



**Kelsey Newsletter – Issue 15
Thursday 10th May, 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assessments

Teachers are continuously assessing the children and using this information to plan their teaching activities. Generally, we are very pleased with the progress made by children at Kelsey this year. However, the time has nearly arrived for Year 6 and Year 2 to experience the SATs. These tests are annual snapshots of how well children are progressing with their learning in key areas and naturally we want them to do as well as they can. Year 6 SATs are in the week beginning 14th May (next week). For both year groups, there is a breakfast available on the mornings of their tests.

Staff Update

I am pleased to tell you that we have appointed two new Teaching Assistants to work with some of our younger children. Mrs Chatterton and Miss Hilton will be starting with us in June.

New Trail in KS2 Playground

As you may know, the current adventure trail adjacent to the KS2 playground is damaged and has been out of action this year. Miss Thompson has worked on some options and we have now ordered the replacement which we hope to see fitted in the next few weeks.

New Classes for September

Some parents have begun asking about who their children's new teachers will be in September. In a small school, it is often the case that the classes will be reorganised to make the best use of staff resources. We do give a lot of thought to this and will be finalising the arrangements in the next few weeks. You will be informed on Tuesday 19th June and children will be able to spend half a day with their next teacher before the summer holidays.

New Reading Scheme at Kelsey

We are now using the national curriculum book banding system. I hope the letter explained how this works. If you have any queries, don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Clubs

Football, Gardening, Running and Singing are underway this term. If your child missed the opportunity to sign up, they can still ask their teacher and there may be a place for them.

Uniform Reminder

As we move to warmer weather, children often tend to leave items of clothing around the school and field. It can be challenging to return items when they have no name written on them – please check and label where necessary. Thanks for your help.

PE Kit

Thank you to all those who ensure that their children's PE kit is in school, including trainers. This will help us at this time of year when there are likely to be more opportunities for outdoor activities.

Term Dates

The dates for 2018/19 are now on our website. Please note that we have a slight difference from other schools: Most schools return on Tuesday 4th September – we have some important staff training that day and term will start on Wednesday 5th September. We have moved that school day to Monday 29th October (just after Half Term). Most schools return on Tuesday 30th October.

Cross Country has now been postponed until after Half Term because only a few schools were able to attend this week.

Upcoming dates are below and on the website.

Yours sincerely

MJ Ashmead

Mr M Ashmead (Interim Headteacher)

DIARY DATES

May 2018

14th-18th May

21st -25th May

Tuesday 22nd May

Wednesday 23rd May

Friday 25th May

Year 6 SATs week

Year 2 SATs week

Y3/4 'Scatterball' Event – 1.15-3.00 pm

Y5 Cricket morning – Y6 Cricket afternoon

Last Day before Half Term

28th May to 1st June

HALF TERM WEEK

June

Monday 4th June

Date to be confirmed

Wednesday 6th June

Monday 18th June

Tuesday 26th June

Friday 29th June

Children return to school

Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at De Aston School

Y6 Mixed Rounders afternoon

KS1 (Rabbits) Multi Skills afternoon

Top Linc Multi-Sports Festival – 9.00 am-12.00

Sports Day

July

2nd - 6th July

Friday 6th July

Tuesday 17th July

Friday 20th July

Year 6 Residential Visit – Butlin's Skegness

30th Anniversary of the school opening

Leavers' Assembly – 2.00 pm

Last Day before Summer Holidays

23rd July-31st August

SUMMER HOLIDAY

September

3rd & 4th September

Wednesday 5th September

Staff Training

Children return to School

October

Friday 19th October

Monday 29th October

Last Day before Half Term

Children return to School

December

Thursday 20th December

Last Day before Christmas Holidays