

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Kings Worthy's attendance rate for the previous school year was **96.4%**. Here are a few reminders regarding penalty notices. There is a range of strategies to improve attendance, one of which is to issue a penalty notice for unauthorised absences.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) implements national regulations in relation to Penalty Notices through its Code of Conduct. In Hampshire, a Penalty Notice may be issued to parents/carers where a child has 10 unauthorised sessions within a period of 100 school sessions (This equates to 90% attendance). The 100-session period is calculated from the last day of unauthorised absence once the 10-session threshold has been met, and may inevitably straddle academic years, particularly at the start of the Autumn Term.

Schools should not authorise absence for holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in line with regulations. The fundamental principles of defining 'exceptional' are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.

Penalty Notices should be issued as soon as possible after the last unauthorised absence (the 10th) to allow time for the legal process to be completed.

The maximum number of Penalty Notices is two per child, per parent, during a 12-month period. If the child continues to have periods of unauthorised absence and the penalty notices have been paid (so have not effected an improvement) the case should then be referred to ALP for further legal action, such as a prosecution or an Education Supervision Order.

How 5 days of absence will affect a child's schooling

If your child has 5 days of authorised absence during the year **and takes no other time off** for illness or other reasons, their attendance over the school year will be **97.4%**. Five days absence each year of primary school is equivalent to half a term missed by the end of year 6 or 175 hours of learning.

As parents and carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. Children have 13 weeks off school and holidays should be taken during the holiday period.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ Only a maximum of 5 days can be authorised by the school in **exceptional circumstances**, and this is at the discretion of the headteacher.
- ◆ Leave of absence for family celebrations or holidays will **not** be authorised.
- ◆ Penalty notices **may** be issued and parents may be fined by the local authority.

The links below offer more information on attendance and penalty notices.

Good School Attendance Guide

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/SchoolAttendanceLeafletHCC.pdf>

Every day counts – parental booklet

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/Everydaycounts.pdf>

Information Booklet for parents on Penalty Notices

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/InformationonPenaltyNoticesfornon-attendanceatschool-advicetoparentsandcarersleaflet-Nov2015revised.pdf>

House Captains

This week each of the four houses in school met and elected their house captains for the year ahead. A large number of Year 6 children made presentations to their house groups, including some who used 'PowerPoint', and these were expertly delivered by all involved. As part of the process, all of the children from year 1-6 then voted for the person whose presentation and speech convinced them they would do the best job for their house. At the end of this democratic process, our eight house captains were elected.



Arundel: Ben G and Abigail J
Porchester: Bea P-S and Joshua T
Carisbrooke: Matilda B and Noah G
Windsor: Ethan S and Lucy G

Congratulations to the chosen 8, but also well done to all the children who put themselves forward for election.

School Uniform Policy

Thank you so much to every one for making sure your child(ren) started the new school year looking extremely smart. Just a reminder that jewellery, make up and nail polish are not acceptable. Watches and single stud earrings are the exception to the rule. If your child has long hair, please provide him/her with the means to tie it back for PE lessons as well as ensuring your child has the appropriate kit in school every day. Trainers or plimsolls are recommended for outdoor games, but should not be worn in place of school shoes.

Lunchtime Supervisors required

If you are interested in supporting the school during lunchtimes, even if only for a couple of days a week, then please email the school office to register your interest. Thank you.

Pirates ahoy!

Last week, the pirates of Kings Worthy paid a visit to Year 2. All of the children had a fantastic time giving themselves a fearsome pirate name and completing some fantastic artwork to display a 'Rogues gallery'
We also visited the bottom field to 'Sail the seven seas'. We scrubbed the decks, saluted the captain and swam away from the sharks!



Thank you to all the parents for helping with the costumes, the children had a brilliant day.



Library volunteers

Last year a fantastic team of volunteers kept the library running by helping children to exchange books. We now need a few more people to help us, so if you could spare an hour or two a week during the school day, or after school until 4.00 pm, we would be very grateful. If you are interested, please leave your details at the office and Mrs Morgan will contact you.

Library Books

We are so grateful to the PTFA for enabling us to purchase almost 300 new books last year, but we have lost even more! Naturally, books wear out over time and we expect to replace a substantial number each year, but many children haven't returned books and some books were damaged by leaking water bottles. Please help us by hunting for lost books and keeping water bottles away from book bags. Thank you.

Collection from Clubs

If your child attends one of the clubs that runs after the school day, the collection point will now be from will be the main Hall as of Monday 23rd September. Please kindly wait outside the hall on the raised patio area and the doors will be opened at collection time. Please note that this does not include 'After School Club' where the collection point continues to be from the Pre School entrance. Thank You.

Jamie Dodson
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary next Academic Year— New dates or amendments in red.

September			
Mon	16 th		WORTHY'S FESTIVAL (ALL WEEK) Clubs start (11 weeks – last day Friday 6 th December)
Tue	17 th	9.30—11.00 am	Worthy's Festival Open Morning/ PTFA Coffee Morning for Year R parents
Wed	18 th	2.45pm	House Captain speeches and election
Fri	20 th	3.00pm 3.05pm	New House Captain assembly announcement KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Tue	24 th	9.00am 6.00pm	Year R phonics information session for parents (HM/SS) Year R phonics information session for parents (HM/SS)
Wed	25 th	2.30pm	School Council meeting (1)
Fri	27 th	8.30am 3.05pm	Governor Resources Mtg (1) KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Fri	11th	7.00-11.00pm	School Quiz Night
October			
Tue	1 st		'Walktober'
Wed	2 nd	All day	'No pens day' Wednesday
Thurs	3 rd		Henry Beaufort Open Event (details to be confirmed)
Fri	4 th	3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Mon	7 th	4.45pm 6.15pm	Staff get together with Governors – drinks/nibbles! Full Governing Body (1)
Thurs	10 th		World Sight Day
Fri	11 th	3.05pm 7.00pm	KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend) PTFA Quiz night
Mn	14th	All Week	Yr 6 Practice SATS
Thu	17 th	3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Fri	18 th	All day	Phonics School Direct Day (HM) – hall unavailable all day
Mon	21 st	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews 1
Thu	24 th	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews 2
Fri	25 th	3.05pm	KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend) BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Fri	25th	3.30-6pm	PTFA Pumpkin Walk

HALF TERM

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November

November

Mon	4 th		INSET DAY (2) – tbc (fire marshal/1st Aid/H & S)
Tue	5 th		School reopens for children
Thu	7 th	3.30-6.00pm	PTFA 'Spooks & Sparks' disco
Fri	8 th	8.30am 2.45pm	Governor Resources Mtg (2) JD - Remembrance Day Assembly
Mon	11 th		ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
		10.00am	Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (1)
		1.15pm	Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (1)
Tue	12 th	9.00am	Mark Making information session for Yr R parents (HM/SS)
		6.00pm	Mark making information session for Yr R parents (HM/SS)
Wed	13 th		PTFA - Provisional Bags2School date
Fri	15 th	All day	Likely 'Children in Need' date/non-uniform day
		3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Mon	18 th		NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' assembly
		10.00am	Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (2)
		1.15pm	Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (2)
		6.15pm	Full Governing Body (2)
Tues	19 th	2.30pm	School Council Meeting
Wed	20 th		Individual Photos
Thu	21 st	3.05pm	KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Fri	22 nd	9.15am	4G Class Assembly
Mon	25 th	10.00am	Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (3)
		1.15pm	Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (3)
Thu	28 th	pm	Y5/Y6 – NSPCC workshops
Fri	29 th	9.15am	6K Class Assembly
		3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)

December			
Mon	2 nd		Last week of clubs
		10.00am	Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (4)
		1.15pm	Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (4)
		2.45pm	Staff Promise Assembly (JD)
Thu	5 th		'Dress As You Please Day' - PTFA
Fri	6 th	All day	PTFA Christmas Fair
Wed	11 th	9.30am	Year R Christmas Play performance
Thu	12 th	1.30pm	Year 1/2 Christmas Play performance 1
Fri	13 th		Christmas Jumper Day
		9.30am	Year 1/2 Christmas Play performance 2
		3.05pm	KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Mon	16 th	11.00am	PTFA Sherry/Mince Pie Reception – helpers/parents/etc
Thur	19 th	am/pm	School Christmas lunch
		3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Fri	20 th	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Christmas Holidays			
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January			

SPRING TERM			
January			
Mon	6 th		School reopens for children
Fri	10 th	8.30am	Governor Resources Mtg (3)
		9.15am	4A Class Assembly
Mon	13 th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 27 th March)
Wed	15 th		Termly newsletters distributed
Mon	20 th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (3)
Wed	22 nd	2.30pm	School Council Meeting (3)
Fri	24 th	9.15am	5S Class Assembly
Mon	27 th		'500 words' assembly launch - HM
Fri	31 st		INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY

February			
Mon	3 rd		Children's Mental Health Week
Wed	5 th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – SATs
Tue	11 th		Safer Internet Day
Fri	14 th	9.15am	2S Class Assembly
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Monday 17th – Friday 21st February			

February			
Mon	24 th		School reopens for children
Fri	28 th	9.15am	6R Class Assembly

March			
Mon	2 nd	3.50-6.50pm	Book Week Parent Interviews (1)
Thurs	5 th	3.50-6.50pm	WORLD BOOK DAY - dress up as a word Parent Interviews (2)
Fri 6 th —Sun 16 th			British Science Week
Fri	6 th	8.30am	Whole School Science Day Governor Resources Mtg (4)
Mon	9 th	pm	Sport Relief Week Inter-House cross country – JB
Wed	11 th	1.30pm	Inter House Football - JB
Thu	12 th	2.30pm	School Council Meeting (4)
Fri	13 th	All day 1.30pm	Sport Relief Inter House Netball - JB
Mon	16 th	3.05pm 6.15pm	Oratory Cup launch – HM (Assembly) Full Governing Body (4)
Mon	23 rd		Oratory Cup performances in classes (1 child vote from each class, 1 teacher vote winner) Last week of clubs
Fri	27 th	9.15am pm	5E Class Assembly Oratory Cup Final

April			
Wed	1 st		
Thu	2 nd	9.15am 2.45pm	Y 3/4 Easter performance (1) Y 3/4 Easter performance (2)
Fri	3 rd	9.15am 1.15pm	3W Class Assembly END OF TERM
Easter Holidays			
Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April			

SUMMER TERM			
April			
Mon	20 th		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)
		8.30am	Governor Resources Mtg (5)
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

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Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

June			
Mon	1 st		INSET DAY (5)
Tue	2 nd		School reopens for children
Wed	3 rd	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 4) – Camp
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		Year 4 Camp (overnight until Saturday 20 th)
Sat	20 th		Year 4 Camp
Mon	22 nd	am	Father's Day 'Share-a-story'
Wed	24 th		Henry Beaufort Y7 induction day 1 'Shuffle Up' 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