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Newsletter

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Hodge who is expecting her first baby in the Autumn term. I hope you will join me in sharing congratulations to her and Mr Hodge.

TRIP TO FAIRHAVEN LAKE - Reception, Year 1&2

Please have a look on ParentPay to view the details of our upcoming trip to Fairhaven Lake in Lytham St Annes on Tuesday 6th July.

Payment contributions will need to be received by **Wednesday 30th June** to confirm whether the trip can go ahead.

Payment covers the cost of transport and and ice cream whilst we are there :)

More details will follow closer to the time.



COVID UPDATE

As you may be aware, in recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and outbreaks reported in education settings with many families receiving NHS track and trace requests to isolate.

There has been media attention recently on variants of concern, and the Lancashire County Council area is no exception. Therefore, it is important to do as much as possible to continue to keep our children and families safe and minimise the disruption to education:

- 1. Drop and go**
- 2. Wear a face mask**
- 3. Social distance (2m)**

There have been numerous concerns raised with school regarding parental behaviour outside of the school gates. This includes parents and carers making it difficult to enter the school grounds, swearing, smoking or congregating on Martinfield Road before and after school making it hard for people to pass at a safe distance. Please take the time to consider how other families feel at these key times, especially those with prams, toddlers or those who care for vulnerable adults who may be at greater risk from Covid19.

We are a strong community here at Kingsfold, we support each other well so please consider our actions and how they may impact on others.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Congratulations to Mr Van Zittert having been appointed as parent governor.

Online Bullying (Cyberbullying)

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is when any form of bullying takes place online via any device be it a mobile phone, tablet, console or computer. Some examples could include sending nasty messages or leaving nasty comments, sharing embarrassing photographs or excluding others when playing online games.

What is your child saying online?

Children can communicate online through lots of different apps, social media and games (WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA, Fortnite to name a few) so it's important to talk to your child about how they behave and communicate online. It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face. This is a useful article including tips on how to help your child be kind to others online:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/safer-internet-day-2019-how-to-help-your-child-be-kind-to-others-online>

How can I help?

- Set up appropriate controls on any devices/apps that your child uses.
- Set up appropriate privacy settings on any apps/games/websites that your child uses.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting tools and is able to block people online.
- Talk to your child about not accepting friend requests from strangers.
- Ensure your child understands that they should not share any personal information online.
- Talk to your child about what they do share online and that they must think before they do share.



If your child tells you that they are being bullied, stay calm and make sure your child knows that they did the right thing in telling you as bullying is not acceptable. Support them in reporting any bullying and blocking that person if able to do so. Keep evidence. Further steps may include involving your child's school or contacting an appropriate organisation such as the following:

Childline

You can contact Childline about anything.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

Bullying UK

If you are concerned about cyber bullying, you can contact Bullying UK through on 0808 800 2222

NSPCC

If you're worried about a child, contact NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

CEOP

Worried about online sexual abuse/ the way someone has been communicating online contact CEOP:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

Finally, talk to your child about not being a bystander in bullying, encourage them to report bullying of their friends/ peers who themselves may not know what to do.