

Kingsthorpe Grove Newsletter Head Teacher

Autumn Term 1—2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a fabulous summer. I am very excited about the busy half term ahead of us and have a lot to look forward to. Please see the key dates below:

19.10.21	Early Parent Evening 3:30-5:30
21.10.21	Late Parent Evening 5:30 -7:00
22.10.21	Training Day – School Closed to children
25-29 October 2021	Half Term

Staff

We welcome new staff to the school! Mr Sanders will be the sports coach covering Mrs Moorhouse's maternity. Mrs O'Farrell has begun as Keyworker in Reception. We warmly welcome them to the school and I wish them all the best at KGPS!

Houses

Children spent some time last term re-naming our houses. I wanted to change the house names and I got some great suggestions from the children. They then voted and the winning house names were:

- **Lions replacing Blyton**
- **Panthers replacing Shakespeare**
- **Bears replacing Nightingale**
- **Jaguars replacing Churchill**

Children do not need new PE T shirts as the colours are remaining the same. We will get the new names printed on new t-shirts going forward.

Homework

Children have had a very disrupted 2 years due to Covid and the measures required for schools and homes. This means that children need support to get back on track with routines and their academic learning. We will be working hard with them in school to support them with their learning and their wellbeing. Children will benefit from as much support from parents/carers and families as possible as well. Our homework system allows families to be able to complete as much homework with their children as they can fit in and which fits in with family life.

As a minimum to really help your child, children are expected to read regularly, at least 3 times per week. Children are expected to learn times table facts and number facts appropriate to their age and spellings for a weekly test. Suggestions are put onto the newsletter for lots of other ideas of things that you could do with your children. As described these ideas are optional but as with anything the more that you can do with your child the more they will learn.