

KINGS MEADOW SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to warmly welcome parents and carers back for another academic year. I hope you all had a safe and relaxing summer holiday, although it is already disappearing in our minds as the busy term gets going! Some of you are joining us for the first time and I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months.

As usual in September, there are some new things to tell you about. One important one is that we have a new leadership structure in school. As most of you will know, our Deputy Head, Mrs Rachel Clews, left us at the end of last term after many years' service to take up a post in a new school. Instead of a new Deputy Head, the Governors and I have appointed two new Assistant Heads to help us strengthen and expand our leadership team. The Assistant Heads are Mrs Naomi Hansard, whom some of you will know as she has been a teacher at our school for some time, and Ms Sasha Lees who joins us from out of county. Ms Lees is an experienced senior leader who has worked in a range of primary schools in other areas of the country. I am looking forward to working with them and you will have opportunities to meet with them during the term. Mrs Marian McClelland, Outreach and Pastoral Manager, and Miss Angela Wing, School Business Manager, complete our leadership team.

Ms Kat Smeathers has returned from her maternity leave and will be working alongside Mrs Paula Jones on Mondays and Tuesdays to provide support and advice to families as part of our pastoral team. We are very happy to welcome her back!

We have a new catering company starting work with us this term called Chartwells. This is because the Local Authority provision, Nourish, has been closed. Hopefully, all will run smoothly with the changeover but if you experience any issues or have any concerns, please contact Ms Wing in the School Office.

I am also aware that there have been a number of difficulties with transport to school at the start of this term. Ms Wing and I have been working closely with the Local Authority to try and resolve these issues as quickly as possible. Although we do not directly organize the transport, we are keen to work with yourselves and SEN Transport where there are difficulties as it is important that the children are in school. If you would like to talk to us about anything concerning transport, please contact Ms Wing in the School Office in the first instance.



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Many of the children have returned to school looking really smart in their new school uniform. Please can I remind parents and carers that school **uniform should be labelled with the child's name**. It is very hard to identify who owns which blue jumper and so on if items are not named and we cannot guarantee that we can return unnamed items, although staff do try.

Please can I also remind parents and carers that the children do need a pair of plain black plimsolls to wear indoors as we require them to change out of their outdoor shoes when they arrive.

Our school website is www.kingsmeadow.northants.sch.uk. We have a calendar on there with upcoming events clearly marked. The term dates for the academic year are also on the website. We will be setting it up with our new classes over the next couple of weeks and you will then be able to go on and see some of the exciting things that your child has been doing in their class. Additionally, teachers will be sending home class newsletters next week to tell you about our topic and other areas of learning this term. As a little clue, I will tell you that it might have something to do with fish!

Three dates to note straight away are:

- Friday 23rd September – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30 am
- Friday 14th October – Harvest Festival Assembly at 1.30pm

More information about these events will be coming home shortly.

As always, if you wish to discuss anything concerning your child's education, please contact us on 01604 673730 and we will do our best to help you.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming term.

Yours sincerely,

Helen McCormack

Head teacher