

Kingsmead School

A partner academy in John Taylor MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, BSc, NPQH

King's Avenue, Hednesford,
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30th November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support during this busy and successful term. Please take the opportunity to visit the school's website www.kingsmeadschool.net and get a flavour of the range of activities which have taken place at Kingsmead over the last three months. You will see the many ways that Kingsmead students have excelled so far this year.

As the festive season approaches, there are a number of events in the local area where Kingsmead students are performing;

- Hednesford Lights on Friday 1st December.
- Christmas Tree Festival – Celebration Concert at St. Peter's Church - Sunday 3rd December @ 6.00 p.m. No charge – just turn up.

Furthermore, on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00pm we would like to invite you to the school for the Kingsmead Christmas Concert. This is always a very popular night of fantastic student performances and tickets will sell out fast. Tickets cost £3.00 and can be purchased via Parent Pay.

Christmas Lunch

We are holding our annual Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December. If your child would like to have Christmas Lunch, this can be booked and paid for via Parent Pay – Cost £2.25. Please book no later than Tuesday 5th December.

Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December, we will, as usual, operate a shortened school day and finish at 12 noon. The normal catering service will run at break and students who receive a free school meal should collect it from the dining hall at this time.

If any student needs to stay in school until normal closing time, please let us know through Form Tutors. Students should not visit their former primary schools at this time because they will be busy with their own Christmas celebrations.

Year 7 Celebrations at St. Peter's Church

Y7 students will attend the traditional Year 7 Carol Service at St. Peter's Church, on Tuesday 19th December from 11.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. This is a magical event, including musical performances by students and attended by staff and the whole of Year 7. All Parents, Carers and family are welcome to attend. The Year 7 students will return to school for the end of the day, and leave at 12.00 noon.

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Spring Term – 3rd January 2018

The Spring Term starts on Wednesday 3rd January. Please note that all students should arrive at school at the later time of 11.05 a.m. (start of tutor time).

Vision for Kingsmead

On Tuesday 9th January 2018, there is an opportunity for all parents to join the Leadership Team from 5.00pm – 6.00pm to work on visioning for the Kingsmead 3, 5 and 10 Year plan. If you would like to be a part of this, please return the reply slip attached to Reception by Tuesday 19th December, 12 noon.

Snow Closure

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the procedures for school closures due to adverse weather/unforeseeable events:

- An assessment is made by the Site Supervisor and Head of School before 7.00 am.
- If the site is considered to be unsafe or if we consider that a large number of staff will not be able to travel, arrangements are made to close the school.
- A message will be placed on the school website.
- The closure will also be shown on the Staffordshire County Council website. Navigate to www.staffordshire.gov.uk and search for school closure list.
- Local radio stations also broadcast details of school closures.

These procedures are used as a last resort and the aim will always be to remain open if it is safe and possible to do so. We are very mindful of the impact that closure can have on student achievement.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

Maria Mincher
Head of School