



Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic week.

As children continue to settle into the new school year, it has been fantastic to see lots of amazing examples of children working hard and being kind.

In the learning this week, reception have enjoyed playing in the mud at Forest School! The children told me they found a stick that was taller than Mrs Waldron! Year 1 have been scientists and they have been exploring the best materials to use to make the three little pigs' house. Year 2 have told me a lot about the solar system this week as they have been writing about the planets. In Year 3, they have been Geographers. The children told me that they have been trying to persuade people to visit the South West by making very informative leaflets. Year 4 have been learning the story of 'The Dreamgiver' and have written their own versions which they have been very proud of!

Please see below for important dates, information and news for the lower school this week.

I hope that you have a restful weekend and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Sarah Franklin.

Bed Time story and Information Session

We were delighted to see so many children and their families enjoy the Bed Time Story and attend the Reading Information Session on Wednesday. Thank you for coming and we hope that you found the session useful. Please do not worry if you missed it, the slides are with this letter and if you require any further information, please contact the office on koa.primary@clf.uk

Parents' Evening

You should have received a letter about Parents' Evening, which will take place on Thursday 14 October or Tuesday 19 October. If you are yet to receive this letter, please ask your class teacher or the office for a copy. Appointments will be held on - site, face to face with your child's class teacher, however, there will be an option to have a virtual appointment if you prefer. Please state this on your form or send a message to your teacher on Seesaw.

Harvest

Harvest is just around the corner and the children are looking forward to celebrating Harvest with a special assembly! We will make sure to film the children singing so you can all see what they have been working so hard on.

We will be collecting donations, which will be given to the East Bristol Foodbank who work tirelessly to support families in need. Please send in any donations by 14 October.

The foodbank suggest the following:

- Long life milk
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Washing Powder/ Liquid (for clothes)
- Tinned Vegetarian Meals
- Instant Coffee
- Savoury Snacks – Cous Cous Packets
- Chocolate
- Nappies

Important Dates

Wednesday 6 October – School Photo

Thursday 7 October – Coffee Morning

- Reception Stay and Play and Reading Information Session

- Reception Reading Information Meeting

Thursday 14 October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 19 October – Parents Evening

Thursday 21 October – INSET Day

Friday 22 October – INSET Day

Friends of King's Oak Academy

Our Friends of KOA are always looking to expand their team and parents alike to become members or to help with events. The team work extremely hard to support the Academy and children across Lower and Middle School with exciting events and fundraising. To find out more about what they do or to join, please email the team directly on friendsofkoa@hotmail.com

Remember, to purchase your School Lottery Ticket visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for King's Oak.

Year 1 Farm Trip

On Monday, the Year 1 team and children had an exciting trip to Grimsbury Farm in Kingswood where they got up, close and personal with the animals. They were given a private tour by staff at Grimsbury Farm and had the opportunity to hand feed some of the animals. It was so nice to see the children out on trips again! Thank you to all of you that volunteered and helped to make the trip a success.

Coffee morning

Just a reminder that our first coffee morning will be held on Thursday 7 October! Please come to the main reception on the Upper School site from 9am.

Coffee mornings are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together, share ideas and challenges over a cup of coffee. Staff are also on hand to chat about issues relating to school. It is also an opportunity to meet our parent councillors.

At other times, we invite visitors to these sessions such as local community police officers, council housing, job centre plus and adult education services.

The coffee mornings take place from 9 – 10am on the first Thursday of each month.



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