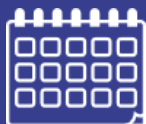




Dates for Your

DIARY



PTA Events

Wednesday 1st November Spooky Disco

Friday 1st December Christmas Bazaar

School Events

Friday 20th October—SEND Coffee Morning

31st October Closing date for secondary application

Wednesday 22nd November—Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd November—Parent Consultations

Friday 24th November—Carnival Day

Tuesday 16th January—Young Voices Concert

Half Term

Friday 20th October — Children's last day

Monday 30th October—Children return to school

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we are now reaching the end of the first half term. We have had a busy, productive six weeks of teaching and learning. All classes have been enjoying learning about Black History Month as well as lots of different Geography topics in the lead up to our Carnival which is taking place on Friday 24th November this year. I am also very pleased with the way that our youngest pupils in our school, both in Nursery and Reception, have grown so much already on their learning journeys with us at Kingsmoor.

If you are, or you know anyone with a child that will be starting Secondary School in 2024, please remind them that the deadline for applications is approaching fast, (31st October). When you submit this form please check that you receive the email receipt as you may need it in the future.

We are very excited about the Spooky Disco coming up which is being run by our fabulous PTA. The disco will be taking place on Wednesday 1st November and tickets for this are selling fast already. We look forward to seeing lots of children there.

We will be having our first round of face to face Parent Consultations on the 22nd and 23rd November. We will send out letters about this and start organising appointments when we return after half term.

I am sure like me, you have enjoyed the beautiful warm and sunny weather that we had throughout September and the beginning of October, but the temperatures have now dropped almost over night. Please ensure your children are wrapped up with their thick coats and any scarves/ hats/ gloves so that they remain warm at playtimes and lunch times.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Monday 30th October 2023.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time check-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace and well-understood. However, it's important to be aware of the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches, commonplaces online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engines, results can be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Picture that conveys details about your child's interests, or a daily routine could aim to gain a predator's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to believe in ways that are 'worth sharing'. Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their 'digital footprint'. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up - in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting. It respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Shirley Rouse is a safeguarding consultant with more than 20 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings. With this and other international roles, she has developed online safety training for school authorities and hosted core agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWeb.

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OMEGLE E-Safety

There has been an increase in concerns of young children accessing the website **OMEGLE**. OMEGLE is a cam chat site, and although it has an app, it seems to be more likely that children will use a web browser to access it. Although the site asks you to confirm that you are 18 years of age before being able to access it, it has no age verification mechanism in place.

National Online Safety



Safeguarding



Safer Schools App



The Safer Schools App helps to educate, empower and protect children and those responsible with helping to keep them safe as they navigate the world of technology and social media.

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them in school and at home. As parents and carers, you will have a tailored version of the app which will empower and educate you to best support the children in your care in the digital world.

The safety hub contains all of the important alerts about new threats and trends online which are sent out by the Safer Schools Team.

In the video hub you will see all of the safeguarding videos posted by the safer schools team.

The alerts hub hosts all of the push notifications which can be sent out by us as a school, or by the Safer Schools Team. This could range from an alert about a new app, or simply a reminder from the school (Make sure that you turn all of your push notifications on when you download the App) Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of different apps and devices out there? Not sure how to help your children stay safe online? Check out the Online Safety Centre to find out how to block, report and set appropriate privacy and safety settings. On the screen it shows an example of how to learn to block someone on TikTok. Simply click on the block button, choose the device you are using, select the social media app and then watch the short video.

The Digital Safety section is a handy reference tool to keep you informed on a range of topics from The Online World to Gaming. The screen recording shows you how to find all the info you need to know on the controversial, yet popular messaging app Kik in the Social Media section.

Want to test your knowledge of the information on the App? Think you know as much as your kids? Try our Quick Quizzes on any of our topics.

If you feel like even more of a challenge – try the Digital Tests section for a more in-depth, multiple choice quiz.

Step 1: Open up your App Store or Google Play and search for 'Safer Schools'

Step 2: Type in your school name – **Kingsmoor Academy**

Step 3: Type in the code – **7740** or Scan the QR Code



Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Celebrating Fantastic Attendance

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year with children's attendance at an all time high, keep it up!

Congratulations to the following classes for having the highest attendance in the school last week with 98% attendance : 9.10.2023—13.10.2023:

India class and Ghana class.

These classes were closely followed with 97% attendance for the same period:

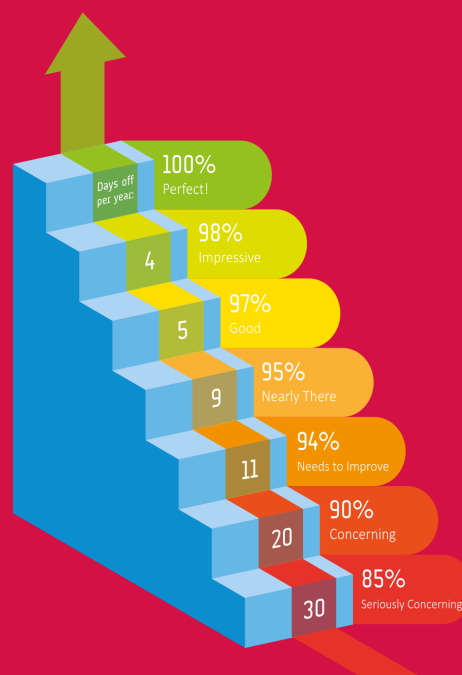
Australia, France and Nursery.

ATTENDANCE

Kingsmoor Academy prioritises attendance and punctuality. We aim to have attendance which meets and exceeds the national average.

We understand that children can be absent from school due to illness and medical appointments. Please remember to call the school office and report your child's absence to the attendance officer before 9.30am.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. We have a 'soft start' from 8.40am where children can attend and complete some early morning work. Classroom doors close at 8.50am for registration.



School Menu

| Chartwells SCHOOLS | | | | | |
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| WEEK 1 | | | | | |
| W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 12/02, 04/03, 25/03 | | | | | |
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges | Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges | Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Beef Bolognese 🍝 Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| JACKET POTATO | Vegetable Korma 🍛 Served with Wholegrain Rice | Vegetarian Burger 🍔 Served with Potato Wedges | Vegetable Pastry Roll 🥟 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy | Vegetarian Bolognese 🍝 Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread | Crispy Quorn Nuggets Served with Chips |
| DESSERT | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Merguez 🍷 | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
| Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 | | | | | |
| All main meals are served with two vegetables | | | | | |
| DESSERT | Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard | Crispy Crumble Bar with Fruit 🍓 | Banana Cake 🍰 | Original Flapjack | Vanilla Ice Cream |
| PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day | | | | | |
| AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit | | | | | |
| 🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain 🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice | | | | | |
| Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for. | | | | | |

| Chartwells SCHOOLS | | | | | |
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| WEEK 2 | | | | | |
| W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 11/03 | | | | | |
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges | Turkey Casserole 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice | Beef Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| JACKET POTATO | Sweet Potato Curry 🍛 Served with Wholegrain Rice | Masala Cheese 🍛 | Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread | Crispy Quorn Nuggets Served with Chips |
| DESSERT | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
| Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 | | | | | |
| All main meals are served with two vegetables | | | | | |
| DESSERT | Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏 | Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit | Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake | Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit 🍓 | Strawberry Ice Cream |
| PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day | | | | | |
| AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit | | | | | |
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| WEEK 3 | | | | | |
| W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 15/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03 | | | | | |
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges | Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🍛 Served with Wholegrain Rice | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| JACKET POTATO | Chilli No Nuts with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice | Cauliflower Masala Cheese 🍛 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread | Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Sweet and Sour Vegetables 🍛 Served with Wholegrain Rice | Crispy Quorn Nuggets Served with Chips |
| DESSERT | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
| Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 | | | | | |
| All main meals are served with two vegetables | | | | | |
| DESSERT | Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake 🍏 | Strawberry Jelly | Orange Drizzle with Fruit 🍓 | Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard | Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit |
| PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day | | | | | |
| AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit | | | | | |
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Secondary school places



Essex County Council

Apply online for your child's secondary school place starting September 2024.

Online applications can be made up to and including the closing date of 31 October 2023.

Please ensure that your online application, including any changes made, is submitted by 31 October 2023.

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

We would like to share the Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023, which we encourage all families to get involved with. More information can be found here

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/>



Roald Dahl Day

The children had an amazing day and we had some fantastic costumes.

Thank you parents for all your support