



2nd February 2017

Message from the Headteacher

So far so good this winter, no snow! My fingers are crossed this will remain the case for the next couple of months however if it isn't please note that any decision to close the schools due to extreme weather will be communicated via texts, email and on the schools website. We will not be communicating via local radio, as we have done previously, as we have found this to be ineffective. Can I also take this opportunity to ask that all parents and carers make a huge effort regarding punctuality. At the moment we regularly have around 15 children late each day across the 2 schools. This is simply not good enough and I would ask that everyone makes sure that their child arrives before 8:50am at Brindley and 8:55am at Foley. I trust that you will support us with this.

Jason Willetts

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Both schools will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. As in previous years we would like children (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book character. At Foley the theme will be the books of Julia Donaldson. At Brindley each year group has been studying a different book, they are:

The Enormous Crocodile (Y3)

The Diary of the Killer Cat (Y4)

Danny The Champion of the World (Y5)

The Iron Man (Y6)

Children can dress as a character from their chosen book, as one of Julia Donaldson's characters or one of their own favourite book characters.

We look forward to seeing everyone's costumes!



Monkeying Around

We are very pleased to be working with Kinver High on a production of The Jungle Book which will take place in the Lecture Theatre at Kinver High on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Tickets will go on sale after half term. This is the first time all three schools have joined together in a theatre project and we encourage children and their families to go along to support their friends and have a fun night out!

Read, Read, Read!

Reading is the foundation of a good education. The more children read, the more they will enjoy reading. Reading allows your child to access information independently which helps them progress in all subjects, not just literacy.

It doesn't matter if your child is in EYFS or Year 6, please encourage them to read out loud for at least 5 minutes a day. It doesn't have to be a book, they might like to:

- Read a magazine, comic or newspaper
- Play a board game which has written instructions
- Turn on the subtitles on the TV
- Write a shopping list
- Look through cook books and read recipes
- Read to a younger sibling

Happy reading!



January Attendance Figures

We are pleased with the attendance figures for the first month of the Spring Term, let's aim to keep up the good work.

Foley Infant School

Hazel	97.4%
Willow	98.7%
Cedar	97.7%
Palm	96.8%
Maple	98.4%
Beech	95.7%
Total	97.4%

Brindley Heath Junior School

3P	98.3%
3F	95.4%
4J	98.8%
4B	98.3%
5E	96.6%
5M	97.5%
6M	96.6%
6H	97.3%
Total	97.4%

Well done to Willow and 4J - our January attendance champions!

Medication Reminder

In accordance with the KPF medication policy, if your child needs medication during the school day, an adult must bring the medicine to the school office and complete the authorisation paperwork before it can be administered by staff.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to collect the medicine from office staff at the end of the school day.



PTA Non-Uniform Day

In preparation for the Kinver Country Fayre (Sunday 18th June) PTA are holding a non-uniform day at both schools on Friday 17th February. Children can wear their own clothes in return for a bottle for the tombola.



Parents Night Out!

Why not let your hair down and raise money for charity at the same time! To raise money for Epilepsy Action/MIND some of our parents are holding a fun night out at The Cat in Enville on Saturday 25th March with live music from Housewives Choice and a DJ until midnight. Tickets are £8. More info from Kerry on 07941 085770.

Parents Evenings

Monday 13th February - Foley (Yr 1 and EYFS)

Tuesday 14th February - Brindley

Wednesday 15th February - Foley (Yr1 and EYFS)

Thursday 16th February - Brindley

Monday 27th February—Foley (Year 2)

Wednesday 1st March - Foley (Year 2)

All evenings run from 4pm until 7pm. If you need help booking your appointment, please contact the school offices.

Active Kids is Back

Once again both schools are collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsburys. Last year we received lots of free sports equipment as a result of the vouchers you collected, plus gift vouchers from Sainsburys to spend on cooking ingredients. Please place your vouchers in the boxes outside the school office.

Many thanks!



Kinver Primary Federation Dates for Your Diary

Friday 3rd February	History Day (both schools)
Thurs 9th February	Brindley Film Night
Mon 13 th February	Foley Parents Evening (EYFS and Yr1) 4pm – 7pm
Tues 14 th February	Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Weds 15 th February	Foley Parents Evening (EYFS and Yr1) 4pm – 7pm
Thurs 16 th February	Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Friday 17th February	PTA non-uniform day
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 27th February	Foley Parents Evening - Year 2 only
Weds 1st March	Foley Parents Evening - Year 2 only
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
Weds 8 th March	Foley Connect (afternoon session for EYFS parents/carers only)/Foley Disco
Mon 13 th March	Foley Parents Drop in 4pm – 6pm
Tues 14 th March	Brindley Parents Drop in 4pm – 6pm
Tues 21st March	Foley Film Night
Fri 24 th March	Mothers Day celebrations (am - Brindley Heath, pm – Foley)
W/c 27 th March	Y6 Mock SATS week
Thurs 30 th March	Brindley Discos
Fri 7 th April	9.30am Y5 Easter Play/Last day of Spring Term
Monday 24th April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday 27th April	Brindley Film Night
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday—schools closed
W/c 8 th May	KS2 (Y6) SATS week
Tues 23 rd May	Foley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm/Chasewater meeting for Y6 Parents 6.30pm
Thurs 25th May	Brindley Parents Drop In 4pm—6pm
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June—Half Term Holiday	
Monday 5th June	Schools Closed—Staff Training Day
W/c Mon 12th June	Y1 Phonics Check test
Fri 16 th June	Fathers Day celebrations (am – Brindley, pm – Foley)
W/c 19 th June	Y6 Chasewater Residential
Tues 20 th June	6.30pm Foley Induction evening
Thurs 22 nd June	6.30pm Brindley Induction evening
Fri 30 th June	Induction Day
W/c 3 rd July	Fitness week
Thurs 6 th July	Reports to parents
Fri 7 th July	Fun on the field/Sports Day (am – Foley, pm Brindley)
Tues 11 th July	Brindley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm & Arts Festival
Weds 12 th July	Foley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm & Arts Festival
Fri 14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Weds 19 th July	Foley Y2 Graduation 5pm to 7pm
Thurs 20 th July	Y2/3 and Y4/5 discos Brindley
Mon 24 th July	Brindley Leavers Presentation 6pm
Tues 25 th July	School finishes – Balloon Race at Foley