

# NEWSLETTER



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Time

Autumn certainly seems to have crept upon us again very quickly. It seems only a few short days ago that we were enjoying long summer evenings, and warmer days in sleeveless outfits. When I looked around this week, staff have started wearing more layers, the boots have come out, the sandals have gone away and the coats are being hugged a little closer to keep us warm.



Time also seems to have sprung Harvest upon us again. A time where we are reminded of the toil and labour the farmers face to ensure they have enough food to feed their families, and enough crops to feed their animals through the winter. As we celebrate our Harvest, please do remember those less fortunate than ourselves and give a little if you can, because it really does make a difference.



We continue to be super busy in school, making the most of every second and keeping everybody safe. Pupils are incredibly well settled into their new classrooms and are working hard every day. Clubs are up and running and our new caterers are providing delicious and wholesome meals to our children every day. There is a real buzz about the place!

I often hear people say they never have enough time to do everything they want, say everything they want to see. But if not now, then when? Try and make time this month, a few minutes more to read to your child or ask them about their day—believe me, they have been busy! A few minutes more to pick up the telephone and call that friend you have been meaning to call for ages, and a few minutes more to make time for yourself, just to stop, take a breath and be with your own thoughts and a cup of tea.

Mrs Gascoigne



Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking and being outside with your children. Thank you.

18th October 2021

## Key Dates

**22nd October**

Harvest Festival

**22nd October**

End of Term

**1st November**

Staff inset day— school closed to pupils

**1st November**

Sports & Arts Fund Open

**2nd November**

Beginning of term 2

**10th November**

Parent Consultations— more information to follow

**11th November**

Remembrance Day

**15th November**

Anti-Bullying Week

## Griffin Arts

The week beginning the 18th October sees us undertake the Big Draw! All pupils in the Griffin Schools Trust will be participating in the Big Draw and this year, children are challenged to create art without using paper! This challenge will enable us to use nature, sculpture and to explore different surfaces for our art such as windows and the playground. We look forward to sharing our art work with you over the week.



## Harvest Festival

As a way to mark the end of Term 1, we will be celebrating our harvest festival on Friday 22nd October. We will be recording our special celebration and uploading it to our school YouTube page. The children will be singing songs, sharing poems and performing readings. We will also be collecting tinned goods for Caring Hands in the Community. If you are able, please donate any tinned or packet goods over the week to your child's class teacher and we will ensure all the donations are received by Caring Hands who serve free meals to the homeless and those in most need.



## Meet the team

September has seen some new staff members join our team at Kingfisher. We are so please they are with us and bring a wealth of expertise and energy. Be sure to say hi to them when you see them.



Miss Francis— FS2 Teacher

Miss Lenton— Year 2 Teacher

Miss Sheehan— Year 3 Teacher

Miss Parker— Year 6 Teacher

## Environment

Mr Hollands has been extremely busy over the summer and we are delighted to be able to share some of the rooms that we have developed. We now have two amazing library spaces for children to choose and borrow a range of books; outside Year 1 and 2 and the downstairs library.



We have also developed a new ELSA room which Mrs Brightman and Mrs Mouse will be using to support our children with their emotions and wellbeing which is situated near the front office.



## Facebook

Come and join the launch of our Facebook page which goes live on Friday 22nd October, kicking off with a recording of our harvest festival. Search for us on Facebook- **kingfisher gst** and send us a friend request.



## Baby News

And finally we would like to say a huge and happy congratulations to Mrs Cobden on the birth of her second daughter in July and Mrs Chase-Griffith who is now mummy to a baby boy. Both babies and mummies are doing well and we look forward to meeting the new additions to our Kingfisher family.



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