



# Red Kite's Bird Watch

Dear Families,

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

In the last week of term we enjoyed our **Family Learning Week** with a great variety of activities on offer. A huge thanks to our Pastoral Team for organising this event and to Alfe for organising the Halloween Disco. The sensory disco session was a great success and we will be offering this every time now.

I hope you enjoyed tasting some of the lovely home cooked food made by Clare, our Catering Manager when you came along to our parents evening. We are hoping that this opportunity to taste the quality of the foods on offer will increase our pupil numbers for lunches each day. Just a reminder that food needs to be ordered by **midnight** on the Wednesday for the following week.

We had our first parent's forum meeting in the last week of term too. Our topic was 'Modes of Communication. Please see minutes of the meeting attached with this newsletter.

One of the things we discussed was the communication about the change in our leadership structure which got a bit lost in the newsletter when this was shared at the end of the summer term - see the leadership structure below. We have now also recruited a new Assistant Head Teacher that will join us in January.

## Red Kite Leadership Structure

<b>Senior Leadership Group</b>		
Headteacher - Karen		
Deputy Headteacher - Bonnie		
<u>Assistant Headteacher - Kate</u> KS1/2 Lead	<u>Assistant Headteacher - Sally</u> KS3/4/5 Lead	<u>Assistant Headteacher - Suzy</u> January start
<u>Parent Support Advisor - Sam</u> DSL/Pastoral Lead	<u>School Business Manager - Louise</u> Finance/HR Lead	
<b>Wider Leadership Group</b>		
<u>Department Lead - Michael</u> Foxgloves/Snowdrops/ Foxes/Wolves	<u>Department Lead - Jess</u> Hedgehogs/Squirrels/ Ospreys/Falcons/ Kestrels	<u>Department Lead - Kim</u> Daisies/Poppies/ Cornflowers/Fieldmice/ Weasels
<u>Play Lead - Sophie</u> EYFS Lead	<u>Careers Lead - Ania</u>	<u>Access Arrangements - Lynsey</u>





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This week started with our staff training day on Monday. Our focus was on staff wellbeing and team building. Looking after our staff is very important and this ensures we have happy and enthusiastic staff, ready to support your children and young people each day in school. Staff enjoyed a variety of activities including Den Building. We are looking at the possibility of a Den Building day for the pupils too.

It's been a busy first week back as always and the school has been a bustle of activity. This term with the lead up to Christmas, is always a busy one and we have a number of key events happening. Children in Need is on Friday 17th November and the theme for this will be 'BE SPOTACULAR!' Any polka dots or spotty items will come in useful! Classes will be celebrating this day with dress up and a range of activities. Donations to the Children in Need Charity is welcome.

Date	Event
Friday 10th November	Diwali Celebration
Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week - Focus on friendships
Friday 17th November	Children In Need - Mufti
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Care Home Tour (Cornflowers Class)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 14th December	Local Church Singalong
Tuesday 19th December	Fun Day for Tom with parents coffee morning

## Tom O'Dwyer's Retirement

After nearly 20 years dedicating his career to Kingsley and Red Kite, it is time for us to wish Tom a happy relaxing retirement.

Tom's inspirational journey started with him as Head teacher of Kingsley and finished with him being CEO of Kingsley Learning Foundation after building Red Kite. Throughout his career, Tom has always been an ambassador for our children and families. He will always be remembered for thinking outside the box, doing things differently and helping our extraordinary families live ordinary lives.

In true Tom style, he would very much appreciate anyone wanting to mark his retirement by not sending gifts but instead donating to Thomas' Fund, a charity that is close to his heart, providing music therapy for children with complex needs, using the link below.

If you wish to send a small card (roughly A5 size) into school, we will collect them in a memory box for Tom to keep.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-odwyer-retirement-gift-donations?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Ftom-odwyer-retirement-gift-donations&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-odwyer-retirement-gift-donations?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ftom-odwyer-retirement-gift-donations&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

Have a lovely weekend!

Karen.



# Highlights of our fortnight!



