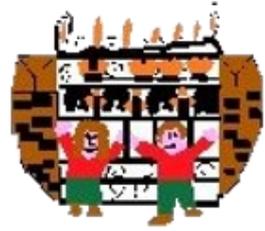




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# Kaye's News

'Bringing out the Best in Every Child'



## Spring Term

We are now over half way in to the new term and we have had a great start! We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families that have joined us in Nursery; we hope you grow to love our school as much as we do. This half term can be challenging for us all as the winter weather kicks in and we experience lots of bugs and viruses in school. However, the days are getting slightly longer and the sighting of early spring bulbs coming through the soil is most welcome!



### Kaye's Breakfast & After School Club

Kaye's Club continues to be very busy. If you wish to book adhoc places, we ask that you give us as much notice as possible as we cannot always guarantee places for children at the last minute. Please can parents pay their invoices in full before the end of a half term. Mrs Bentley spends a great deal of time chasing late payments which pulls her away from her other duties. A full copy of the Terms & Conditions of Kaye's Club can be found on the school website. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Lyon or Mrs Bentley.

### Holidays in Term Time



Parents are reminded that holidays in term time are not allowed and will not be authorised (except in exceptional circumstances as outlined in the policy on the website). Term dates and INSET days for 2018-2019 are included at the end of this newsletter.

### Kaye's Governing Body

We currently have vacancies for co-opted governors to join our active Governing Body. If you are interested in the role and wish to find out more, please contact Mrs Parker .



#### **A brief overview of the role of a school governor:**

- The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per term. Governing bodies meet at least once a term, usually in the early evening. In addition governors need to attend committee meetings, school events and appropriate training. Governors are encouraged to visit school during the day to see it in action, and to get to know the staff and pupils. Governors usually serve for four years
- Together with the Headteacher they are responsible for making sure our school provides good quality education.
- Provide challenge and support to the Headteacher, drawing on their knowledge and experience
- Make decisions together on matters such as performance, targets, school policies and school development plans.
- Monitor the impact of policies and oversee school budgets and staffing.
- Report on school achievements and respond to inspection recommendations.
- Hear appeals from pupils and staff and consider formal complaints.
- Ask searching questions and respect the position of the Headteacher as the professional leader of school.
- Select the Headteacher.
- Make sure the National Curriculum is taught.
- Decide how the school can encourage pupil's spiritual, moral and social development.
- Make sure the school provides for all its pupils, including those with special educational needs.

Co-opted governors are not elected by the parents so the application is directly to the Governing Body who will appoint new governors according to their skills and qualities. If you are interested, or know anyone else who might be, please request an application form from Mrs Parker.



## School Ping

As you are aware, SchoolPing is an app which allows you to receive instant messages straight to your smartphone. We know that there were some teething problems to begin with but we are informed these are now resolved. Teachers are beginning to use SchoolPing to communicate quickly with parents about children's achievements, with the option of attaching documents, images and videos which can all be viewed within the app. Please keep an eye on the app from now on!



### Reminders & Information



- All clothing should be named.
- Children's school bag should fit in their drawer as hanging space is limited.
- Children may only bring fruit for the snack at break time and not any other items.
- Please can we remind you that under no circumstances must NUTS or NUT products be brought into school. We have several children with severe nut allergies and we want to keep them

safe.

- All children should have a water bottle with WATER only in school each day.
- Children are allowed to bring ONE small toy from home each day. This must fit in their drawer.
- Any parents wishing to drop off lunchboxes, PE kit etc. should go to the main office and not through school.
- If you need to collect your child during school time please go to the main office to sign your child out.
- The car park is for staff use only unless disabled access is required. Please do not drive or walk through at any time, even Breakfast Club.
- All visitors must sign in at the outer reception and obtain a visitors badge before entering the main school.
- In the morning the gates will be unlocked at 8.40am and locked at 9am, children in KS1 & 2 should line up in the playground at 8.50am and class teachers will lead the children inside. After this time, children should enter via the main entrance.
- Nursery parents can accompany their children into class and leave through the Nursery gate by 9.05am.
- At the end of the school day EYFS, KS1 and Y3 children need to be collected from outside their allocated door. Staff will ensure that a parent/carer is there before allowing the child to leave. If your child is being picked up by another person please ring the office otherwise your child will not be allowed to leave.
- If you are collecting children from both Nursery & Main school please can you collect the younger children first.
- The gates will be locked at the end of the day by 3.40pm.
- Year 4 and Year 5 children will leave their classrooms independently if you have signed a slip to give them permission to leave alone, otherwise they will only be let out to a recognised contact.
- Parents wishing to speak to staff/teachers need to report to the main entrance and not walk through school. Mentions and class assemblies will be held each Friday morning at 9.05am
- If your child would like to sample a school dinner, we hold a try Friday each week payable on ParentPay, if your child would like a school lunch on a Friday please contact the main office.
- Mrs Bentley is responsible for co-ordinating medical needs in school. If your child has any health/dietary requirements she will organise a meeting to complete a relevant health care plan. Please direct all medical issues to Mrs Bentley.

# Kaye's First & Nursery School

## Term Dates for School Year 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

**INSET DAY Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

**Begins:** Tuesday 4 September 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018.

**(Half Term:** 29 October 2018 to 2 November 2018)

**INSET DAY Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

### Spring Term 2019

**Begins:** Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019.

**(Half Term:** 18 February 2019 to 22 February 2019)

**INSET DAY Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019– SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

### Summer Term 2019

**Begins:** Monday 29 April 2019 to Monday 22 July 2019

**(Half Term:** 27 May 2019 to 31 May 2019)

**INSET DAY Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

**INSET DAY Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**