

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

December:

6th—School

Christmas Fayre. 2pm at the village hall.

**Collection from the hall.**

Bag2School Drop Deadline.

11th—Rainbow Theatre Trip.

12th—Whole school Christingle Service. 2pm at the church, parents welcome.

**Collection from the church at 3pm.**

17th— Explorers Nativity. 2pm at the church, all parents welcome **Collection from the church at 3pm.**

18th— Christmas Dinner day.

19th—Kingswear Tree Festival and light switch on at the Church.

20th—End of term.

**Collection 1.30pm**

# KINGSWEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Explore together, Adventure together, Succeed together*

## NEWS : 06.12.2019



### Friendship

"Aim to make a positive difference in someone's life every single day ... including your own."

Doe Zantamata

On Wednesday we had a visit from local author Dave Pearson who read his story, 'Jonny Pimple and the Witch' to the school. The children had a fun time listening and playing along with the story and lots of children bought his book.

We love reading at Kingswear and we see what a huge benefit it has on our learning. Fun facts about reading:

Read 20 minutes a day, and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year.

Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are in the top two percent of reading achievement.

Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year reading.

If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.

Every Book Counts.



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# Celebrations

## Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

Explorers— 93.98%

Adventures— 97.88%

WOW! Well done

### Adventurers

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year so far is currently **95.27%**

Please keep supporting our attendance target of **96%**. and above



## Stars of the Week

Explorers— Noah S

Adventurers— Lewis Y

## Advent

The children have once again decided that they would like to encourage everyone to think about those less fortunate than themselves whilst also enjoying their advent chocolate! Therefore, as we did last year, we will be supporting local families through the Food Bank.

Each class will have a box to fill with food and we would like to ask each child to donate at least one item.

**WELL DONE!**

# School Attendance

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Why is it important for children not to miss school?** All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

**What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?** In primary schools less than 65% of children achieve good results in English and Maths with an average of 15 days absence a year compared to almost 90% where the average is less than 8 days. Parents can be very surprised at how quickly their children can accumulate 15 days absence within a year.

**What does the law say?** By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must receive a suitable, full time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full time education. Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly. If your child fails to attend regularly – even if they miss school without you knowing – the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

**What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?** Your child's school is responsible by law for reporting poor attendance to the LA. As a parent, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly, even if they are missing school without your knowledge. You run the risk of being issued with a penalty notice of being taken to court. The LA may decide to prosecute a parent. If this happens: Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly; Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

### What is good attendance?

The national average is 96.2% attendance.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

Code	Attendance	Impact
Green	100%	No lessons missed
	99%	Missing around 10 lessons
	98%	Missing around 20 lessons
	97%	Missing around 30 lessons
Amber	96%	Missing about 8 days of school, up to 40 lessons
	95%	Missing about 2 weeks of school, up to 48 lessons
	93%	Missing 14 days of school, up to 66 lessons <b>A significant amount of education lost.</b>
Red 1	90-92%	Missing more than 3 weeks of education, up to 95 lessons <b>A significant amount of education to lose.</b>
Red 2	86-89%	Missing between 4-6 weeks, Up to 133 lessons missed <b>A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement.</b>
Red 3	81-85%	Missing between 6- 8 weeks, up to 180 lessons missed <b>A serious loss of learning.</b>
Red 4	80% and below	Missing more than 8 weeks, more than 200 lessons missed <b>A serious loss of learning.</b>

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school. Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

# Class News

## Adventurers

This week the Adventurers have been writing information leaflets all about the Anglo Saxons and why they came to Britain. They have produced some excellent leaflets full of useful information and facts. It has really shown me how much they have taken in over this half term.

In Maths we have been looking at Fractions and Multiplication and Division. The children are certainly getting to grips with these maths topics!

We have been very busy too making Christmas decorations ready for the Christmas Fayre.

The children certainly are getting very Christmassy!!

We also had a lovely visit from local author Dave Pearson on Wednesday. He read his book to the children, Jonny Pimple and the Witch. They certainly seemed to have a fun time and quite a few bought the book to read again and again! Thank you for helping us to support a new and local author. Everyone needs to start somewhere!

## Explorers

Explorers have been working hard this week to put together their postcards. We have used travel brochures and atlases to help us create a colourful design and transcribing our recordings into our books, once we wrote them down we went through editing and improving them to get in all of the words and phrases we had 'magpie-ed' earlier in the term. In our Maths lessons we have been using our number bonds to help us solve some tricky missing number problems and some children have been using their times tables knowledge to work through division and multiplication problems. Everyone has been helping out to finish off our Christmas Fayre products, being really careful to make sure they look perfect!



## Sign Post



### TRAINING COURSE

Our new course, **CALMING TECHNIQUES and COPING SKILLS for ANXIOUS CHILDREN** will take place next at Cockington Court, Torquay on Wed 12th Feb 2020.

If you want to equip young people with more tools to manage their emotional wellbeing then this course is a must!

For professionals, parents and carers supporting children and young people with emotional wellbeing needs.

This practical introductory day will provide you with the tools, techniques and top tips to take away and start using straightaway

£110 includes lunch, a resource pack and a free sensory oil timer.

Book now: <http://openmindsuk.org.uk/index.php/whatson/>

### **NEW Book for families**

Does your child struggle with emotions?

Easy Tiger is the only book you need to understand what goes on inside us and how to find calm. The facts about brain science help children understand how to build a healthy mind and the activities can be photocopied for family use so that new mental habits can be built.

Best of all, it's fun!

### **FAMILY SUPPORT**

With practitioners covering most of Devon, we can work with families in their own homes or at our base in Bradninch to support wellbeing needs. Cost £45 per hour plus fuel according to location. No waiting list!