

Newsletter

Kings Furlong Junior School Newsletter

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Head Teacher's news



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy and productive week at Kings Furlong, with lots of great learning taking place across the school. It has been lovely to see the children settling into the term so well and embracing new challenges.

OPAL Update

We are excited to announce that our new "Sandtastic" area is now open for play!



Every class took part in a Sand City Competition, using their imagination and teamwork to create the most impressive sand city. The winning class earned the special privilege of naming our new sandpit area. Congratulations to Lovelace Class, who came up with the fantastic name "Sandtastic"! We will now be creating a special sign to celebrate their winning entry.

As our OPAL journey continues, we are looking for more donations to help develop our next project, a music area. If you have any percussion instruments that you no longer need, such as drums, shakers, tambourines, triangles or other musical items, we would be very grateful for your donation. We are planning to use pallets and other resources to create exciting music-making spaces for the children to enjoy during playtimes.

We are also looking for dolls for our play areas. If you have any that are no longer used and would be willing to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create exciting play opportunities for our children.

Keeping Safe

Please can we request parents and children vacate the school grounds promptly at the end of the school day. We have recently had a number of children playing on the trim trail equipment and in the bushes after school.Once children have been collected, they remain the responsibility of their parents/carers, and we want to ensure that everyone stays safe. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Respect

Over the next week ,we are focusing on the learning behaviour, respect and the importance of showing good manners to everyone in our school community. We have been discussing how to speak politely and respectfully to both adults and peers, even when we disagree or feel frustrated.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home by talking with your child about the importance of respectful language, good manners and kindness towards others.

We want all children to be able to enjoy the many enrichment opportunities we provide, including school discos, trips and special events. However, where a child's behaviour falls significantly below our expectations, we may make the decision that they are unable to attend a particular event. Such decisions will always be considered carefully, made on an individual basis and with the safety and wellbeing of all children in mind.

PTFA AGM

Our PTFA Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 28th September at 5.00pm. If you are able to attend, it would be wonderful to see you there. New members are always welcome, and your support helps us continue to provide fantastic opportunities for our children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Miss Westaway

Important Dates



28 September - PTFA AGM 5.00pm

28 September - Year 5 CARE workshop with the Mental Health Support Team

1 October - Year 5 Poetry Jam

5 October - Year 5 CARE workshop with the Mental Health Support Team

7 October - Read, Write, Inc. workshop for parents

8 October - Year 4 QMC Science Centre visit (Nightingale)

9 October - Year 4 QMC Science Centre visit (Lovelace)

12 October - Year 5 Pre Loved Sale

13 October - Year 5 Harvest Assembly

13 October - Year 3 visit to Stonehenge

15 October - PTFA Disco 4.45-6.00pm

16 October - PTFA Hot Chocolate 3.30pm

20 October - Parents Evening

20 October - Year 4 Science Fair

22 October - Parents Evening

23 October - INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

26 - 31 October - HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for week beginning 21st September 2026: **97.1%**

Is your child well enough to go to school? A useful guide is available online at: https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf Children with colds are generally well enough to come into school. **Children who have had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode.**

If your child is absent from school, we ask that you contact us by 9.15am to let us know the reason for their absence. It's quick and easy to leave us an answerphone message. If we do not hear from a parent/carer, and we cannot reach them on the phone, this is a safeguarding concern and we may need to raise it with Children's Services and/or the Police.

Unauthorised Absence

At Kings Furlong Junior School, we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. In line with our Attendance Policy, we will only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

If a planned absence is unavoidable during term time, then an absence request form must be completed prior to the absence. These are available from the school office. **Family holidays cannot be considered as authorised absence, in-line with Government guidelines.**

Parents/carers who take their child out of school without the absence being agreed and authorised by written permission from the school can be issued with a penalty fine. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in any 10 school week period. Each Penalty Notice fine is £80 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days of the date of posting and £160 if paid after this but within 28 days of posting.

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.

Parents can also be issued with a fine if their child is regularly late for school. This is where a child is more than 5 minutes late to school on 10 occasions during a 10 school week period.

Further information is available online at:
www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast club is open from **7:45am**, providing an earlier start time for families who require this service.

The cost of sessions is £3.00

If you would like to book, please email your child/ren's names, class and days required to adminoffice@kingsfurlong-jun.hants.sch.uk

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact the school office.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Parking



As we begin the new academic year we would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to please park considerately and drive safely around the school site at all times. Please note that our neighbours will be reporting anyone blocking residents driveways to the police using the crime reference number that has been issued.

Please do not block any residents driveways and ensure you are mindful of children crossing the roads.

Mobile Phone Usage



The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.

It’s all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won’t be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.

It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact, and the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm.

https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact

KFJS Facebook



We have set up a new Facebook group that we will use to keep parents up to date on important information and upcoming events. The instructions to join are as follows:

Open Facebook and search ***New* Kings Furlong Junior School**

Click 'Join'

It will then say 'Pending'. Click on the group and click 'Answer Questions'. Once the questions have been answered, click 'Submit'.

We will then approve the request for you to join the group.

Please ignore any other Kings Furlong Junior groups apart from ***New* Kings Furlong Junior School**

PTFA

Kings Furlong Junior School PTFA need YOU! Please come along to our AGM on 28 September - 5.00pm in the hall to find out more about the work we do and how you can get involved in our fundraising efforts during this year.



You can view details of upcoming events, fundraising and how to get involved on our website: PTFA

Join Our PTFA Facebook Group!

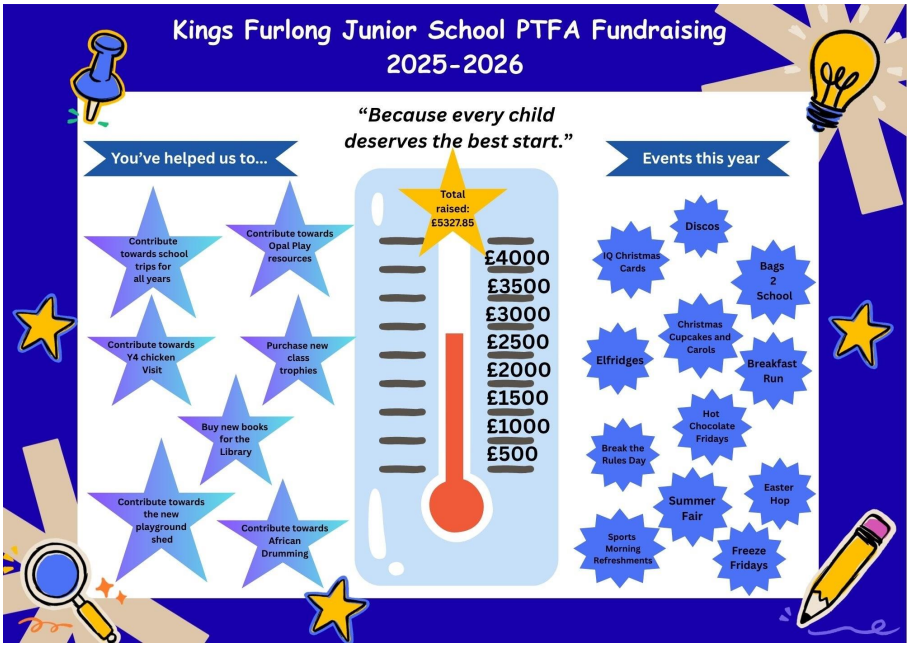
Don't miss out on upcoming events and all the ways you can be part of our school community. By joining, you'll stay up to date with PTFA news, fundraising activities, and opportunities to get involved. It's simply the best way to stay connected and informed about what's happening at school.

We truly appreciate all our volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new faces to join us! If you'd like to find out how you can get involved please email PTFA@kingsfurlong-jun.hants.sch.uk

Together, we can build community spirit, strengthen friendships, and make school life even more enjoyable for everyone.

PTFA Facebook Group

What did we help fund last year?



PTFA School Lottery

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Your School Lottery

Welcome to Kings Furlong Junior School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck! Please copy and paste the link below to join:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-furlong-junior-school?utm_campaign=Win%u00a31%2c000Cash!&utm_source=ysl&utm_medium=Leaflet&utm_content=Hyperlink

Easy Fundraising

Did you know you can raise money for the school simply by shopping online when you register with Easy Fundraising? The Kings Furlong PTA in Basingstoke was set up by a small group of parents and members of staff. Our main aim is to raise money for the Junior School, which will enhance the children's learning and their environment. Please click the here to help us raise money for our school.

Community News

In this section you will find a selection of news and family friendly events in and around our local community. If you know of any events that we should feature, please do let us know.

Berg U11 Youth FC - Players needed



Spotlight UK - Fundraising Events and Raffles



Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

£3

Merlin Raffle

Win annual passes for a family of up to 6 people to all Merlin attractions for a whole year!



For all 20+ Merlin attractions, include Sea Life, Madame Tussauds, LEGOLAND, Chessington. and much more!

Scan the QR code to access the form and enter

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

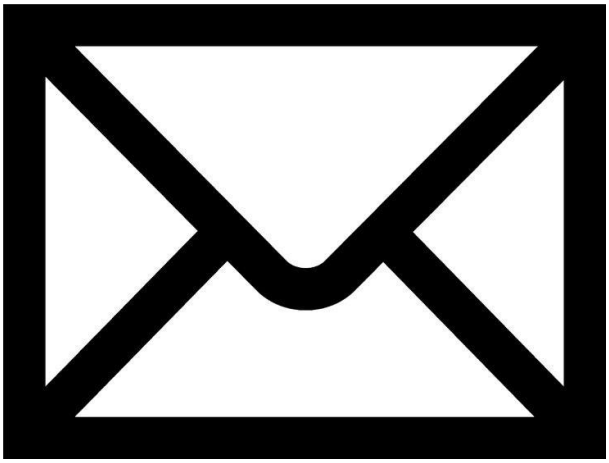
There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites and stings** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
- **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

A summary of the service is available as an **animation** and more information can also be found at **nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst** as well as at https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first.

Letters/Emails home



Please click the following link to view the letters that have been sent home:
https://www.kingsfurlong.net/letters/

Calendar on the website



All of our school events are available to view on the school calendar. Just head to our website in the school news section. When you click on an event in the calendar, a drop down of further information will appear which will hopefully answer any questions you may have. Please follow the link to have a look https://www.kingsfurlong.net/diary/grid/2024/03/

Parent Governor Vacancy



Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office who will be able to direct you to the right member of staff:

Tel: 01256 325324

Email: adminoffice@kingsfurlong-jun.hants.sch.uk

Visit our website at: www.kingsfurlong.net


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