

# KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011

It's been a hectic start to the new term, as always! All 52 Reception children are in school and they start full time this week. Thank you all for your patience and good humour during the first weeks. Now your children are back and settled into their new classes I thought I would just remind you of one or two things which make the start and end of each day run more smoothly and safely. Please take care at either end of the school day when you are dropping off or picking up your children. There is no extra parking inside the school grounds and parking on Belle Cross Road gets increasingly more difficult. Parking away from the immediate area is a good idea. If you live close by please walk up to school if possible. Thank you.

### NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

School dinners are a real success story here at KCPS; we have more children having dinners than ever. BUT please could you parents order and pay for your children's meals on the Monday of the week they want them. Under the new procedures introduced by NORSE, the school must pay for all lunch time expenses and if the books don't balance at the end of every week the schools budget must make up the short fall. So please send in your child's dinner money in a sealed envelope on Monday and it will be collected by Mrs Taylor from the classrooms. Cheques can be made payable to Devon County Council. There will be a scheme to enable you to pay on line direct to the NORSE organisation; I will pass on the details when I have them. The meals cost £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week. Thank you for your cooperation.

## HELP!!

### Meal Time Assistants Wanted.

If you would like to work with children for an hour and a quarter each school day please come and see us as soon as possible.

### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Yes it's that time of year again...CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES!! Last year we sent off 84 boxes for the "Link Romania" Appeal. The shoe boxes are for children in Eastern Europe who will not be having the Christmas we can expect. I do have a dvd in school which any of you can borrow to see what happened to last year's boxes and where our boxes might end up this Christmas. Please help us beat last years total and make someone else's Christmas just a little more enjoyable.  
Shoe Boxes must be ready by Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding our HARVEST FESTIVAL this Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. We are planning the assembly for the children at 10.30 am and as a centre piece we would like to have a display of fresh fruit and vegetables. Please could your child/children bring in some produce for this event and a few pence for our usual Harvest raffle in the afternoon? The children can drop off their contributions in the hall as they come into school on Friday morning. This is always a lovely school event; thank you for your help.

### GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governor news from Marion Bond  
I'm new to the Governing body team, with the role of building on the communication that goes on already between the school and home.  
Knowing what is going on in school, and how you can support your child's learning at home, is vital. If, like me, your child's answer to "What happened today at school?" is a variation on "I don't know/can't remember/too tired to talk/nothing", it can be frustrating!!  
Please let me know your suggestions to improve communication channels. I look forward to hearing from you and aim to feedback progress in future newsletters. Contact me by note via the school office (or Chair of Governors – Kate Fox) or if you see me in the playground.  
If you have worries about your child and their school experience, please talk to their class teacher, to sort difficulties out early on.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION FROM THE NHS

In line with national policy, BCG vaccination for tuberculosis (TB) has not routinely been given to children in schools since 2005. NHS Devon are now screening young people in the reception year, who are at risk of developing or have ongoing risk of exposure to TB infection.

This includes any child aged 5 – 18 who has not been vaccinated against TB infection and:  
have a parent or grandparent born in a country with a high incidence of TB OR  
were born or lived for more than 3 months in any country with a high incidence of TB.

Please contact the Immunisation Team on **01392 208469 or 208470** to arranged screening or vaccination.  
Thank you for supporting this vital public health screening programme.

### YEAR 6 PARENTS

#### PLEASE NOTE

#### OPEN MORNING at KCC

On 7<sup>th</sup> October Mr Pope and Mrs Ohlson will be talking to parents of children in year 6 and offering tours of the school. The morning starts at 9.30am, finishing at around 11.30 am and is aimed at parents only.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**JUNIOR CHOR...**for years 4, 5, and 6 at KCC Music Department, Mondays 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.  
**HOCKEY COACHING** for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 at KCC All Weather pitch, Mondays 4.00 pm to 4.45 pm.  
**KRFC Junior Rugby Training**, every Friday night from 6.30 pm Under 7 to Under 15's.  
**KM Football Matches** every Sunday morning contact the school for more details.

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**Clubs Grid**  
**Term At A Glance Grid**  
**Information from Bev Carson**  
**Flier from Woodlands**