

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

HOMEWORK

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire about homework at Kings Worthy and its advantages or disadvantages.

Are you in the camp of esteemed educationalist John Hattie who believes that *'homework in primary school has an effect of around zero unless it is done right'* and *'therefore is it really making a difference'*?

Or do you believe that one of the reasons why Kings Worthy continues to be successful is because we are getting homework right?

The Sutton Trust carried out a respected study on 'Improving the impact of teachers on pupil achievement' in 2011. The report states that,

'it is certainly the case that schools whose pupils do homework tend to be successful schools. However, it is less clear that the homework is the reason why they are successful. There is some evidence that when homework is used as a short and focused intervention it can be effective in improving students' attainment (some studies showing up to eight months positive impact on attainment). Overall, the general benefits are likely to be modest if homework is more routinely set. There is clear evidence that it is helpful at secondary level, but there is much less evidence of benefit at primary level'.

I will be asking the school council, teachers and governors their views in the coming days so if you would like your voice to be heard please return the questionnaire to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Phonics Information Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended our phonics information sessions this week. Phonics is extremely important in the Early Years and we were glad to share with so many of you the schemes that we use in school and strategies you can do at home to support your child. If you were unable to attend, this link has lots of information from both sessions, as well as downloadable sheets to support you at home. If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask any of the Early Years team.

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=65>

Celebration Assemblies

Thank you to all of you who have so far been able to enjoy one of our Friday celebration assemblies. I have received so many positive comments about how great it is now that the parents are invited in to join in celebrating their child's success within school. It is definitely one of the new highlights for us all to look forward to on a Friday afternoon.

Pupil Premium

Please can I urge those families who may be entitled to free school meals to register their entitlement (please check on www.hants.gov.uk; 'education and learning', 'schools', 'school meals', 'Free School Meals') even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and entitled to free school meals as a matter of course. Additional funding, to be spent in aspects of provision for your child, is given to every school, based on the known free school meal figures. The funding is called Pupil Premium. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

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.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

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

September

Mon	30th		Jungle Jungle
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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	Staff get together with Governors – drinks/nibbles!
		6.15pm	Full Governing Body (1)
Thurs	10 th		World Sight Day
Fri	11 th	3.05pm	KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
		7.00pm	PTFA Quiz night
Mon	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/1 st 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	10.00am 1.15pm	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (1) Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (1)
Tue	12 th	9.00am 6.00pm	Mark Making information session for Yr R parents (HM/SS) Mark making information session for Yr R parents (HM/SS)
Wed	13 th		PTFA - Provisional Bags2School date
Fri	15 th	All day 3.05pm	Likely 'Children in Need' date/non-uniform day KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Mon	18 th	10.00am 1.15pm 6.15pm	NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' assembly Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (2) Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (2) 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 1.15pm	Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (3) Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (3)
Thu	28 th	pm	Y5/Y6 – NSPCC workshops
Fri	29 th	9.15am 3.05pm	6K Class Assembly 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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HALF TERM			
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

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
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	9.15am	Annual reports to parents
		5.00-10.30pm	2M Class Assembly 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