

Dear all,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We have lots of events planned in school over the next few weeks so please check dates and details on this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming all of you onto school site and at Paignton Parish church for our phase Christmas performances. Please keep checking Seesaw and Parent Pay for more details of individual events taking place.

Mr Fitzsimmons

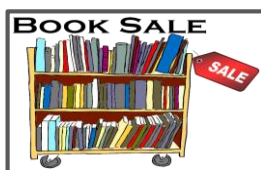
Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents evening

Please check your Seesaw messages to book your child's parents evening appointments. Parents evenings are an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with your child's teachers and find out information about their learning. These are also important for you and your child to raise any questions or concerns and discuss these with your child's teacher.

As part of our parents evenings this year we will have several activities taking place on site including;

- Second hand book sale - (In the main entrance corridor when you come in, cash only books from 50p)
- Second hand uniform sale (Weds and Thurs, in the main entrance corridor, cash only)
- Coffee and cakes on sale - In the main entrance corridor when you come in - cash only - from 50p.
- Young carers information stand (Thursday 16th November)



Key Dates for Autumn 2

November

13th-17th- Anti Bullying week
14th - Reception open day
15th and 16th - Parents evenings
16th - Children in Need (A day early due to school photos)
17th - Jelly Images school photos

December

Weds 6th - Reception open day & Reception Christmas Performance
Thurs 7th-Christmas jumper day/lunch and Christmas fun run after school
Mon 11th-Year 4,5,6 Carol Service - Paignton Parish Church
Tues 12th - Year 1,2,3 Christmas Performance - in school
Weds 13th - Nursery Christmas Performance

School Photos

Jelly images will be in school for individual and sibling photos on **Friday 17th November**. Time slots for siblings not attending this school will be 08:30 am. To book your children to have a sibling photo with younger siblings please click the following link and register by Tuesday 14th November.

<https://forms.gle/jcsD8MgiqppjCpPu9>



Christmas Fun Run

On Thursday 7th December during school, all children will take part in a fundraising fun run to raise money for charity and the school opportunities fund. At the end of the day there will also be an opportunity for children and parents to buy some cakes and a drink at the front of the school. A letter with further details will be sent to all parents in the next few weeks.



Children In Need

Children in Need will be taking place on Friday 17th November. Due to the 17th being school photo day, **children are invited to come into school in spotty or Pudsey Bear themed clothing on Thursday 16th November** for a suggested £1 donation. Please can children give their donations to their class teacher in the morning.



Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots

Pupils in Year 1-6 now have access to Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots. These are maths games that the children can play at home and in school to practice their maths skills. Children have the opportunity to earn points and certificates. Please click the links for more information. Class teachers will share information and logins at parents evenings.



Uniform reminders

Just a reminder that children can come into school in ***school PE kit*** on their class PE days (please note, football or other team kits are not allowed). As the colder weather approaches, children are welcome to wear their school jumper and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms on PE days.

As a school, we are happy for the basics of school uniform to be purchased from supermarket chains as they can often be cheaper. We also have stocks of second hand uniform available if you are struggling financially, just speak to the family support team.

In the current cost of living climate, we are also content with children to wear plain black trainers to school, please support us with this by not sending your child into school in any other coloured or patterned trainers.



Medicines in school

Please be reminded that if your child needs medication or medicine in school then you will need to complete the following forms before we can accept any medicines or medication in school

[Prescribed medication form](#)

[Non-prescribed medication form](#)



Smoking/Vaping on school grounds

Please be reminded that smoking and vaping are banned on the school grounds. Please support us to keep the school environment smoke free.





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ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent





Open Events at Kings Ash Academy

For families with children starting school in September 2024

Tuesday 14th November at 10:30am and 5pm
Wednesday 6th December at 10:30am and 5pm

Please contact the school office to book your session, or for an alternative time if you are unavailable for these dates.

☎ 01803 555657

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FOXHOLE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

FOXHOLE SHOPS
Sunday 26th November
11am - 4pm

FREE DONKEY RIDES
FREE PALM FM RADIO
FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FREE CRAFTS FOR ALL
FREE RODEO REINDEER
FREE FREE LIVE MUSIC
FREE SANTA GROTTTO
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Ward Councillors
Cllr Jackie Thomas and Cllr Yvonne Twelves

Children from the Performing Arts Club will be singing at this event so please come along and join in with the festivities




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It's the First Steps that count.

What is currently available for families?


Service	Devon	Torbay
Therapy Resources	 Child and Family Health childandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk	
Support at home and in the community	 Early Help Devon dcpf.org.uk	 0-19 Team 01803 210 200 0to19torbay.co.uk
Support at school	 Devonias devonias.org.uk	 Sendias Torbay sendiastorbay.org.uk
Workshops supporting children with different needs	 Neurodive facebook.com/neurodivetraining	
	 Devon Education Services devoneducationservices.co.uk	
	 Parental Minds Parental Minds offers Skills Workshops for parent caregivers, school staff and professionals. parentalminds.org.uk	
Time to talk	 Tissues and Issues tissuesandissues.org/home	

We've been asking lots of parents what they wish they'd known from the beginning. Turn over for an ABCD summary of what they said.


Register with First Steps Peer Support Network!

We offer a safe place for parents/caregivers to be heard and somewhere to exchange ideas, hints and tips with other parents/caregivers. We share information on Local and National mental health services.

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Register!



Watch our video!



Liz Wilson

Helpline Project Manager

Helpline Number: 03303 530 541

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