

# Kings Worthy

Primary School

## Newsletter



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### Dear Parent/Carers

#### September updates

I am sure you have been eagerly awaiting notification of our plans for September since we received government guidance late last week of what the return to school will look like. I am also aware that the government will issue further guidance in the middle of August, so it will be important to monitor your emails during the summer break, especially in the last week before the children return.

- All children will return to school on **Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- School attendance will be **compulsory** and we will follow our usual absence procedures in the case of non attendance.
- All children are expected to wear their full school uniform.
- Children can bring one bag to school containing a packed lunch (if needed), a coat, hat and sun cream (if needed) and a water bottle. The bag can be a ruck sack. Year R children are to bring only the Kings Worthy book bag.
- All children will need a wrapped, healthy snack, as the free fruit and vegetable scheme will not be up and running for key stage 1.
- Children must not bring their own pencil cases etc. All school equipment will be provided by the school.
- They should bring nothing else to school other than what I have listed above.
- There will be a strict one-way system around the school for arrival and departure. Children from years 4 to 6 should enter at the gate alongside the school kitchen and at the back of the school hall and exit via the top gate. Years R to 3 should enter at the bottom gate alongside the pre-school and exit via the top gate. If you are dropping off a child in year R-3 and have a sibling in years 4-6 then you should encourage your older child to enter via the 4-6 entrance or bring them with you through the bottom gate before dropping off at their classroom.
- There will not be a staggered start or end to the school day.
- Children will be able to arrive from when the gates open at 8.45am, with the gates locked at 9.00am. The day will finish at 3.30pm.

- Children will be in year group bubbles, split into their two classes, and there will be staggered break and lunchtimes.
- There will be no school clubs for at least the first half term, and possibly the whole term.
- If and when clubs do resume, these are likely to be offered in year group bubbles.
- At this moment in time, we are not allowed to run external clubs on the school premises.
- Our breakfast and after school club will start again from **Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

It is difficult to believe that we have now been in this unwanted position since the end of March and many of us are more than ready for it to come to an end. As a school-home partnership I am incredibly proud of everyone who has put so much effort into providing the very best for the children of Kings Worthy. Both parents and teachers alike. These have been, and continue to be unprecedented times, where all of us have had to make difficult decisions – not always knowing whether they are the right ones. Not one of us has participated in a trial run for an event of such worldwide magnitude.

After such a significant amount of time away from school for the majority of our children, there will no doubt be some anxiety over their return to school when it eventually arrives. This is normal for any human being when they are about to do something that they haven't done for such a long time. In so many households you will have enjoyed a huge range of activities with your children, that had things continued as before lockdown, perhaps you simply would never have had the opportunity to do. Yes, there will be some cases of an increase in anxiety in isolated cases, but once that first day is out of the way the majority of children who have been in school during this time have been incredibly happy and settled. Incidents of poor behaviour in school are virtually non-existent.

Don't forget that next Friday is the final day of term for all children and we will finish at our normal staggered lunchtime. Critical workers can still attend for the afternoon and thank you to those who have informed us that they wish for their children to be in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July are Inset Days.**

Thank you to those of you who are still home schooling – don't beat yourself up if you have had enough of it. 17 weeks is a long time to have been in this position. Next week will be the final week where plans are uploaded to the website.

Next week you will receive details regarding how to book appointments to meet with your child's class teacher as well as an invitation to a Zoom call with your child's new class teacher for next year.

End of year reports will be sent out next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

Finally, thank you to everyone who has spent a few minutes to fill out the lockdown questionnaire – if you haven't managed to do so yet the link is below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMORYb128C0icTmo94msOFykIVkWsHyj5fYpoiNC3lgaDy3A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMORYb128C0icTmo94msOFykIVkWsHyj5fYpoiNC3lgaDy3A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Have a great weekend.**

## Year 6 leavers

Parents and carers of our Year 6 leavers please make sure you check your emails for the invite and joining details for our Year 6 leavers goodbye next **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Collection of books and belongings

We would like the opportunity for all pupils to be able to take home books and belongings at the end of this term. If your child is in school, they will bring books home throughout the course of next week. If your child is at home then books and any belongings left in lockers or in classrooms will be available to be picked up from outside the hall from 9:30 – 2:30pm on the following days:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Reception and Year 2**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 and Year 3**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 and Year 6**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5**

Subject co-ordinators are keeping some books to support the monitoring of their subject so your child may have been chosen. Their book will be able to be returned in the future.

## Visiting the ducks!

On Tuesday, Miss Singleton's bubble visited the Kings Worthy ducks. We sat quietly so that the ducks felt safe and happy. Eventually, they jumped up and went into the water where we were able to feed them from our hands.



"I got a little nip and it felt like someone was pinching my hand!" by Leah

"I thought the ducks were good" by Joshua

"It felt nice when the ducks were eating from my hand" by Toby

"I put the food in my hand and they swam over!" by Lola



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