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Welcome back

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half-term break, with time to relax, recharge and spend time together. Today is our staff INSET day, and we look forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow, Tuesday 3 November.

Looking back, what a fantastic first half term we had at Kingsley! It was certainly busy, but it was lovely to see the children settled, happy and enjoying their learning. There was so much to celebrate, and I am incredibly proud of our children and staff for everything they achieved together.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our Open Mornings. I always enjoy sharing our school with visitors and showing them what makes Kingsley such a special place. A particular thank you goes to our amazing Oak Ambassadors, who were confident, polite and enthusiastic guides. We couldn't have asked for better representatives of our school!

At the end of half term, we also said a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Mrs Withey, our much-loved EYFS teaching assistant. She has been part of the Kingsley team for many years, supporting and caring for so many children as they begin their school journey. She will be greatly missed by children, families and colleagues alike, and we wish her every happiness in her next chapter.

Celebrating attendance last half term

A huge well done to our children, with a special cheer for Pine! Thank you to families for helping children arrive ready to learn and enjoy school each day.



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Footballs — we have it covered
As we return tomorrow, please leave all balls at home. We have a full basket of school footballs ready for children to use at break and lunchtime, so there will still be plenty of opportunities to play!
Balls brought from home have been causing disagreements over ownership and who can join in, as well as finding their way into the dinner hall. Using school equipment will help us keep playtimes fair, friendly and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your support — one less thing to remember in the morning!

👕 **Uniform: comfort and belonging**

At Kingsley, we want every child to feel comfortable, included and ready to learn. We recognise that some children find aspects of uniform difficult, including the feel of certain fabrics or having a shirt tucked in.

Moving forward, all KS2 children may choose to wear a white polo shirt or continue with the existing shirt and tie. Polo shirts may be worn untucked; shirts worn with a tie should be tucked in. If your child prefers an untucked option, please choose a polo shirt.

This gives families a comfortable choice while helping children look smart and feel part of our school community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss an individual adaptation, please email me or Mrs McColl—we are always happy to help.



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💻 A thank you from the office team

Our wonderful office team, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Oakes, would like to thank families for your patience, perseverance and determination as we get iPAL up and running! There are a few final issues to iron out, but we are almost there. We hope you are finding the system helpful and easy to use—thank you for sticking with us! 😊

🎃 Spooky Bingo: a spooktacular success!

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another fantastic Spooky Bingo, and to everyone who came along and supported it! Together, you raised nearly £400—an amazing contribution towards developing our outdoor spaces. We want to give children even more opportunities to enjoy their lunchtimes, spend time with friends and find a quiet spot to read or relax. We are excited to share a glimpse of our vision below, including an outdoor reading and quiet area with a shelter.

Thank you for helping us bring these ideas to life! 💛



🎄 Looking ahead…

Looking ahead to Christmas
The run-up to Christmas is always a busy and special time at Kingsley! We will send out the key dates again during this first week back to help families plan ahead. There is so much to look forward to, including our amazing Christmas Fair, Paint and Sip event, Christmas nativity, carol concerts and much more!
Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, Tuesday 3 November, ready for another exciting half term!