



**KING'S PARK
ACADEMY**

High Expectations lead to High Achievers

20th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful summer term we have had and hopefully the sun will continue to shine for the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Fun Day last Saturday. There was such a wonderful community feel to the event and everybody I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers who gave up their time – it is very much appreciated. A massive well done to the Read & Ride-a-Thon team as a staggering £3,000 was raised!

KPA has had a very successful year and I look forward to an even better 2018/19.

I hope you all have a well-deserved summer break and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th September for the new academic year.

Staff Changes

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to three members of staff who are leaving KPA for pastures new. Mr Cameron has secured an Assistant Head's post at a school in Poole. They are very lucky to have a great teacher joining them and we wish him all the best for the future. Mr Wedge is moving over to Dubai to teach - this is a fantastic opportunity for him and we hope he continues to flourish. Mrs Jefford will be sadly leaving the admin team due to a change in career - she will be missed by us all.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Jadav (2RJ) and Miss Elsworth (5VE) to the teaching staff and Mrs Milton, our new TA, will be joining the Reception team.

Fund Raising at KPA

The staff, parents and children at KPA have worked extremely hard this year to raise money to improve our library/reading areas. A target of £20,000 was set and we are well on the way to meet this ambitious amount. The last disco raised over £700, the talent show made a profit of over £800 and the Family Fun Day made over £3,000. Along with all of the other events that we have held during the year, I am confident that we will be able to replenish all of the reading corners in every classroom and update the books in the library.

These events would not be possible without the continued support that we have from parents who volunteer their spare time to help. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your time.

PFA AGM

There will be an AGM in the school hall on Tuesday 11th September at 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available. This meeting will provide an opportunity for any new parents to join and any existing members to exit the committee if they so wish. The PTA welcomes new members who may have new and refreshing fundraising ideas. It can be a daunting experience for some, but rest assured, we are really a very friendly bunch!!

Nursery – Little Ambers

There are still places available at Little Ambers for children 3 years plus and the nursery are happy to accept 15 and 30 funded hours. Please visit www.littleambersnursery.com for further information or contact Sue Taylor on 01202 727968.

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Absence from School

From September, we will be introducing an Absence Request Form. The form should be used to request periods of absence and should be completed and returned to the school office at least 3 weeks before the absence commences. The forms will be available from the school office and on the school website. Please note that all absences will be unauthorised unless the absence is able to be considered as an exceptional circumstance.

Read and Ride-a-Thon

Miss Heckford, Mr Jerrams and Mr Fox will begin their bike ride from Broadstairs to Lands End on Sunday 29th July. They will arrive in Boscombe on Wednesday 1st August and would like to invite you all to support them as they continue their journey. If you are in the area, please pop in to the Harvester by Boscombe Pier from 4pm – we hope to see you there.

Please have a look on the website to keep up to date with their adventure and feel free to donate to this worthwhile fundraising event, we have a target of £20,000!

Spanish

As an academy we are signed up to **LINGUASCOPE**, an online language programme.

We would recommend the children to use it at home over the summer holidays to help with Spanish progress. If you would like to use it, the details are as follows:

<https://www.linguascope.com/>

Username: kpa

Password: park

KS1 children can access Elementary (Caramba) section and KS2 can access Elementary and Beginners.

Lost Property

Lost property will be in the playground all of next week. Please have a look to see if anything belongs to you. Anything that is left on Wednesday 25th July will be disposed of.

Uniform collection and sale

There will be a chance to collect all uniform orders on Wednesday 5th September between 8.30am and 9.30am. A uniform sale will also take place on the same day between 3.30pm and 4.30pm in the school hall.

Uniform

Uniform is considered to be a very important aspect of school life and an indicator of a desire to set high standards. It is expected that children will come to school appropriately dressed. Uniform is compulsory and we are confident that parents/carers want their children to feel part of our community. Wearing school specific clothing helps this process. The uniform is as follows:

- White shirt with collar (no polo shirts)
- Dark grey trousers or skirt
- Navy blue jumpers with school logo are available from QDOS Uniform Supplies (order forms available from the school office)
- School tie
- Black sensible shoes (please note many designs of 'fashion' shoes are not suitable for school).
Boots are not permitted.
- White socks or grey tights for girls
- Grey socks for boys
- Hair – **no extremes of hairstyle please.** The school will respect genuine cultural and religious needs.

- For PE and Games your child will need a plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of plimsolls or lightweight trainers. A track suit is useful on cold winter days – preferably navy blue.
- Please note our emphasis during PE on the need for a change of footwear from everyday use in the school, to trainers on the playground or field. This is important for hygiene and also helps to keep the school building clean. Gymnastics and dance are undertaken in bare feet as recommended. Trainers are advocated for football to protect the children's feet.
- Please try and arrange for your child to have his or her ears pierced at the very beginning of the summer holiday so that by September no studs should need to be worn. As all children's ears are different and the healing rate varies there might be the need to wear studs for slightly longer than the recommended time of six weeks. If this is the case, then the studs must be removed either by the child or parent before the PE lesson begins. PE, games and swimming are all a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and children are required to take part in all sessions.

Reception and Year 1 Children:

- A spare pair of pants and socks in a named bag in case of accidents
- A pair of named Wellington boots in their own bag.
- We highly recommend that your child's name is clearly marked on all his/her clothes as this helps considerably when articles of clothing are misplaced or left behind in school.

Best wishes as always,

Lauren Dean

Associate Principal

Diary Dates

Monday, 23rd July – Y5 Beach Day

Monday, 23rd July – 1.30pm – Y6 Graduation

Tuesday, 24th July – 5.00-7.30pm – Y6 Leavers Prom

Wednesday, 25th July – last day of summer term (finish at 3.30pm)

Monday, 3rd and Tuesday, 4th September – Inset Days

First Day of autumn Term – Wednesday, 5th September

Wednesday, 5th September – Uniform Sale (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursday, 13th September – Y6 to Science Zone

Monday, 22nd October – Friday, 26th October – Half Term

Monday, 29th October – Inset Day

Friday, 30th November – Inset Day

Friday, 21st December – last day of autumn term (finish at 3.30pm)

Monday, 7th January – Inset Day

First Day of spring term – Tuesday, 8th January

See reverse for 2018/19 Term Dates



**TERM DATES 2018/19
PRIMARY SECTOR**

Autumn Term (75 days):

Staff Training
Staff Training
Pupils' First Day
Half Term
Staff Training
Staff Training
Pupils' Last Day

Monday 3rd September 2018
Tuesday 4th September 2018
Wednesday 5th September 2018
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 30th November 2018
Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term (60 days):

Staff Training
Pupils' First Day
Half Term
Pupils' Last Day

Monday 7th January 2019
Tuesday 8th January 2019
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019
Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term (60 days):

Pupils' First Day
May Day
Half Term
Staff Training
Pupils' Last Day

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Monday 6th May 2019
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Staff Training Days:

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Monday 3rd September 2018
Tuesday 4th September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 30th November 2018
Monday 7th January 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

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