

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome!

I hope you all had a fabulous summer and I would like to welcome back all the children and a warm welcome to a number of children and their families joining us for the first time in year groups across the school. Year R of course start on Tuesday next week. I am sure that everyone will feel part of the Kings Worthy Primary School community very soon.

We also have a number of new staff to bring to your attention.



Miss Hutchins, who of course was with us before as a teaching assistant, is now a member of the teaching team in Year 1 with her own class 1AH.



Mrs Atkins returns from maternity leave to work as part of our dedicated PPA cover team.



Miss Henwood is joining Miss Aldridge in 4A. She is training to be a teacher through the 'Winchester Teaching School Alliance' and will be in class with Miss Aldridge 4 days a week all year round.



Mr Lovegrove has joined our teaching assistant team and will be working alongside Miss Hynes in 1H.



Ms Griffin has also joined the teaching assistant team and will be working with Miss Wood in 3W and around the school as a 1-1 teaching assistant.



Finally, Mrs Cregan has joined the office team as our new School Business Manager and I'm sure you will see her regularly within the office.

School Day changes

We have made a couple of changes to the school day. Morning break used to involve the whole school being out at the same time after our morning assembly. Moving assembly to the end of the day has allowed us to provide two separate break times in the morning. One for key stage 2 and another for key stage 1. This means that the children have much more space and safety in the morning for their break time and there is less disruption to their learning time. Assemblies often over ran due to getting the children in and out of the hall.

We have also decided to adapt the afternoon break time. This break time used to be set for all children in the middle of the afternoon. Now the children are able to go outside with their class teacher, at a suitable break in the learning, to take part in the golden mile or some other form of daily physical activity.

Changes to the school office

Those of you who have been through the main entrance of the school will have seen the changes to the school office area. We have inserted a wall and door that leads into the rest of the school. The main reason for this is to keep our children safe. I'm sure you will recall that when you used to walk into the office you were able to access the hall, the key stage 1 corridor and even the staff room – in other words, it was relatively easy for you to access anywhere within the whole school if you so wished.

Our children could also walk up to the front door and open it if that is what they wanted to do. The door is now security coded and can only be opened by the office staff. We have not quite completed the work so it will change further still in the coming weeks.



Linked to this change, you should therefore not access the school through any of the other doors that the children can walk through. Please do not walk through school and up to the office – you should always exit the school site through either the top gate or side gate.

In the interests of maintaining a safe and secure school, please leave your child to enter school unaccompanied by you. This ensures that we know who is on the premises and whose safety we need to account for. I thank you for your co-operation in this moving forward.

Website Update

Our new website is up and running, but is yet to reach its full potential. In light of this, all the teachers within school will have training on Monday afternoon on how they are able to update it.

School Council

Our School Council voting took place today and I am looking forward to announcing each class representative from Year 2-6 next week. This year I would like our school council to play a bigger role within school, but to do this I need your help. I require 1 parent and 1 governor who is able to attend a half termly school council meeting over the course of the year. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm**. If you are interested then please have a chat to me on the gate next week.

Attendance

With the new school year now underway, please can I enlist your support to enable your child(ren) to enjoy the best possible level of attendance.

Health & Well-being

If your child uses an inhaler, however infrequently, or requires access to emergency medical treatment (e.g. Epi-pens), please ensure the school is fully aware and holds the appropriate supply of the necessary medication. It is regarded as recommended practice for schools to have duplicates of inhalers so that one is with the child (in class) and one is in the Medical Room. All medication should be in date and you are asked to check this and replace as appropriate.

Late Arrivals

Please continue to bring your child into the school reception area, if a late arrival has been unavoidable or pre-planned. Your child will be encouraged to proceed to class **independently or escorted by a member of staff**, where appropriate.

INSET day

Our inset day on Wednesday was very successful as the teachers worked on gaining their national gymnastics qualification so that they are able to provide an expert level of teaching to the children in this aspect of the curriculum. I am passionate about sport and healthy living and want our teachers to provide the very best to our children.



Our teaching assistants worked on 'active listening' within the classroom and they are buzzing with ideas. I'm looking forward to seeing the impact within school over the coming weeks and months.

New Reading Diaries

The children have enjoyed receiving their new reading diaries this week with their bespoke school covers. As a school, we really want the children to enjoy reading experiences both at school and at home. The reading diary is a way for staff to keep track of what the children are reading and to support you at home as a learning resource as it has helpful word lists and definitions inside. Teachers will check these diaries weekly and we would encourage the children to read at least four times per week at home independently, with an adult or a sibling. Reading at least four times per week and having the diary signed by an adult will earn them three house points!

Calendar of Events

Known dates, so far, are offered as an attachment to this newsletter. Please take time to look through and add to your diary.

Clubs

Our clubs list is attached – please fill in and return to school as soon as possible so that we are ready to start from **Monday 16th September**. This is a phenomenal choice and I hope you are able to find something that your child (ren) is/are able to do.

Huge Thanks

Finally, many, many thanks to so many of you for your kind words and generous gifts given at the end of last term, to so many members of staff. They were very much appreciated.

I look forward to another very successful year for everyone at Kings Worthy, achieved through your generous and much appreciated support.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

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

Thurs 12 Sept	7pm—9pm	Henry Beaufort Open Evening
Fri 13 Sept		Henry Beaufort Open Event
Mon 25 Oct		Last Day of Term 1
Mon 4 Nov	Inset Day	Whole School
Tues 5 Nov		First Day of Term 2
Wed 13 Nov		Bags 2 School
Wed 20 Nov		Individual Photos
Fri 20 Dec		Last Day of Term 2
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Term 3
Fri 31 Jan	Inset Day	Whole School
Fri 14 Feb		Last Day of Term 3
Mon 24 Feb		First Day of Term 4
Fri 3 April		Last Day of Term 4
Mon 20 April	Inset Day	Whole School
Mon 1 June	Inset Day	Whole School