

# WELCOME



Here we are part way through another busy week. I'm writing this with the sound of our Freestyle Football Workshops going on in the background- I'm sure the children will come home tonight with lots to tell you about what they have learnt! In this newsletter, I'd like to share some exciting new developments to our PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum for F2-Y6 with you.

## Parent and Carer Meetings

We are looking forward to holding parents' evenings in school again this year. These will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We are currently organising the time slots, and making sure siblings are given times which are close together. We will send out information with your appointment time soon. We are really looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you during these meetings and discussing the next steps in their learning.

## Dates for the diary

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

PSHE Curriculum Parent & Carer drop in session	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2:45pm-3:45pm	Special Lunch Day: Children's Choice!	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 4 Swimming (more information to follow)	Weeks Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> October and 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' and Carers' Meetings	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <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		

## MyHappyMind

As you may remember, last year we began our journey as a MyHappyMind school as one of the first schools on the Wirral use this programme. We took part in a pilot scheme, supported by the NHS, to deliver this vital learning for our children. MyHappyMind teaches children about their brains and their character strengths and is a programme which focuses on mental and emotional wellbeing. I am pleased to say that our year as one of the pilot schools was very successful, and as a result of this we have been awarded our bronze accreditation. This year we will be working towards our silver accreditation- keep an eye out for further updates to find out ways you can get involved at home!



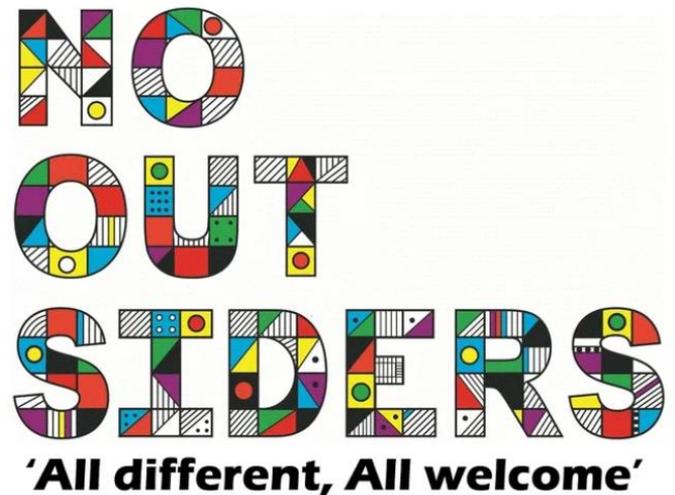


This half term, we are starting a new PSHE curriculum, called Jigsaw. This was launched in assembly yesterday and the children will be starting their class sessions shortly. Jigsaw brings personal, social and health education, emotional literacy and social skills together. It is designed as a whole-school approach with all year groups working on the same theme (puzzle) at the same time. Learning Overviews will be uploaded onto our website soon for you to be able to view the learning objectives in more detail. For an opportunity to come into school, view some of the resources and find out more, please see the parent and carer drop in information below 😊



## No Outsiders

The third element to our PHSE curriculum is No Outsiders. This was something we started to discuss last year through assemblies, and this year we will be moving forwards by using the No Outsiders scheme in class as well. This takes the form of 6 picture books a year for each class - one per half term. Each book is chosen particularly as they are books that support messages of diversity and inclusion. Each book comes with a lesson plan which will be used to discuss the themes and reinforce the message of 'No outsiders: Everyone is welcome in our school'.



## Parent and Carer Drop in Session

We would like to invite you into school to find out more about the three elements of our PSHE curriculum described above. We will be holding a parents and carers drop in session on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 2:45-3:45 where we will have additional information and some of the resources that we are going to be using, including the picture books, on display for you to see. We'll also answer any questions you may have.



## 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.

 And finally... A special lunch!



Our kitchen team have been talking to children about what they would like to have for a special lunch. This will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the menu will include chicken burger, French fries, salad and corn on the cob, plus a sweet treat! Our sandwich 'grab bags' will also be on the menu that day too. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school meal on this day, they are more than welcome to!

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

Thanks everyone,

Helen Holbrook (Headteacher)