



Dear Parents and Carers

I find it hard to believe that we are already at the end of half term; it feels like yesterday that I was welcoming you all to the start of a new year.

We have held our elections for School Council. All the children were given the opportunity to talk to their class about what they would like for the school and how they would put the views of their class to the teachers in the school. All of the speeches were well thought out, clearly articulated and full of passion for the school. The children in the class then voted for their School Council representatives.

Congratulations go to:

Badgers: Romany and Dougie
Hedgehogs: Holly and Johnny
Woodpeckers: Ralph and Ella S
Skylarks: Grace H and Oscar
Falcons: Kayleigh and Connor
Kites: Faith and Jack S
Swifts: Dylan C-W and Peter

I am looking forward to meeting with the School Council and working with them over the coming year. One of our main foci will be working with the building team to ensure that we get the very best for our school.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting with Mr Leeming, he commented on what an enthusiastic group of parents you are and he has said that if you have any questions regarding Year 7 do not hesitate to contact Kings'.

Buildings:

I am very proud of the way that the children have settled into their new teaching areas, they have been calm and remained focussed on their learning, well done all. Breakfast Club will continue to access the school as normal via the hall door.

Have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30 October.

Data Collection Sheets

The Admin Team will be sending out Data Collection Sheets during the first week after half term. Please check your child's/children's Book Bags. Please check the sheets carefully, sign and return them to the school office. It is vital that we have correct contact numbers as we would use these sheets in the event of our network going down. Thank you.

FOBS News

After the AGM we would like to congratulate Marta Shepherd on becoming Chair and Paul Bergin for agreeing to continue as Treasurer of FOBS. As Marta is now the Chair this does leave the position of secretary open and this obviously needs to be filled. The main job of the secretary is to take notes at meetings and email the minutes to the committee as well as supporting the committee in events. If you are

interested in taking up the position please do drop an email to friendsofoliversbattery@gmail.com

Can we remind you of the clothes bank which is by the school gate. If you are having a sort out over half term please remember that any unwanted clothes, shoes etc. can be put in there and will raise money for our school.

Halloween Disco

This will take place on Friday 3 November. The cost is £3 (to be paid on the door) which will include a drink and a snack. Reception and Years 1 and 2 is from 5pm - 6.15pm. Pre-school children can attend, as long as they are supervised by an adult. Years 3,4,5 and 6 are 6.30pm - 8pm. There will be prizes for the best homemade costume.

Fireworks – Saturday 11 November

Tickets will be available to buy from our School Office and Alexandra Sports (next to Oliver's Battery Dental Practice).

Gates open at 5:30pm

Advanced ticket prices:

£3 child (under 16)

£6 Adult

£12 Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children)

Please note there is a slight increase in price if tickets are bought on the gate. We will have a brief meeting, at school, on Tuesday 7 November at 3.30pm for anyone able to offer any time at all to help with the fireworks. Any help is gratefully received, whether it is setting up, serving drinks, helping in the car park or helping to clear up the following day – there is always a small job for someone to do! Thank you.



Grounds Group

We had a small but keen team a couple of weeks ago and managed to clear the scrubby plants from the flower meadow and clean the polytunnel, both of which will be used for butterfly studies next Summer. Thank you volunteers for all your hard work!

***Our next date for the Grounds Group will be
Sunday 5 November 10.00am – 2.00pm***

Jobs will include:

- Clearing the lookout
- Clearing and burning cut trees from the woodland copse (forest school area)
- Clearing the butterfly shelters
- Cutting and burning scrub by meadow

New faces are most welcome. Please come and give us a try.

Children are also welcome but will, of course, be your responsibility. Please wear long sleeves and don't forget to bring along a hot drink and your gardening tools (I've found that shears and loppers are most useful). I'll bring a cake and we'll have access to the toilets. Thank you, Maggie Shelton.



Parent Communication

If you are receiving paper copies of our Newsletters and would prefer to receive them via email, please contact a member of the Admin Team and they will be happy to sign you up to Parentmail – our school communication system. Likewise, if you do not currently receive Parentmail text messages but would like to please let the Admin Team know.

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you fill in a form if you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club – this helps with numbers and catering. Thank you.

Rucksacks

Please can we remind parents and carers not to send children into school with large rucksacks. They have their PE kit in school each day so should not need large bags with them. Space is very limited within the school. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss F Wood
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Last day of Term	20 October
Year R Phonics Workshop 6-6.30pm	30 October
Halloween Disco	3 November
School Photographer (Portraits)	9 November
Fireworks	11 November
Christmas Fair	12 December
Last day of Term	21 December
Inset Day	26 January 2018
Cinema	30 January 2018
KS2 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	7 February 2018
KS1 SAT's Information Evening – 7pm	8 February 2018
Mothers' Day Shop	9 March 2018
Inset Day	16 March 2018
Easter Egg Hunt	27 March 2018
Fathers' Day Shop	15 June 2018
Summer Fayre	23 June 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018