

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Being the Best We Can Be

The children continue to behave very well in lessons and around the school and they display very positive attitudes to learning. Science Day before half term was a great success and the children were engaged in a variety of investigations with different lines of enquiry. The children in Rabbits class wanted to know if flamingos can swim – and told me with great seriousness that they can! Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Furzey Gardens and there are photographs on the school website. They also had an eventful journey home when Mrs Gaunt and Mrs Moncrieffe had to herd some donkeys off the road! There is real purposeful learning going on in school and the Local Authority Learning and Leadership partner has been in school and supported our evaluation that Kings Worthy continues to be a good school.

Congratulations to all of the children, staff and parents involved in this year's performance in the Rock Challenge event. The performance was excellent, the costumes were fabulous and the set & lighting on stage looked amazing. The competition from other schools was very strong and when we didn't get 3rd or 2nd place we were resigned to going home disappointed. When the compere announced that Kings Worthy had won first place and would be performing in the Final, it was so unexpected that our parents and staff in the audience, and the children and staff listening off stage erupted and leapt to their feet cheering and whistling. I couldn't have been more proud! Well done everyone.



This week in school is Belonging Bear week

Each class has been taking part in a range of activities centred around Belonging and what it means. On Monday morning, we had a Round Robin of activities where the children were split across the school, so that every class had a mix of children from year R to Year 6. Each class worked together to take part in a different activity. Children had a wonderful time and enjoyed mixing with children from other classes and year groups. Ask your child what two activities they did! Each class has also been working hard to create their own 'Belonging tree' and every child is also personalising a jigsaw piece in preparation for a whole school display which will go up next week in the entrance. Be sure to come and have a look! Don't forget to check the website as photos of this week will be coming soon!

School Disco 8th March

Please be aware that the top gate to the school playground will be open to allow for easier access when collecting your children from the discos.

School Dinner Price Increase

The Hampshire school meal price will increase from £2.15 to £2.30 with effect from 1 September 2018.

This increase of 15 pence per meal was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Mans, at his Decision Day on 8 November 2017.

Message from Mrs Claire Welland, Chair of Governors

The advertisement for our new Headteacher was published online just before half term. Since then governors have hosted visits to the school from people who might be interested in applying for the post. We expect to be reviewing those applications in early March, and then deciding which of the applicants to take forward for interview. We are aware that change can be unsettling, and would like to reassure children, parents and our staff, that making sure that we get the right person is our key focus and we are being supported by colleagues at Hampshire County Council. As before, there will be confidential matters that we can't share widely, but we will give you another update as soon as we are able to.

Governors also said farewell to one of our longstanding co-opted governors, Martin Goff, this month. Martin has been a governor here for 17 years and his children all attended Kings Worthy. He was on the Governing Body that appointed Mrs Mullane to be our Headteacher back in 2011. His contribution has been significant, and he will be much-missed.

School Travel Plan

We have been working hard on our School Travel Plan and have successfully completed the last part of the Modeshift STARS accreditation scheme. We have successfully achieved the Bronze Award and Ellie Bolton from the HCC Strategic Travel Plan Team is visiting on Monday 19th March to present the award. **It will be a normal school uniform day**, however the children are invited to wear a bright accessory to be seen while walking to school; eg a hat/gloves/glasses in a bright or fluorescent colour. They could also decorate their scooter or bike/helmet.



Golden Mile

Great news on the Golden Mile! Recently, Kings Worthy Primary School were awarded the Golden Mile's School of the Year. Nominated schools were invited to attend the Winchester District Sports Awards ceremony and we were delighted to be rewarded with first place. Simon Harmer, a war veteran and guest speaker at the event presented the award to Poppy B and Andrew B. The judges commended us for completing over 16,000 miles in just two terms and for using the initiative to organise events such as 'Run with Mum'. To our surprise, Simon also added that he had once been a pupil at Kings Worthy and had many fond memories.

Huge congratulations go to the staff and children of Kings Worthy Primary School. It is only with their support and competitive spirit that we have been able to make this initiative a success. Last year we walked, jogged or ran a total of 18,500 miles and this year we have completed 11,000 miles since September. Many children have already achieved their 25 and 50 mile certificates. Keep up the good work!

World Book Day - Character Dress Up Day!

Due to the snow closure, our annual dress up day for World Book Day had to be postponed. We have now been able to reschedule this day for Thursday 29th March. As well as dressing up as their favourite book character, the children will take part in activities about books to promote their love of reading.

The author, Megan Rix, has been rearranged for Friday 13th July when she will spend time with our Key Stage 2 classes. More details to follow nearer the time.

Due to this rescheduling we now need to rearrange 1A's class assembly. This will no longer take place on 29th March but will be on Thursday 5th July at 9.15am instead.

Absence Procedure

We have recently reviewed and formalised our telephone procedure in the mornings, when a child is absent from school and no notification has been received. We will telephone all contact numbers for that child, in the order notified by the parent, until we make contact with someone and obtain an explanation for the child's absence. If the contact does not pick up, a voicemail message will be left where possible. If by 10am we have not managed to speak to any of the contacts provided, the Senior Leadership Team will make a decision about further action. This will range from making a record but no further action, to making a home visit to contacting the Police. It is therefore very important that you contact the school office and leave a message on each day of your child's absence from school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

JULIE MULLANE

Dates for your Diary this Academic YearNew dates or amendments **in red**.

Thu 8th Mar	3.30-6pm	PTFA Children's Disco, KS1 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 4.45-6pm
Thu 8th Mar	9.15am - 9.45am	2G class assembly
Fri 9th Mar	All day	INSET day (Art) – no school for pupils
Mon 12th Mar	7-9pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thu 15th Mar	9.15-9.45am	3E Class Assembly
Mon 19th Mar	All day	Bronze Award Presentation—Bling your bike/scooter
Tue 20th Mar	2.15pm	Y2 L2Me Concert
Wed 21st Mar	3.50-6.50pm	Parents Evening
Thu 22nd Mar	3.50-6.50pm	Parents Evening
Fri 23rd Mar	All day	Sports Relief
Fri 23rd Mar	9.30-10.30am	Y3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Mon 26th Mar	7-9pm	Full Governing Body meeting
Tue 27th Mar	2.30-3.30pm	Y3/4 Performance
Wed 28th Mar	9.30-10.30am	Y3/4 Performance
Thu 29th Mar	All day	Easter Egg Hunt
Thu 29th Mar	All day	World Book Character Dress-Up Day
Thu 29th Mar		Last Day of term
Mon 16th Apr		First Day of term
Thu 26th Apr	9.15-9.45am	4W Class Assembly
Mon 30th Apr	All day	Rock Challenge Regional Finals
Tue 1st May		End of KS1 Assessments until 30th June
Thu 3rd May	9.15-9.45am	5B Class Assembly
Mon 7th May	All day	Bank Holiday
Tue 8th May	7-9pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thu 10th May	9.15-9.45am	Rabbits Class Assembly
Mon 14th-17th May		Y6 SATs
Sat 19th May	All day	May Fair
Wed 23rd May	All day	Yr5 Winchester College Rivers Project
Wed 23rd May	9am– 11am	Reserved Sports Day
Thu 24th May	9.15-9.45am	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Thu 24th May	3pm-3.30pm	Yr4 Parent Sharing
Fri 25th May		Last Day of half term
Mon 4th Jun		First Day of second half term
Wed 6th Jun	9.15am-11am	YR & KS1 Sports day
Fri 8th Jun	9.15am-11am	YR & KS1 Sports day– reserved
Mon 11th Jun	All week	Y1 Phonics
Wed 13th Jun	9-10am	Y5 Parents - Sue Hearle from HB Assembly
Fri 15th Jun	All day	Science Day
Fri 15th Jun	All day	Father's day– Read with dad
Mon 18th Jun 2018	All day	INSET day (Assessment)- no school for pupils
Wed 20th Jun	All day	HB—Y6 intake day
Thu 21st Jun	9.15-9.45am	2O Class Assembly
Thu 21st Jun	All day	HB—Y6 intake day
Fri 22nd Jun	9.30am & 1.30pm	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal
Fri 22nd Jun	All day	Yr4 Camp
Mon 25th Jun	9.30am & 6pm	Y5/6 Performance for parents

Tue 26th Jun	9.30am & 6pm	Y5/6 Performance for parents
Wed 27th Jun	All day	Yr6 induction at Westgate & Kings
Thu 28th Jun	All day	Yr6 induction at Westgate & Kings
Thu 28th Jun	9.15-9.45am	1S Class Assembly
Fri 29th Jun	All day	Yr6 induction at Westgate & Kings
Mon 2nd Jul	All week	Y6 to Osmington Bay
Wed 4th Jul	7pm-8pm	New YrR Parents meeting
Thu 5th Jul	9.15-9.45am	1A Class Assembly
Mon 9th Jul	10.30am	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 9th Jul	1.15-3.15pm	YrR Stay & Play
Fri 13th Jul	All Day	Megan Rix - Author visit to KS2
Tue 17th Jul	Tues-Thurs	Yr5 Bikeability
Tue 17th Jul	2.15pm	Y2 L2Me Concert
Thu 19th Jul	9.15-9.45am	Yr6 Leavers assembly
Fri 20th Jul	All day	Last day of term for children
Mon 23rd Jul 2018	All day	INSET day– no school for pupils