



Dear Parents and Carers, the children settled well into the new school routine. Today the year 5 and 6s have had the fantastic opportunity of learning how to save lives thanks to Jays Charity. Year 4 and Reception are enjoying their forest school sessions (please see website for photos!). We are looking forward to the Big Breakfast which is happening on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, thank you to those who have donated and signed up to help. Please continue to do so if you haven't already. As ever, we wish you a lovely weekend.



**School Council:** This week we democratically held votes for our new school council members. We pleased to announce our new school council team are as follows: Selena, Artemis, Oscar D, Harris, Drew, DeeDee, Bea and Arthur Wi. Badges will be shared with the School Council on Monday.

**Drumming lessons:** We have had lots of enquiries about Drumming lessons. Please contact IMS to book on: [john.ims@talktalk.net](mailto:john.ims@talktalk.net) or call 07876456752. Their Drumming Teacher Alan visits our school on a Friday each week.



### PE DAYS

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Reception	Monday and Friday
Class 2 (Year 1)	Monday and Tuesday
Class 3 (Year 2 & 3)	Monday and Wednesday
Class 4 (Year 4 & 5)	Monday and Friday
Class 5 (year 6)	Monday and Wednesday

**Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on a Monday ONLY. On all other PE days, please bring PE kit in a bag to change into.**

Next Week!

We have updated the rest of this years term dates at the bottom of this Newsletter. **I urge you to have a look and add them to your diary. As always, please do ask if you need clarification as to what is happening.**

Date	Event
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	PE for ALL, please come in PE kit Y6 SAT's Club 3.30-4.15 Achieve4All <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f</a>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby 3.30-4.15
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 KCC Open Morning- Please inform the office if your child will be attending FOREST SCHOOL PM Reception & Y4, please come in forest school kit Lego Club 3.30-4.15 Board Games Club 3.30-4.15
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	

### PTFA News

## Big Breakfast

Raffle Tickets Are Coming Home Today – Please check those book bags. Our fabulous Big Breakfast raffle is here, and there's tons of brilliant prizes up for grabs!

Just a few highlights include:

- A £149 studio voucher for Norsworthy Photography
- Archery day with Forest and Beach
- A year's membership to Outside Skate Bowl

If you'd like to buy tickets, you can do so in the usual way:

Return the completed ticket stubs (with your name) and cash to the school reception

**OR**

Pay online via PayPal using the following

link: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/L64RXQJPHAWAW>

**The raffle will be drawn at the Big Breakfast on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

Food Donations Needed!

Please check out the food donation list on the easel in reception (or outside the front entrance, weather permitting). If you'd prefer to donate cash instead, we're happy to do the shopping for you!



Every contribution helps us provide those special extras for our school and preschool children – thank you so much for your support.

## Preschool News

It's been wonderful to welcome the children into our new setting this week! They've settled in beautifully and have loved exploring their new environment. A highlight has been using mirrors to draw their self-portraits – we can't wait to see them proudly displayed on our new boards!

**We are in desperate need of some assistance putting together our reading barge – if anyone is handy with a drill and a set of instructions and could spare an hour or two we would be most grateful. Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you.**

## Local Charities

Help Us Choose a Charity to Support This Year!

As part of our commitment to giving back to the community, we're planning a series of fundraising events throughout the academic year. We'd love your input in choosing a local charity to support!

If you know of a worthy cause or organization making a difference in our area, please let us know. We're especially interested in charities that have a positive impact on children, families, or the environment.



**Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Forest School: Thursday PM children to come to school in forest school clothes.**

This week we have made some super self portrait paintings and have shared why our families are special. The children continue to Wow us with their phonics skills and well done for completing your letter formation homework. If you are out and about this weekend, please do collect some signs of autumn/winter! We will be learning a new text next week – all about leaves and squirrels.

**Wanted: We are looking for some white sheets for a forest school project! If you have any at home you are able to part with, please drop them into the school office. Thank you!**

**Class 2 – Year One. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday.**

This week has been another busy week for Year 1! Earlier this week we had an urgent delivery of a letter from Little Bo Peep; Bo Peep had lost all her sheep and needed our help to find them again. As part of our English work, we wrote letters back, suggesting ways she could solve her problem... We eagerly await a reply to see if our ideas worked! In Maths, we have been continuing with our understanding of numbers to 100, finding missing numbers on a number line and practising forming numbers correctly. At home, you could challenge your children to count on and back from a number other than 1 e.g. 'count on from 8 to 23'

We have had lots of children practising their spellings and reading their books at home- thank you for your support!

**Class 3 – Year Two & Three. PE Days: Monday and Wednesday.**

This week Class 3 have been busy thinking about the things they like to hear and see and have written some lovely poems about them. We have explored cave drawings and had a rather messy afternoon experimenting with charcoal to create effects of our own. In P.E. we have used what we learnt about compass points to play some games and have been working on our dodging skills. Well done Class 3.

**Class 4 – Year Four & Five. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Forest School Year 4: Thursday PM  
Children to come to school in forest school clothes.**

This week, Class 3 have been busy exploring their imaginations through poetry. We began by researching different animals that our class pet might dream about. Using our ideas, we experimented with similes and the power of three to add rhythm and creativity to our writing. In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on rounding decimals and exploring how this helps us in real-life problem solving. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been practising their column addition and subtraction, building their confidence with larger numbers and tricky exchanges.

**Class 5 – Year Six. PE Day: Monday and Wednesday.**

Class 5 have been busy this week writing their metaphor poems. They have explored some great vocabulary and it has been lovely to see them get creative with language! In PE, the children demonstrated some great control and passing skills during their football lessons and I know several of the Y6 children are thoroughly enjoying tag rugby after school too. Have a nice weekend everyone!

# Celebration



**Reader of the week...**

**Class 1 Cora**  
**Class 2 Selena**  
**Class 3 James HW**  
**Class 4 Raef**  
**Class 5 Jake**



**Writer of the week...**

**KS1 Willow P**  
**KS2 Drew**

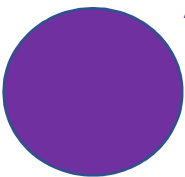
**Stars of the Week**



**Reception Paddy**  
**Year 1 Nelly**  
**Year 2 Raffy**  
**Year 3 Jack**

**Year 4 Aria**  
**Year 5 Freddie**  
**Year 6 Georgia**

**Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award**



This week's Purple Plate winners are... Erin, Selena, Joseph B and Harry D  
The Purple Plate Award is for showing exceptional manners in the lunch hall

Yours sincerely,

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Kirkham

Lucinda Kirkham

Head of School

## Diary Dates – New events in **RED**



W/C Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5	Bikeability
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Whole School	Harvest Assembly @ 2.30pm Parents welcome in school hall
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Everyone	PTFA Big Breakfast
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>KCC Open Morning</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Rotary Swimathon @ Quayside. 2-3pm.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6	Junior Life Skills@ Quayside AM. See letter / MCAS for more details.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>School Council Bake Sale at 3.30pm in the school hall</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS2	Tag Rugby Tournament @ Loddiswell
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception	Open afternoon. Parents welcome 2.30-3pm.
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October -Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2	Oral Health Visit
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Usborne Book Fair</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	TBC	X Country @ Malborough
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1	Christmas Play PM 2.15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1	Christmas Play AM 10am
	KS2	Christmas Play PM 5.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2	Christmas Play AM 10am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	End of Term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole School	Sports Day



You're invited to our

# Usborne Book Fair

on Thurs 20th November at 3.15pm

You'll find us in

The school hall

Our Independent Usborne Partner is

Catherine Acton

You can contact them on

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