



Friday 20th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all are having a wonderful week and your child is looking forward to an exciting half term ahead. The class have continued to impress me over the last six weeks with their fantastic attitudes, hard work and great sense of fun.

Learning Jigsaw

For information about what we are learning in school this half term, please take a look at the Learning Jigsaw. This document will give you an overview of what we will be learning in each of the subjects. Our topic this half term is Ancient Egypt, which we will be exploring in our History and Writing lessons, and Plants which will be learning all about in Science lessons.

PE

This half term, the children will have swimming lessons as part of our PE curriculum, which take place on Wednesday. Please ensure that children come with appropriate swimming kits, including swimming hats if they have long hair and swimming goggles if they wish to wear them.

Wow Day

On the 27th of March, we will be having an Ancient Egypt Wow Day to celebrate our learning from the half term and delve deeper into the topic. There will be lots of fun activities and we will be dressing up in Ancient Egyptian costumes. Further details will follow next half term. On a Wednesday, children should wear their PE kits to school.

Home Reading

Reading continues to be highly important to children's development of comprehension skills, building vocabulary and increasing imagination. To ensure children are best prepared for the demands of the Key Stage Two curriculum, reading regularly at home is essential. By this point in the year, there should be around 70 logs on Boom Reader for each child. Thank you to those that engage consistently with this – it really makes such a difference! Please take a moment to check your logs and let me know if I can support with home reading in any way.

Spellings

It is important to practise spellings little and often – it helps with so many different areas of the curriculum and improves children's confidence recording their learning. Your child should be very familiar with their Graffiti Spelling book which should be brought between home and school daily. In these books, you will find the weekly homework sheets which provide you with the list of focus spellings which will be quizzed on Fridays.

Times Tables

Times Table activities will continue to be set on Times Tables Rock Stars. The expectation is that children practise at home for at least 10 minutes each week. This is a fun and engaging way for children to improve their speed and fluency. Repetition little and often is the best way of improving speed and fluency.

Morning Snacks

All children have time to eat a piece of fruit or veg and have a drink of milk or water during morning break. Please ensure that the only snack sent in for breaktime is a piece of fruit or veg. Milk, provided by school, will need to be ordered and paid for in advance - please contact the admin office if you wish for your child to have milk. All children need to bring their own named water bottle to school each day to keep themselves hydrated.



Belongings

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled: drinks bottles, lunchboxes, jumpers and hoodies. This makes it far easier to reunite children with their items should they leave them somewhere around school. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Getting in touch

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. If you ever have any queries, questions or messages, please feel free to email me at cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk If there is anything that you would like to discuss face to face, please email me so that we can arrange a convenient time. News about what is going on in school will also continue be shared on the school website and Facebook pages.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CD', written in a cursive style.

Cherry Donald
Year 3 Class Teacher