

2nd October 2020

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## **Autumn Term**

COVID-19 has changed our view on both the way we live and work and as a school we have adjusted to this new way of working. As a Headteacher, I never thought I would be leading a school and supporting a community through a national pandemic. The pandemic has enabled people to become reflective of the past and hopeful for the future when we can return to living in a way that we all once knew.

I began my journey at Kingsway Community Primary School in September 2017, following the school's Ofsted inspection in June 2017 where the school was placed into special measures. As a school, we have made significant progress, as evident from our last Ofsted inspection and the subsequent removal of special measures. As part of our journey, we have been fortunate to work in partnership with other local primary schools which we have found invaluable. The opportunity to work in close partnership with other schools is something that Kingsway would like to further pursue in the coming months. The Governing Body, alongside leaders in school are starting to discuss this way of working and we will be sharing this with you over the coming weeks. Kindest regards,

## **Paralympian Visit**

We had a fantastic visit from athletes Joe Roebuck and Darren Harris last Friday. Joe ran circuit sessions throughout the afternoon with each class, while Darren visited each classroom and spoke about his life and how he has overcome obstacles at every stage of his sporting career. Needless to say, children (and adults) found his story to be both interesting and utterly inspiring. Liam, in Year 6, said:

"I enjoyed listening to Darren. He was funny and really inspiring. I can't believe he has scored 32 goals for England!" If you still have any sponsorship money left to send into school, please do so as soon as possible



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Flu Vaccinations: 8th October

End of half term: 23<sup>rd</sup> October

#### Caretaker

Neil, our caretaker will be stepping down from his duties today after 18 months at the helm. He has transformed the general cleanliness of the school and helped navigate a pandemic. We would all like to place on record our thanks for all he has done. We are currently finalising new caretaker arrangements.

## Covid-19

A reminder that if your child displays ANY of the following symptoms, you are to consult your GP to determine the best course of action:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cougha loss or change to your
  - sense of smell or taste

If your child feels unwell but does not have any of these symptoms, then they should attend school if you deem them fit.

## **Warwickshire Term Dates**

2020/ 2021	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2020	Friday 23rd October 2020
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5th January 2021	Thursday 11th February 2021
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
Summer Term 1	Monday 19th April 2021	Thursday 27th May 2021
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

### Maths Working Walls

As a Maths Mastery school, we are always looking at ways to embed key mathematical skills and principles. One approach we take in the classroom to reinforce lesson work is through our 'Maths Working Walls'. Each working wall contains key language and unit specific vocabulary, as well as examples of methods that have been used throughout the week. There are some examples here, but please ask your children about these walls and ask them to tell you about the star words that they are currently learning.

If you would like examples of the type of vocabulary that children are learning, please speak to your child's class teacher – they will be more than happy to help.





## **P.E Kits**

A reminder that P.E kits will be sent home weekly so that they can be washed. Kits should consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps/trainers. In the winter months, children will need black joggers and a plain black sweatshirt.

Many thanks for your continued support.

# **Parking**

Usual reminder about parking – I know before and after school are busy and difficult times of the day but can I remind you all that we are in a residential area and need to be mindful of our neighbours. Please do not park or block drive entrances or park on the newly painted zigzag yellow lines directly outside school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation