the weather and got to see a wide range of animals such as lions, porcupines, flamingos, lemurs, giraffes and many more – learning lots of interesting facts as we went along.

Year 5

Year 5 have already settled back after half term extremely well. They are really growing in maturity and taking greater care with their work which reflects the standard of Year 5. We had a delightful trip to Banham Zoo just before half term - luckily we had really lovely weather on the day. Children enjoyed seeing a variety of different animals (including Red Pandas and Tigers), listening to an informative talk about cheetahs and attended a session at the education centre all about habitats. The children got to see lots of different artefacts and saw some creepy crawlies up close.

We are delighted to be welcoming Sara from the ZSEA in on Thursday who will be teaching a lesson on whether cockroaches can survive in space! We are sure this will feature some live cockroaches too!

Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome the children of Year 6 back to school after their half term holiday. They have certainly returned with enthusiasm and interest for our curriculum and continue to apply superb effort to all of their work.

We are all eager to immerse ourselves in our new units of work for this half term. Our English lessons focus on the William Shakespeare play 'Twelfth Night'; mathematics topics cover fractions, decimals and percentages; science is experimenting with electrical circuitry; our geography unit is 'Raging Rivers'; D@T is designing and making frames for Christmas pictures and, of course, we will be preparing and rehearsing for our Year 5/6 Christmas performance!

We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to 'Africa Alive' just prior to the holiday. Despite the rainy weather, the day provided a lovely opportunity to learn more about the animals and to see them close up. We look forward to the zoo staff visiting Year 6 and teaching lesson this half term.



We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have won 100 books, as well as 15 additional books, from the 'Lit in Colour' programme. This programme was launched by Penguin Random House, alongside race and equality think tank The Runnymede Trust. 'Lit in Colour' aims to support schools in diversifying the teaching of English and to increase children's access to texts written by authors of colour and minority ethnic

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backgrounds. We will hopefully receive the books sometime next week. We aim to create a special space in our new library to showcase them and will be putting them to good use in English lessons. Keep an eye out on Facebook for updates!

We will be holding a Book Fair between the **7 and 13 December**. We will update you nearer the time with all the information.

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 from Monday 14 November onwards. Please do not bring cash to school on the day.

Diary Dates

November

8 - 10 November	Parents Evening
Friday 18 November	Children in Need

December

Thursday 1 December	Flu vaccinations for all pupils (session 2)
Monday 5 December	Friends of KJS Christmas Fayre (2:30pm – 4:30pm in the Hall)
Thursday 8 December	Friends of KJS Disco
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas performance – Year 3 & 4 morning, Year 5 & 6 afternoon
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas lunch
Friday 16 December day	Last day of the autumn term - Christmas jumper and non-uniform

January 2023

Wednesday 4 January	First day of the spring term
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February

13 – 17 February	Half-term holiday
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April

3 – 16 April

Easter holiday

Monday 17 April

School closed for staff INSET day

Tuesday 18 April

First day of the summer term

Friday 21 April

Class photographs

May

Monday 1 May

Early May Bank Holiday – school closed

8 – 11 May

End of Key Stage 2 SAT's tests

29 May – 2 June

Half-term holiday

June

Tuesday 27 June

Whole school photograph

July

Friday 21 July

Last day of the summer term

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