

## Dear Parent/ Carers,

We have had another successful week at Kingfisher and your children have been a credit to you! Here is the second weekly roundup

## New Curriculum

We have a visit on Wednesday from our School Improvement Partners. They will be conducting learning walks and staff interviews to see how the school is preparing for the new Ofsted Framework. The new focus on inspections has widened to all subjects and schools will be judged in the quality of provision and teaching in all areas. I welcome this change although, as with many schools, we have to work hard to ensure this is happening. We will share any outcomes with you.

## Parent Council

I would like to organise a parent council who could meet once every half term to discuss the school, the children and the curriculum. As parents you are most valuable resource and I want our school to really feel like the centre of our community and to do this I need you! If you are available and would be willing to come and meet for coffee to discuss all things Kingfisher then please register your interest at the school office and mention it is for the parent council. Please note, this is not the PTA, rather a working group to collaborate to help the pupils and school. Parent governors are most welcome too



## Meet the teacher

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to meet their child's teacher. It was a very well attended event and shows just how much you value your child's education. Remember, if you didn't manage to meet the teacher yesterday then please arrange another time, they will be very happy to meet after school one day.

## Parent Parking

Please can I appeal to all parents to be considerate to our neighbours when parking around the school and obey the highway code and yellow lines. Yesterday there was a road rage fight between two adults and the police had to be called. I am really concerned our pupils are witnessing this behaviour and it is only a matter of time before a child is hurt. I have written to the council twice and am now working with the pupils and residents to bring calm to The Ride. Please support the school with this. We all just want our children to be safe.

## Class names

Just to clarify, we have added the class year groups and teachers' initials to the class names to aid clarity. The classes will be referred to by their gemstone name and then the numbers and letters. For example, Onyx 6AM.

## New pupils

It honestly fills me with joy when I see our youngest pupils join the school in the Nursery and Reception. When I see them I see the future. They are all amazing children. They have settled in remarkably well. In fact the tears that were shed were mainly from the parents!

## Woodland Walk Helpers

We are in **real need** of some parent volunteers who can help me clear litter from the wooded area on the Ride and cable tie a willow screen to the inside of the fence. If we have 10 volunteers, we could do it all in a couple of hours and the children's forest learning area would be screened off from the pedestrians in the Ride. All you need is yourself and gardening gloves if you have them. Once again, please give your name to the office. Thank you!!!

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

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