



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

24th October 2022

Latest Update

Parent Consultations will take place at the following times -

Monday 24th October - 2.10 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 25th October - 2.10 – 5.00pm
Wednesday 26th October - 2.10 – 5.00pm
Thursday 27th October - 2.10 – 5.00pm

NB During this week (Monday to Friday) all pupils will finish early –

P1 – 1.30pm

P2 – 1.40pm

P3 – 1.40pm

P4 – 1.50pm

P5 – 1.50pm

P6 – 2.00pm

P7 – 2.00pm

School dinners will be available as normal during this week.

Pupils who get the 2pm bus can do so as normal (supervision will be provided until 2pm). For pupils who normally get the 3pm bus we will provide supervision in the hall from 2-3pm **if you have no alternative option for collection at the specified time above. If you wish to request 2-3pm supervision please contact the School Office to book a place today.**

Please note there are no after school clubs this week other than KIPS Care.

When attending interviews please go directly to your child's classroom and take a seat until called. Please be punctual and try to keep to your allocated time for the benefit of all.

KIPS + Official Formation

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed our first ever official KIPS+ Committee. The Committee will run for the next two years and we look forward to supporting them in putting on events for the whole school community.

The following Office Bearers have been elected –

Chairperson – Mrs A Kennedy

Vice Chair – Mrs P Robinson

Secretary – Mrs F Orr-Stewart

Treasurer – Mrs E Harrison

The Committee will also be made up of parent representatives from each class as well as some members of staff. You do not need to be a member of the Committee in order to help out at events.

Half Term Holidays

Please note that school will be closed all of next week for our half term holidays and will reopen on Monday 7th November.

P1 Open Morning

Our P1 Open Morning this year will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2022. This is open to all parents considering sending their child to KIPS from September 2023.

Class books

Your child's class books were sent home at the weekend for you to look at prior to parent interviews. They should be signed and returned with your child today. Thank you.

Baroness May Blood

We are sorry to learn of the passing of Baroness May Blood. Baroness Blood was a strong and passionate campaigner for Integrated Education and will be a great loss to the sector and far beyond.

School Council Charity Update

Our School Council have decided that we will once again support Children in Need this term as our chosen charity as well as a Storehouse collection before Christmas. Children in Need day is Friday 18th November and we will be operating a non-uniform day. The School Council would like to encourage pupils to wear something yellow or spotty on this day if possible.

We will also be collecting for the Poppy Appeal this week due to half term. School Council members will be going round classes from tomorrow and children can purchase –

Item	Suggested Minimum Donation
Poppy	20p
Zip Pull	50p
Reflector	50p
Silicon Wristband	£1
Snap Band	£1.50

Change to buses

We have just been informed that EA are providing an additional bus in the mornings for pupils to be collected from the Pigeon Club. We have been told that Gary (bus driver) has already informed all parents concerned. The additional service will be operated by Anne Gray.

School Counsellor

We are pleased to inform you that we will once again be offering a school counselling service with Imagine If Counsellor Beverly Petticrew from 18th November. We currently have a waiting list for this service. If your child is prioritised you will receive a call from either Beverly or Mrs Smyth in due course.

Medics in Primary Schools Programme

We are delighted to be partnering with Queens University to provide lessons on general health from a medical student with our P7 pupils. The programme commences this week and will run for nine weeks in total.

I would like to thank our staff for all their work during this first half term. Our class teachers will be involved in long hours this week as they facilitate parent interviews on top of an almost full day's teaching and I am grateful for their dedication and commitment for the benefit of our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

R Irvine
Principal