



Kelsey Newsletter
Wednesday 6th September, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year and a new term at Kelsey Primary School. As Mrs Williams stated in her letter yesterday, Mrs Whitham has not returned to school yet so I am here as Interim Headteacher. I must thank the staff, children and parents for welcoming me to this lovely school.

The school also welcomes Miss Hunt (Apprentice Teaching Assistant), Mr Brown (Class Teacher, Yr 3 & 4) and Mrs Langridge (Class Teacher, Early Years).

I have seen clearly in the last few days what a great team of staff there is here. Staff have worked hard to prepare for the new term and it was very good yesterday to see children settling into their new classes. One child said to me: "I was a bit worried about coming back but I'm not anymore!" Staff will be endeavouring to engage the children with stimulating learning activities and there will be visits and visitors linked to the learning for each class. We will be updating the website with information for you over the coming days and weeks.

Start and End of Day Arrangements:

On the West Playground (left of the school!) children in Mrs Chamberlin's, Mr Brown's and Mr Evans' classes will wait. The playground will be supervised from 8.45 onwards. School starts at 9.00 am but we will begin taking the children in at 8.55. A whistle will be blown at 8.55. Children should stand still. There is no need to line up! When everyone is still and quiet, the children will be asked to walk in, a class or a Year group at a time. Mr Evans' classroom is on the west side of the building so it will be easier for them to come in and out from that playground this year.

On the East Playground (right of the school) children in Miss Thompson's and Mrs Langridge's classes will wait. At 8.50, children will line up and be led in by their teachers.

At the end of the day, Mr Evans' class will be led out to the West playground and he will wait until they have all been collected by an adult. Mr Brown's and Mrs Chamberlin's children will wait on the playground until an adult collects them.

Miss Thompson's and Mrs Langridge's children will be handed over to parents one at a time. Naturally, the children's safety is our first concern and this has been in our minds while planning the best arrangements. If you have children on both sides of school, please collect your younger children first – the older ones will be waiting for you on the West Playground.

Road Safety around our School:

This school is lucky enough to be situated in a quiet village – most of the time! It does, of course get very busy before and after school, which could be a concern for the safety of our children and parents. We thank all drivers who take great care when driving, stopping and parking nearby. This will help children who are trying to cross roads and who may not be seen as easily as an adult. On

that note, we encourage children to 'Be safe and be seen' so wearing something bright is advisable, especially when the evenings begin to get darker.

There are some dates below. More will be added in the next Newsletter. We will be having celebration assemblies but these will not start yet – more information to follow.

Please come and speak to me if there is anything you wish to discuss and I will do my best to assist.

Thank you,

MJ Ashmead

Mr M Ashmead (Interim Headteacher)

Diary Dates

September

Tues 19-Fri 22 September	Book Fair
Thursday 21 st September	Photographs – Individual and family
<i>To be Confirmed</i>	Harvest Service
Friday 20 th October	Last Day before Half Term
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th November	Parents' Evening
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
<i>To be Confirmed</i>	Carol Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day before Christmas Holidays

Messages from the School Office

School Office: Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.45 am and 3.45 pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours. If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please let Mrs Blackburn know by 9.30 am.

Leave of absence: If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an 'exceptional circumstance' **must be submitted with the request.** Please return forms with a minimum of six weeks' notice.

Appointments: If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – We would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter.

Emergency Contact Records: Please let school know of any changes to your contact details **immediately** so that we are able to keep our records up to date. This will aid us in contacting you should any matters arise during the school day.

Collection of children: If you have to make alternative arrangements for someone unknown to school to collect your child at the end of school, then please let Mrs Blackburn know and the message can be passed on to the class teacher.