# Kingfisher Courier

**Kingfisher Primary Letter No. 6 Friday 19**<sup>th</sup> **January 2024** 

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## Young Voices 2024

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 many of our KS2 children took part in Young Voices at the Sheffield Arena. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of the world's largest choir. Many of our families also travelled to Sheffield and it was so positive to hear their feedback about how much they had enjoyed seeing their children be able to take part in such an event. Thank you to all our children, families and staff who attended the event.









#### **Attendance Matters**

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands at 93.8%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

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Class	Current Attendance
1	93.0%
2	89.0%
3	95.0%
4	93.0%
5	93.0%
6	96.0%
7	95.0%
8	94.0%
9	92.0%
10	94.0%
11	95.0%
12	96.0%
13	96.0%
14	94.0%



## Parents' Evening

There will be the opportunity on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** between **3.15pm** and **7.00pm** to discuss the academic and social progress being made by your child(ren) with their class teacher.

Information relating to the timings of the Parents Evening will be coming out shortly, please sign up and return the document to your child's classteacher when you have received them.

We will be continuing to offer the option of coming into school to meet with your child's class teacher face to face or offering you the opportunity to receive this

information through a telephone conversation.
You will be able to indicate on the letter coming
out next week.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

### Applying for a Reception place

A reminder that if your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 (being 4 years of age before the 1st September 2024), you must apply to Doncaster Council for a primary school Reception place for September 2024. Doncaster must receive your application form and any supplementary forms by Monday, 15th January 2024. More information can be found Primary admissions - City of Doncaster Council

If you need any help with this process, please contact the school admin team.

#### **Happy New Year**

Happy New Year to you all! Its has been lovely to see you all coming back after the winter break. The staff have been hard at work making sure the children have been able to hit the ground running and new topics are already well underway. You will have received the year group newsletter which is a snapshot of all the important information you will need for this term in respect to the learning and events taking place. This term is a relatively short one in comparison to the Autumn term but that means there is a lot to pack into a short space of time! I would ask for your continued support to ensure your children are in school on time and as regularly as possible so they maximise the learning opportunities we provide for them. This also extends to supporting and encouraging them to engage with any home learning they are set including practising their number facts and times tables as well as daily reading practice. Language and reading is so important to the educational outcomes of children and regular daily practice is key.

A piece of educational research as evidence of the importance of children reading outside of school:

- A student who reads 21 minutes per day outside of school reads almost 2 million words per year.
- A student who reads for less than a minute per day outside of school reads only 8,000 to 21,000 words per year.

#### **Term Dates:**

The last day of Term is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and we return on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024** 

The next INSET Day is: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024