

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term

Welcome back. I hope you all had a refreshing half term and that the children are all looking forward to a busy 6 weeks of learning before Easter.

6E Assembly

What better way to start the weekend than a wonderful performance from 6E this morning in front of the whole school. Singing, acting, dancing and even 'feel-good fairies'. What more could you want? Thank you to Miss Eggleston for organising the children so well in putting on such a great show.

Attendance

I am pleased to inform you that our overall attendance rate for the year is **96.9%** which is a superb performance. Well done everyone, especially all of the children who hit **100%** for the first half term – **257** of you (*it was only 174 children this time last year!*)

1H and **5S** are the non-uniform winners for the 1st half of the Spring Term – can any classes knock them off the top spot for this half term?

Miss Hynes and Mrs Smallwood will let the children know when their non-uniform day is very soon.

Share a Million Stories

This week the children will be bringing home a reading record as part of the 'Share a Million Stories'. This is a nationwide campaign to promote story sharing and to help create readers for life. The idea is for children to share a story for ten minutes and then to log it on their reading record. Sharing a story includes, reading with a sibling, parent, family member, pet etc. And it can be anything from non-fiction, fiction, e-book, poetry or graphic novel. Each class has a sharing story poster and there will be an ongoing competition between each class. The class that shares the most stories within the time frame (Thursday 27th February to Sunday 29th March) wins a reading related prize for their class.

Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their outcomes and it's fun for all involved. You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane - reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere any time. Thank you for your help sharing stories with your children at home. Hopefully we can reach our target of 5,000 story shares!

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Parents of children in Year 1 are invited to a phonics morning. During this session, you will find out information about the upcoming phonics-screening test for Year 1s in June and discover some new activities that you can work on with your children at home.

The first part of the session will be in the hall with Mrs Morgan with the second part happening in 1H and 1AH where the children will show you some of the fun and interactive phonics games that they do at school. The sessions will run on Tuesday 17th March and Friday 20th March from 9am to around 10am. A letter will be sent home nearer the time so that we can prepare for how many of you will come.

Parking!

I have made the decision to cone off the staff car parks as from next Monday, both in the morning and the afternoon, due to the excessive amount of cars that are currently parking in there. I witnessed this first hand on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. People are beeping horns and parking way too close to each other, which is both dangerous to each other and to the many children that are walking through this area. If you are a 'blue badge' holder you are able to move the cones so that you can come into the car park as normal.

There is plenty of parking at Eversley Park, which is only a short walk to the school from there, so I urge you to ease the congestion at the front of the school and park there. We are regularly in discussion with the building site at the front of the school and we are working with them to ensure that they are not receiving deliveries at the busiest time for the school.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day falls next **Thursday 5th March**. Remember that we have decided to move away from the traditional dress as your favourite character in exchange for a 'Vocabulary Parade'.

We are working closely with children to improve their vocabulary every day and we thought this would be a marvellous way for children to showcase their imagination and to get them thinking about our English language.

The idea is, for children to think of a word, or even a synonym of their favourite word and then design their outfit around that. We are hoping for children to be as creative as possible - no 'boring' words allowed! If you're struggling for ideas, there are many examples on the internet if you search for 'Vocabulary Parade'. There will be prizes for those children who have the most unique and captivating word. We look forward to seeing everyone's ensemble.



Outdoor Classroom

[The Lapa Company](#) and Mr Carr have been hard at work and our outdoor classroom structure and pathway are complete! Electricity and network connectivity are next on the list and we hope that the classroom will be in use in a couple of weeks. The classroom will provide a working base for activities in the Woodland Walk and will help make our grounds much more accessible to the children all-year round. We'll be holding an opening event on Friday 1st May - more details to follow!



Coronavirus update

Everything that I am sharing with you regarding the coronavirus comes directly from Hampshire County Council and they relay information to all Hampshire headteachers throughout the week. I will keep you as updated as I am able to through the weekly newsletter and if there are ever urgent announcements then I will issue those immediately.

This week I received the following information, along with the poster that is attached to the newsletter.

National advice for travellers from areas affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed this week, and we understand that parents and carers may have questions about this. The school is following national guidance that has been issued for educational settings.

The latest accurate information on Coronavirus (COVID-19), including the current situation in the UK and details about the virus and its symptoms, can be found at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. This is updated regularly and includes the most recent advice in relation to travel from certain parts of Italy - so we encourage you to visit the website for the latest information.

The UK's Chief Medical Officer continues to advise that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low.

As a school, the most important action that we can take to protect against Coronavirus and other germs is to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene. We continue to encourage the children and staff to do the following and ask that you support this at home too. The advice is to:

- *wash hands often - with soap and water or using alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available.*
- *cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.*

We are following national advice and the school is operating as normal. Should the situation change or if we are given different advice, we will communicate this to you.

World Book Day Lunch!

In celebration of World Book Day the kitchen have decided to put on a World Book Day Themed Lunch.

This will be on Thursday 5th March:

Menu options will be:

Red: 'DOG MAN' Pork Sausage Hot Dog From the Book 'DOG MAN'

Green: 'DOG MAN' Veggie Sausage Hot Dog

Vegetable of the Day : Potato Wedges from 'Supertato', Evil Peas from 'Supertato', Baked Beans from 'Beans on Toast'

To Finish: Love Cake From 'The day we met the Queen'

Song of the week is

'Unstoppable'

by Sia.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year

March			
Mon	2nd	All Week	Book Week
Mon	2nd	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews (1)
Thur	5th	All Day	WORLD BOOK DAY - dress up as a word
Thur	5th	Am	Year R Farmer Ian Visit
Thur	5th	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews (2)
Fri	6th	Pm	Year 5 Trip Harry Potter World
Fri 6th—Sun 16th			British Science Week
Fri	6 th	All Day	Whole School Science Day
Fri	6th	8.30 am	Governor Resources Mtg (4)
Fri	6th	3:05 pm	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Mon	9 th		Sport Relief Week
Mon	9th	pm	Inter-House cross country – JB
Wed	11 th	1.30pm	Inter House Football - JB
Thu	12 th	2.30pm	School Council Meeting (4)
Fri	13th	All day	Sport Relief
Fri	13 th	1.30pm	Inter House Netball - JB
Fri	13th	3.05pm	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Mon	16th	3.05pm	Oratory Cup launch – HM (Assembly)
Mon	16th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (4)
Fri	20th	3.05pm	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Mon	23rd		Last Week of Clubs
Mon	23rd		Oratory Cup performances in classes (1 child vote from each class, 1 teacher vote winner)
Thu	26th	3.05pm	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Fri	27th	9.15am	5E Class Assembly
Fri	27th	3.30-4.30pm	Year 5 Smarties Cake sale
Tue	31st	Am	Year R Height and Weight
April			
Thu	2nd	3:05pm	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Thu	2 nd	9.15am	Y 3/4 Easter performance (1)
		2.45pm	Y 3/4 Easter performance (2)
Fri	3 rd	9.15am	3W Class Assembly
		1.15pm	END OF TERM
Easter Holidays			
Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April			

SUMMER TERM

April

Mon	20th		INSET DAY (4)
Tue	21 st		School reopens for children
Fri	24 th	9.15am	3B Class Assembly
Mon	27 th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday, 10 th July)
Wed	29 th		Termly newsletters distributed

May

Fri	1 st		KS1 SATS test period (throughout May)
Fri	1 st	8:30am	Governor Resources Mtg (5)
Fri	1 st	3.30-4.30pm	Year 6 Smarties Cake Sale
Tue	5 th	2.30pm	School Council (5)
Fri	8 th		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Mon	11 th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (5)
Fri	15 th	3.30-7.30pm	PTFA Summer Festival
Tue	19 th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – Osmington Bay
Fri	22 nd	9.15am	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
		3.30pm	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

HALF TERM

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

June

Mon	1st		INSET DAY (5)
Tue	2 nd		School reopens for children
Wed	3 rd	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 4) – Camp
Fri	5 th	3:30—4:43 pm	Year R Smarties Cake Sale
Mon	8 th		Healthy Living Week
Thu	11 th	All day	Sports Day (including family picnic)
Fri	12 th	9.15am	1AH Class Assembly
Tue	16 th	6.30pm	New Intake Parents Induction Evening
Wed	17 th		Hampshire Fire and Rescue with Y2 & Y5
Fri	19 th 20 th		Year 4 Camp (overnight until Saturday 20 th)
Mon	22 nd	am	Father's Day 'Share-a-story'
Wed	24 th		Henry Beaufort Y7 induction day 1 & 'Shuffle Morning
Thu	25 th		Henry Beaufort Y7 induction day 2
Fri	26 th	8.30am	Governor Resources Mtg (6)
		9.15am	Rabbits Class Assembly
Mon 29 th – Fri 3 rd			Osmington Bay – Year 6 residential

July			
Fri	3 rd	9.15am	1H Class Assembly
Mon	6 th		Last week of clubs
Thu	9 th	All Day	Sports Day (alternative date)
Fri	10 th		Annual reports to parents
		9.15am	2M Class Assembly
		5.00-10.30pm	PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	13 th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (6)
Mon	20 th	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – school
		pm	House Rounders Competition (Year 6 – LK/CR)
		3.45pm-5.00pm	Open evening for current parents
Tue	21 st	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents
		6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Farewell Party
Wed	22 nd	1.15pm	END OF TERM