



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and productive start to 2019 here at Kite Ridge and the students continue to make good progress in all areas.

School life

In Creative Curriculum students have been having a science half term. We have carried out experiments with water - floating and sinking activities, making rainbow water and paint patterns; for sound we made some musical instruments and used bottles and water to make different sounds; for sight we tried out different optical illusions. Students are finishing the half term with Space; making their own planets from the solar system from papier mache.

In life skills some students have worked on setting their own targets and goals, and others have been recognising everyday symbols and signs in school and the community. In Maths and English we have focused on linking with AQA targets covering reading, research, number and shapes.

Other regular activities and work experience opportunities, both inside school and out in the community, continue to be a success. Students enjoy the social interaction these provide, and it is great to see the positive impact on their development.

KiteFest

We are busily planning for KiteFest 2019, which will be held on 26th and 27th June. Please make sure you put this date in your diary and we will update you with more details nearer the time. We held a Quiz Night on 8th February to raise funds for KiteFest – we took £1,100 which is brilliant!

Staff news

Jan Lancaster has joined us as Admin Assistant to cover the period of Amy's maternity leave. Jan joins us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and has already made great headway in tackling our school's busy administration load!

Shaun Howell will join us in March as a Learning Mentor. Shaun has many years' experience in similar settings and will be a great asset to our team.

I hope you all have a pleasant half term break. School reopens as normal on Monday 25th February.

Best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher

Dates for your diary**February**

15th Last day at school (half term break)

25th School reopens

April

5th Last day at school (Easter break)

24th School reopens

2018-19 term dates are available on our website.