

Friday 18th February 2022

King's Academy Northern Parade



Newsletter

A message from Mr Beadell

I hope you are all safe and taking good care of your family and friends throughout Storm Eunice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding last night when we announced the closure of the school today. It was very late in the day when we received news from Portsmouth City Council and in comparison, to other local schools in Hampshire we were quick to respond. Our teaching staff have worked very hard in order that the children would still be able to access remote learning and have an opportunity to see friends and their teacher. I am always very proud of our staff at King's Academy Northern Parade who always go above and beyond to ensure we are always doing the best for your child.

Since the last newsletter there has been a lot of activity. Our new site team have been working extremely hard to improve our learning environments and we are looking forward to spring to arrive for them to come alive. We would welcome any donations of seeds, plants or even trees we could use to make our green areas even better. Children have been brilliant in school and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning from getting lost in the jungle to joining a circus.

You may have noticed this week the launch of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers Friends Association). I am hoping the 100s of heart pledges on our school fences are still there after the storm. Monday's launch was well attended where parents and children were able to buy Valentines gifts. It was great to see their new logo released too, We are looking forward to more events being planned for the future and opportunities for you to be even more involved in our school community.

School Streets are coming to King's Academy Northern Parade!

We're working with walking and cycling charity, Sustrans, and Portsmouth City Council (PCC), to introduce a seven-week School Streets trial.

This is great news for the school as with fewer cars on the road, you and your children can enjoy a safer, healthier, quieter school run with cleaner air around the school.

What is a School Street?

School Streets create healthier environments by reducing traffic congestion around schools - great for the school community and our neighbours.

Throughout the trial we'll be asking you and your children to walk, cycle or scoot* to school, which will improve their physical and mental health. It will also give you the opportunity to use the School Street as a safe place to move freely and talk with friends on the way to and from school. Research shows that pupils who walk and cycle to school are more alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.

Dates for your diary

21st - 25th Feb	- Half Term
28th Feb	- First day of Spring Term 2
2nd March	- Service Club Re-launch
3rd March	- World Book Day
3rd March	- Year 4 Butser Farm
9th March	- Y2 Isle of Wight
16th March	- YR Blue Reef Aquarium
23rd March	- Y2 Marwell Zoo
30th March	- Parents Evening
4th April	- Parents Evening
4th April	- YR Height & Weight
5th April	- YR Height & Weight
8th April	- Last day of Spring Term 2

During a School Street, the amount of non-essential traffic is limited on the road near the school during drop-off and pick-up times and access is managed by trained stewards using removable barriers. Essential vehicles like emergency services, school transport, blue badge holders, residents living on the street and their carers will still have access.

Get involved with our School Street

Do you like what you hear and want to be involved? We're on the look-out for volunteer stewards to help out during the trial. You would be responsible for setting up and removing lightweight barriers and signage at road junctions near school during the trial to allow children, parents and carers to walk and cycle safely.

You'll need to be good with children and be happy to answer queries from parents and the public. This position will involve some light carrying duties.

Contact sarah.rose@kingsacademies.uk to apply.

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.npschools.co.uk/page/?title=School+Streets&pid=328>

Goodbye

This term will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hoyland. Mrs Hoyland has been at KANP for nearly 8 years working in Key Stage 1 and Year 3. She is a valued member of the team and will be missed by her current class and the school community. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

I would like to wish you all safe and relaxing half term holidays.

Best wishes



Mr W Beadell
Headteacher