



I would like to start this newsletter by saying a big well done to all our wonderful children on a fantastic start to the school year. The children have settled into their new classes fantastically and have made a great start to their learning. Well done everyone! 😊

## Attendance and holiday dates

I am sending this year's term time and holiday dates out with this newsletter for you all again so you have them to hand. Please keep these in mind when booking holidays, as holidays in term time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ring the school office on 0151 638 5195 to let us know the reason why as soon as you can. We will be focusing on improving attendance this year after some unavoidable disruption over the last few years. I am currently finalising information about our attendance processes and will be sending this out to you all shortly, so please look out for this. Thank you 😊

## Dates for the diary

Here are a few dates for your diary for this half term.

Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Preloved Book Giveaway	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Individual School Photos	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 4 Swimming <i>(more information to follow)</i>	Weeks Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> October and 17 <sup>th</sup> October
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET DAY	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Back to School	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> November		

## HRH Queen Elizabeth II

I have no doubt that you will all have heard the news that HRH Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday last week. On Friday, we took our lead from the children and held discussions in class to talk about this sad and historic occasion, celebrating the life of our longest reigning monarch. We will continue to support the children in understanding the events of the coming weeks through our curriculum, as well as celebrating her legacy and the coronation of the new King. You will also now be aware that the day of her Majesty's funeral, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, has been designated a bank holiday and therefore schools will be closed on this day.



## Jewellery

Please can I remind families that the only jewellery allowed in school are stud earrings and a watch (but not smart watches). Hoop earrings are not permitted as these are easily caught during play and this can cause injury. On PE days earrings must be removed at home please and not worn to school.

## Snack and Nut Free School

This term, there will continue to be a range of healthy snacks available to purchase in school for those children in Years 1-6 who wish to. They are 20p each. Those children who wish to continue to bring their snack from home, are of course welcome to do so, as long as this is a healthy snack. The fruit which is given to Nursery, F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (as part of a government scheme) is also available for those classes.



As we have children in school who have an allergy to nuts, please make sure that if your child brings a snack or a packed lunch to school there are no products that contain nuts. This includes Nutella or similar products. Thank you for your support.

## Medication, allergies and data collection forms

There are a number of children who have medication administered or who have inhalers or epi-pens in school. Please can parents visit the school office to ensure that medication left in school is still within the expiry date. If your child has been recently diagnosed with any allergies or medical conditions that school need to be aware of, please let the school office and class teacher know. Thank you to all families who have returned their data collection forms. If you haven't yet returned the forms, please can you do so as soon as possible. Thanks everyone 😊

## School Places for September 2023

Applications are now open for places in F2 for September 2023. If your child is currently in F1 and will be 4 years old by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, then it is time to apply for school places for next year! This can be done through the following website and the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you know of anyone who is thinking of joining Kingsway for F2, please ask them to get in touch so we can arrange for them to visit us.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place>

Similarly, applications for secondary school places can now be submitted, and the deadline for this is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any questions about applying for places, please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to help you.



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## Preloved Book Giveaway

We have been having a sort out of our books in schools and we have a selection of books that need new homes. These will be out in the reception area on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September for families to help themselves.

## And finally...It's Photo Time!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to take individual photos of the children. Children will also have their photo taken with their siblings if they also attend the school. Children who are in F1 and Nursery, but do not normally attend on a Friday morning may come into school at 9am (in their school uniform) with a parent or carer, to have their photo taken before going home again.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at school.

Thanks everyone,

Helen Holbrook (Headteacher)