



WEST KINGSDOWN NEWS

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Message from Mr Hulme

What a wonderful first week back we have had at school; it has been good to see and hear the children enjoy their learning and being with friends after the school closure before the summer holidays. Can I take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support in following the guidance that has been given with regards to drop-off and pick-up, social distancing and what children can and can't bring into school – I know that there is a lot to follow but it has been a very smooth start.



The staff have been working hard over the summer holidays to get the school ready for another year of learning and it looks fantastic. If you haven't been in to the school office yet, it has been fully painted and re-carpeted, offering a nicer welcome for our school community. Classrooms have been transformed too in preparation for the hard work that will come over the following months! My thanks to everybody involved for making this happen.

I have been humbled by the welcome given to me here at West Kingsdown and feel proud to be part of the school community and share in your success. I am keen to continue the good work that has happened and ensure that in the future, the school is the school of choice in the local area. I join in your school values of love, courage trust and respect and can see how these are lived out, on a day-to-day basis.

I am available most days either at the start of the end of the day and would be delighted to speak to you about questions, comments or concerns you may have about the school. Please do come and speak to me or send me an e-mail via headteacher@west-kingsdown.kent.sch.uk

I wish you and your family the very best for the year ahead and look forward to watching the school go from strength to strength.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Massey to West Kingsdown in her role as School Secretary; replacing Mrs Ray who has retired after 20 years at the school. Mrs Massey has over 15 years of school experience and we are delighted that she has decided to join the school at this exciting time. We also welcome Mrs Hawkins, as a Teaching Assistant across the school. Mrs Hawkins has settled well into the life of the school and we are pleased to have her on board.



We have also welcomed 19 new children to school in Sapphire class as they start their school journey. They have come in with such confidence and have enjoyed their first days at school; we look forward to them being part of our school community and wish them well on their primary journey.

Class Newsletter

Class newsletters have been posted onto the blogs via the website. For this year, we will not be holding our traditional 'Meet the Teacher' events due to COVID. The newsletter should give you all the information you need about the year ahead and give you contact details for the teachers in the classrooms. Please do e-mail your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club with Mrs Brockwell has started back at the start of the term and is being used by those families that need it. There is still space if you would like your child to attend, please speak to Mrs Massey in the office and she will be able to help you. We are also looking at starting an after-school club that would run between the end of the day and 6pm. If you think you would use it, please do let us know so that we can see if this is a viable option.

Schoolcomms

We will shortly be moving to a new communications system for the school. This will allow you to email and **Schoolcomms** text into the school office with any questions or absence issues. In addition to this, we will be able to take online payments and book clubs online when they restart. We will shortly be sending out data collection sheets to check that your data is all up-to-date ready for us to roll this system out.

Prayers for School Re-opening

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen



'Let your light shine' Matthew (5)