



# Principal Informer

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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and life in school continues to be busy. The children in Year 6 have been to Kingswood on their residential and had an amazing time pursuing outward bound activities. Year 4 will be attending next week. Next Monday the children will be meeting their new class teachers for "shuffle up" day. A letter describing the new staffing structure and the name of your child's class teacher will be sent out on Thursday. The theme of "shuffle up" day will be 'Journeys' and we would appreciate you sending in a small photograph (preferably head and shoulders) of your child that we can cut up and use for display.

*Darren*



## 'Ignition' Boys Dance group at the Derngate

Our Years 5 & 6 boys dance group performed at the Derngate Arts Festival last week and were triumphant! The dance that was choreographed by Katy Watts, our dancer in residence, was fast paced and ambitious. At the theatre the boys performed alongside other schools to an audience of over 2000. The Derngate Arts Festival celebrates good quality visual arts from schools across the county. It is a prestigious event and we are proud to have taken part. The photograph shows the boys in rehearsal prior to the performance.

## Election of the Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Evie Horne and Talha Zafar who were elected as the first Head Girl and Boy last week. Both Evie and Talha along with four other candidates conducted their election campaign brilliantly over the last three weeks, producing posters and giving speeches. The whole school took part in a democratic election and Evie and Talha were announced as the winners by Michael Ellis MP who was invited to the school to be the Returning Officer. Evie and Talha will lead the school council and be the voice of the child in school next year.



**Year 3 Ukulele performance** – As part of the national First Access programme, Year 3 have had a term of learning to play the ukulele. The whole year group has taken part, including the teachers. We would like to invite you to a performance of their work on Thursday, 9 July at 10 am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SCHOOL MEALS

We continue to encourage all parents to use the ParentPay service to book and pay for school meals, and remind you that the deadline for electronic orders is Monday 6.00 pm.

Please note that the school gates close promptly at 8.55 am. At this point we will ensure that children who are on the playground are ushered into school. Whilst our overall attendance figure is good we are still having too many children who arrive late. This is disruptive to the class and often distressing for children. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school for 8.55 am.

## Attendance

School attendance target for 2014/15:

96%

School attendance to date:

96.2%

Number of days lost to unauthorised leave to date:

558

Number of children recorded late to date

2091

### **HELPING HANDS – SUMMER FAIR**

You will have received two books of raffle tickets which we are asking you to sell to friends and family. Please return all money and ticket stubs to Helping Hands via your class teacher or the school office in the envelope attached to the letter. If you need further tickets, please contact us at [stimpsonhelpinghands@outlook.com](mailto:stimpsonhelpinghands@outlook.com). Thank you for all the donations we have received to date via the Helping Hands blue bin.

We are still looking for more helpers for the fair. Can you please contact us if you can spare some time to help, even if it's only for an hour. We are very grateful for any help you can offer.

#### Lost Property

A reminder that all items not collected from school by Wednesday, 8 July will be disposed of or sold at the Fair.

### **KEY DATES BEFORE THE END OF TERM**

<b>TERM 6</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
	Nursery & Reception to West Lodge Rural Centre	01.07.2015
	Year 5EB Class Assembly	02.07.2015
	Transfer Day (children will be introduced to their new class)	06.07.2015
	Year 4 Kingswood, West Runton, Norfolk – Residential	06 – 08.07.2015
	Reports out to Parents	06.07.2015
	Summer Fair	11.07.2015
	TLC Drop-in evening	14.07.2015 3.30 – 6.30 pm
	TLC Drop-in evening	15.07.2015 3.30 – 6.30 pm
	Year 6 Leavers' Celebration	15.07.2015
	Year 6 party event	16.07.2015
	House winners celebration	20.07.2015
	Celebration Assembly	21.07.2015

- Year 4 children will meet their new class teacher later that week.

**School closes on Wednesday, 22 July 2015**