

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The start to the academic year has been very smooth and successful. The new children in YR have quickly settled into school and children who have joined our school in other year groups have quickly made friends. There are now 417 pupils on roll here at Kings Worthy.

Head Boy/Head Girl and House Captains

Staff discussed nominations for Head Boy and Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl and agreed the following:

Head Girl - Erin N

Head Boy - Isaac O

Deputy Head Girl - Eva D

Deputy Head Boy - Andrew B

Congratulations to these pupils. We are confident that they will be excellent representatives of our school.

The KS2 children have been asked to nominate and vote for Y6 House Captains for this year. These children are:

Carisbrooke – Freya C and George R

Windsor – Maisie S and Ioan C

Arundel – Georgia O and Matthew G

Portchester – Wynn S and Jacob G

Due to the large number of high quality applications for the role of Ambassador we have decided to appoint children for each term.

Autumn term ambassadors:

Maisie C

Ioan C

Freya C

Amelie H

Arthur H

Finn K

Jacob G

Monty C

Phoebe S

Maisie S

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted on to the School Council by their classmates: -

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| Class 1A Grace M | Class 1S Chloe D |
| Class 2G Winston W | Class 2O Freddie G |
| Class 3E Maddison O | Class 3S Hannah P |
| Class 4W Cullayn S | Class 4F Noah G |
| Class 5K Lewis B | Class 5B James H |
| Class 6R George R | Class 6E Katie D |

Staff

We welcome the following new staff to our team: Miss Cate Singleton, Y1 class teacher and English leader who has quickly built up strong relationships with her class, and Miss Sophie Scott, Hedgehogs class teacher, who has visited the homes of the children in her class and helped them to settle into school. Both teachers have already become valued members of the team and I am very confident that their appointments will strengthen the already high quality teaching here at Kings Worthy. Our new Support Assistants, Mrs Nikki Crombie (KS1) and Mrs Sonya Hall (KS2) are getting to know the children too. Very sadly, Mrs Clare Carter our school Librarian will be leaving us at half term for family reasons. With the need to make budget savings we will not be replacing her immediately. Instead, we will review how we use the library and how we can continue to keep it open after school. Miss Brash will continue to work in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Sturt will work Tuesday – Friday.

Class organisation for the year is as follows:

| Year Group | Class | Teacher | LSAs |
|------------|-----------|---|---|
| R | Hedgehogs | Miss S Scott | Mrs Haydon, Mrs Silvester, Mrs Stevens, |
| | Rabbits | Mrs C Moore (nee Miss Fullstone) | |
| 1 | 1A | Mrs E Ashton | Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Halford, Mrs Alexander & Mrs Crombie |
| 1 | 1S | Miss C Singleton | |
| 2 | 2G | Mrs E. Gaunt | Mrs Moncrieffe, & Mrs McDonnell |
| | 2O | Mrs K. O'Sullivan | |
| 3 | 3E | Miss C Evers | Mrs Harkay , Mrs Judson & Mrs Moncrieffe |
| | 3S | Mrs G. Smallwood (M-W) Mrs N Sibbons (Th, F) | |
| 4 | 4W | Miss H. Wallis | Mrs Stewart ,Mrs Hall & Mrs Moncrieffe |
| | 4F | Mrs J. Fernie | |
| 5 | 5K | Miss L. Keeble | Mrs Butler & Mrs Judson |
| | 5B | Mr J. Brewster | |
| 6 | 6R | Mrs C. Robson | Mrs Bannister , Mrs Evans, Mrs Hall & Mrs Judson |
| | 6E | Mr. S. Ewins | |

Parking

Thank you for your support with the challenges car parking continues to bring. The opening of the side gate for pedestrians has been welcomed although not respected by all drivers. Two blue badge holders have permission to park in the disabled spaces in the school car park. They enter through the old “in” gate which is coned off and closed. Unless you are a blue badge holder **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CONES AND PARK OUTSIDE THE GROVE.** Thank you. We met representatives from HCC last week and discussed the challenges and further possible initiatives to improve the situation and there will be another letter about this soon.

Key Stage Performances

The separate YR and KS1 performances at Christmas were popular last year and will continue this year. The KS2 performance has been challenging over the last three years with the increasing number of pupils. Therefore this year we will trial a new arrangement and there will be two performances in KS2. There will be a performance in July led by Y6 and including pupils in Y5. We are currently waiting for the Secondary Schools to inform us of their induction days so that we can fit our performances around them. There will also be a separate performance in the spring term in March for pupils in Y3 and Y4.

I hope that these arrangements will enable more pupils to be involved in the separate casts and provide more space in the hall for the performers and the audiences. I am acutely aware that the auditions for Rock Challenge were oversubscribed and at least 40 children were disappointed not to be included this year. Hopefully this new arrangement will also give more children the opportunity to shine in our own concerts.

Sports Day

The new separate YR/KS1 and KS2 Sports days this year proved very successful and popular with the children, staff and parents, with more children participating in more races. Therefore this will continue this year.

Day Closures 2017—2018

There are five day closures every academic year for staff training and this year the Governors have agreed that these will be as follows:-

| Date | Purpose | Training provider |
|---------|---|----------------------|
| 4.9.17 | Safeguarding, pupil data analysis | SLT |
| 2.10.17 | Outdoor leader qualification | Stuart Nundy +1, HCC |
| 9.3.18 | Art skills | Jayne Stillman |
| 18.6.18 | Assessment | In-House |
| 23.7.18 | Safeguarding, Prevent Duty & Health & Safety training | In-House/HCC |

School Dinners

The cost of school meals is now £2.15 per day. **This must be paid in advance.** The cost of meals for this term is as follows:-

First Half Term £ 70.95

Second Half Term £ 83.85

Whole Term £ 154.80

Please make a payment online using Scopay or send the payment in a named envelope to the class teacher on a Monday morning, clearly stating your child's name and class. Cheques should be payable to H.C.C. If you bring the payment into school yourself, please post it in the secure letter box. You can also pay either half termly or termly in advance should you so wish. If you need an online code, please contact the school office.

Golden Mile

The Golden Mile was a huge success last year with Kings Worthy Primary school walking, jogging or running over 18,000 miles in just two terms. A huge thank you to all staff, parents and children who took on this new initiative. No other school came close to this impressive distance. Foundation stage in particular used the Golden Mile as part of their daily routine and as a result each class completed well over a 1000 miles. Winchester City Council recently named us Golden Mile School of the Month and congratulated us on our 'Run with Mum', Golden Lunch Club and fund raising activities. We have been funded for a further year and have been set a challenge to complete 2400 miles before Christmas. Schools including Stanmore Primary School and South Wonston will be competing against us. A trophy will be awarded to the winning school at the end of term. Many thanks again for your support with the Golden Mile.

Parents' Evenings

Appointments will take place on Wednesday, 18th October 3.50-6.50pm and Thursday 19th October 3.50-6.50pm. To make arrangements more convenient and efficient, you will be able to book appointments on-line from 9am on Friday 6th October. If you do not have access to a computer please contact the school office to make an appointment. Thank you. A further letter will be sent out soon.

Reminders

At the beginning of the new academic year, we would like to remind you of these important things:

If your contact numbers have altered in the last twelve months please let us know your changes of details, as soon as possible.

If your child has been diagnosed with a food allergy and requires school meals you should request a form from the school office which will allow HC3S to prepare a special menu for them. Until such time as this has been done the kitchen is unable to supply a meal for your child.

There are now 6 children in school who have a nut allergy. To keep them safe from the effects of a serious allergic reaction to nut products, we would be very grateful if you can avoid including nuts or nut related products (particularly peanut butter and hazelnut spread) in lunch boxes. We would also ask that you do not send in cakes or sweets on your child's birthday as this can also present difficulties.

Guidelines from HCC indicate that there should not be smoking of any kind (including e-cigarettes) on the school premises.

Guidelines from HCC indicate that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises or grounds including the drive at the front of the school. Please also be considerate to other families if you tether your dog to the fence outside school and make sure children and adults are safe. Thank you to all dog owners for being so understanding about this!

For Health and Safety reasons, children may not wear earrings during PE lessons. Children may wear studs for school but for PE, should be able to take them out and put them back in themselves. Alternatively please supply your child with a box of plasters to be kept in their PE bag, so that they can cover up their earrings.

If your child rides a scooter or bike to and from school please ensure they wear a helmet and dismount when they come through the school gates and do not allow them to use the cycle/scooter on the playground. Bikes and scooters should be **clearly named** with a permanent marker and are left in school at your own risk.

Please ensure that the snacks provided for playtime are healthy.

Please label all uniform—there are already about 20 fleeces and jumpers in the lost property box!

Thank you very much for your cooperation with all of these small, but important issues. They help keep us all safe and happy in school.

Volunteering to Help in School

At various times of the year, we ask for volunteers to help in school e.g. with school trips. In order to help, volunteers need to undergo a DBS check & complete our Volunteers' pack. If you think you would like to help this year, please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return it to the school office. Once you have received the result of the check, which comes to your home, you will need to let us have a copy. Please note that it is the school's policy not to place volunteers in their own child's year group.

Should have gone to....

These glasses have been handed into the office – if they belong to your child please collect them asap and by Friday 29th September at the latest.



School Library Book Amnesty

At the end of the year there were 57 books "missing" meaning a loss of approximately £350. Please help your child to have a look at home for any missing books and return them to school. Thank you

Day Office Messages:

With our school growing all the time, the office staff have limited resources and the beginnings and ends of the day can be very busy times. Please help us as much as you can by delivering home time messages directly to the class teacher. After school is preferable or via your child's planner wherever possible (please ensure you hand the planner to a member of staff). If you do need to phone during the school day, please do so by 1pm if possible, so that a note can be put in the class register. Please feel confident to leave a message on the answerphone – if staff are attending to first aid, we can't always reach the phone in time, and messages are checked regularly. We cannot guarantee we can get messages to children if you phone after 2.15pm.

When sending in payments, please mark the envelope with your child's name and class. If bringing this in yourself, please place in the red payment box for School items and the black payment box for PTFA items which can be found on the reception desk. Please keep your child's payments in credit – too much of the school's resources is spent on chasing up debt- we'd far rather spend it on time for the children! If you'd like an online payment code, please contact the school office.

Medicines:

Pupils may not keep medicines in their bags to self-administer. All medicines must be handed in to the school office and a parental consent form signed.

We cannot administer aspirin or ibuprofen (unless prescribed by a doctor.)

Premises:

We are delighted with the improvements made to the front of the school. The hedge has been cut back and there is more room on the grass for Y4 camp in the summer! The surfaces in the drive have been improved too. We are extremely grateful to Erin Rowe who works at Kiers who has organised it as a community project with their Highways Soft Estate team lead by Ian Legg and Lee Joliffe – they carried out the crowning of the trees in the Yr R area as well as cutting back all of the hedge at the front of the school. Also Southern Coating Contractors (SCC) team, lead by Tony Frost and Simon Bull carried out all of the grading, levelling and root removal works to the hedge. They also did all of the layby works. R&W's Dave Wilson sorted out the 40T of muck away and then provided the top soil. Thanks Erin & your teams.



And the winner is....

We were surprised but delighted to win the Young People category in the CPRE Countryside award 2017. This is a great reflection of our wonderful grounds and the hard work that goes in to designing and maintaining it. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, including Mr Carr, Miss Keeble, Gardening Club and all of those who have funded our improvements, not least the PTFA.

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year

Finally, we have fixed most dates in the calendar for the year (below) and these are already on the website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Mullane
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year

New dates or amendments in red.

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| Tue 26th Sep | 9-10am | Y5/6 Maths Morning |
| Mon 2nd Oct | All day | INSET day– no school for pupils |
| Tue 3rd Oct | All day | Yr 3 Jonathon's Jungle Road Show |
| | 9-10am | Y1/2 Math Morning |
| Wed 4th Oct | 8.30-10am | School Nurse Drop in |
| | 7.30-9pm | PTFA AGM in Staffroom |
| Fri 6th Oct | 7.30-10.30pm | PTFA Fizz & Quiz evening at the Worthies Club |
| Mon 9th Oct | 7-9pm | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Tue 10th Oct | 9-10am | Y3/4 Maths Morning |
| Wed 18th Oct | 3.50-6.50pm | Parents Evening |
| Thu 19th Oct | 3.50-6.50pm | Parents Evening |
| Fri 20th Oct | 3pm | Y5 Parent Sharing |
| Fri 20th Oct | | Last day of first half term |
| Mon 30th Oct | | First day of second half term |
| Tue 31st Oct | 3.30-4.30pm | Pumpkin Walk with parents |
| Thu 2nd Nov | 9am | Bags to School Collection |
| | All day | Y4 Sea City Trip |
| Thu 9th Nov | All day | Flu Vaccinations Y R/1/2/3/4 |
| Fri 17th Nov | All day | Children in Need & Stop Bullying Days |
| Mon 20th Nov | 7-9pm | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Wed 22nd Nov | All day | Individual Photos |
| Thu 23d Nov | 9.15am | 3S Class Assembly |
| Fri 1st Dec | All day | PTFA Christmas Fair |
| Thu 7th Dec | 9.15am | 6E Class Assembly |
| Tue 12th Dec | 9am-12pm | Y6 to Panto at Theatre Royal |
| Thu 14th Dec | 9.30-10.30am | EYFS Nativity |
| | 2-3pm | KS1 Christmas Show |
| Fri 15th Dec | 9.30-10.30am | KS1 Christmas Show |
| Mon 18th Dec | 2-3.30pm | M & M Production of Aladdin |
| | 5pm | Christmas Carols |
| Tue 19th Dec | All day | KS1 Free Dress Day |
| | 3.30-6pm | PTFA Children's Disco YR-2; 3.30-4.30pm, Y3-6; 4.45-6pm |
| Wed 20th Dec | | School Christmas Lunch |
| Thu 21st Dec | | Last day of term |
| Fri 9th Mar | All day | INSET day– no school for pupils |
| Mon 18th Jun 2018 | All day | INSET day– no school for pupils |
| Mon 23rd Jul 2018 | All day | INSET day– no school for pupils |

Name: _____

Child's Name and Class _____

 I would like to volunteer in school this year. I have volunteered in school before.

My e-mail address is: _____

Please hand this slip into the school office directly or via your child – Thank You