

Welcome back to school

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I just wanted to write a short note to say how wonderful it is to have our children back in school! We have been very busy over the summer break making some exciting changes to Kingfisher but the school seemed cold and empty without our pupils. It is now, once again, a warm, vibrant school!

New Colours It has been reported that many of the schools in Britain are painted the same colour as our prisons! We wanted to cheer up the learning environment. The children have been very excited to see bright new colours on the school walls. We will also be changing our displays to galleries where the children's work will be presented in frames to give it the credit it deserves.

New Libraries Research shows that by the time children are 16, those who read for pleasure for just 15 minutes per day out perform those that don't ***in all areas of the curriculum!*** We want to help you develop a love of reading in your child and we have invested in two new, bespoke designed library areas. They are specifically designed to hold enough books for all the pupils now the school is full and we are investing a further £8,000 in books to delight your children. We can't wait until the shelves are completely full!

Forest School and Trips "a child educated only in a classroom is an uneducated child" I strongly believe that children's learning needs to be extended further than their school or classroom. We will be taking advantage of what London has to offer and will be aiming to be going on 6 trips per year. The majority of these will be free trips to museums and other places in London. I am also very excited to announce we now have a "Kingfisher Woodland Walk." I managed to get permission from CONEL to use the strip of trees along the ride. The area was dense and full of litter but we now have an area of forest the children will love to use. The teachers had great fun practising their spider web weaving skills! If you are interested in the benefits of a forest school, please follow this link:
<https://home.bt.com/lifestyle/health/wellness/forest-school-9-ways-children-benefit-from-learning-and-playing-outside-11364276783242>

Allergies Please remember we have children in school with serious allergies to nuts. I cannot state clearly enough we are a **NO NUT SCHOOL**. Do not give your children nuts or nut products. This includes Nutella and Peanut Butter.

We will be holding a coffee morning for parents soon to discuss ways in which you can be more actively involved with the school and all the new initiatives. We value your input and welcome your help.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr M Clifford
Headteacher

Please see overleaf for pictures of the new initiatives.



