

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.



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Did you know that King's Oak Farm now has its own Facebook page?! Miss Lemar regularly posts updates about the individual animals and sometimes even videos of them! Over the next couple of months, we are planning on developing our fabulous farm further - watch this space! Please follow the Facebook page to be kept updated.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is crucial so that they are exposed to the best education we can offer them. As a school, we monitor attendance closely and are in regular contact with families if children are not in. As part of this, we have a duty to inform you if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% since the start of term (classed as 'persistently absent' by the government). It may be that your child has been off for a period of illness, self-isolation or another reason that has been authorised by the school, or perhaps a combination of all of these reasons. No matter what the reasons and circumstances, we will automatically send you this letter for your information, even if we have already discussed the reasons with you. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Frankham from the inclusion team.

Behaviour of Adults on the School Site

Recently we have been made aware of some issues between a small minority of adults at the start and end of the school day. So that the children receive the best possible example from adults in the school community we are asking that all everyone please does the following at the start and end of the day:

- Behave appropriately towards other members of the school community, including other parents
- If you have a concern about something that has happened in school, please contact the school and not approach other parents directly.
- You may use your phone on school grounds but you must not take photos, videos or recordings of staff, children
 or others.

Parents are welcome on the school site at the start and end of the school day. Please note however, that unacceptable adult behaviour towards other members of the school community may result in the school insisting on alternative drop off and pick up arrangements for individual households, seeking Local Authority support as required.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of adults for their behaviour and conduct at the start and end of the school day

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th December - INSET Day - school closed to all pupils

Monday 13th December - KS1 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

Tuesday 14th December - LKS2 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

Wednesday 15th December - UKS2 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

Friday 17th December - last day of term

Friday 22nd July - this is now a non school day. This is because of the Queen's Jubilee falling in the May half term and us needing to put an additional day in for this.

Contact with Mrs Bambridge, SENDCo

Miss Bambridge is always keen to support parents with questions around SEND needs. To make this process easier, we are asking that parents send questions to sendco@kingsoakprimary.co.uk. Parents will receive an automated response explaining they will receive more detailed contact within 5 working days. If a more urgent response is required, parents can call the office to make an appointment and we will try to accommodate this if possible. Please note that Miss Bambridge cannot respond to such requests via class dojo and so will no longer be contactable through this system.

Covid Signs - reminder

As a reminder to everyone, the main symptoms and signs of Covid 19 remain:

- · a high temperature
- · a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

As well as these, early warning signs include, but are not exclusive to:

- · Headache
- Upset stomach and/or stomach ache
- Sickness
- Runny nose (this is a symptom more common with the Delta variant)
- Feeling achy
- · Extreme tiredness

If your child, or a member of the household are showing any of these symptoms, it is really important that the person showing symptoms isolates and accesses a PCR test. If this comes back positive, all who have been in contact with the positive person will need to access a PCR test. The new guidance states that close contacts who are not symptomatic do not need to isolate while waiting for their result. See updated parental flowchart below (and also sent to you separately) for more information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Morley-Smith Mrs McStraw

Headteacher Designate Deputy Headteacher Designate

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