

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a great deal of discussion and consultation with staff, children and governors, I am writing to you in regards to changing the timings of the school day.

The reasons for this change are outlined below.

Proposed School Day from September 2020:

8.35am Gate opens

8.40am 'Drift-in' starts

8:45am Registration

8:55am Morning Lessons

10.25am Break (KS1)

10:45am Break (KS2)

10.40am Morning Lessons (KS1)

11:00am Morning Lessons (KS2)

12:00pm Lunch (KS1)

12.10pm Lunch (KS2)

1:00pm Registration + Afternoon Lessons (KS1)

1:10pm Registration + Afternoon Lessons (KS2)

3:15pm End of the School Day

Over the course of this and last year, an increasing number of children are arriving at the gate much earlier than 8.45am – some unaccompanied. As you will understand, we take safeguarding seriously and early arrivals are a huge concern, as there is no member of staff close to the school gates at this time.

We therefore propose to open the gates from the earlier time of 8.35am each day with 'Drift in' to school being allowed from 8.40am and registration at 8.45am. The school gates will then be closed at 8.45am.

The current system of an 8.45am drop off allows some children to arrive at school at 8.59am whereas some arrive at 8.45am. This time in the morning when children 'drift in' to class is often used for morning activities, but can be frustrating for teachers if they have an early morning intervention lined up for a particular child/group.

Morning lessons are then able to commence at 8.55am as opposed to 9.10am. The morning playtime has already been moved to the earlier time of 10.25am in KS1 and 10.45am in KS2.

In line with these changes, we also propose that the end of the school day is brought forward to 3.15pm.

Currently the children work from 1.00/1.10pm to 3.30pm. We recognise this is too long and has been raised as an issue by our school council. Whilst discussing the changes within the school council the children did a 'blind' vote on whether they thought they learnt better in the morning or in the afternoon. The response from the school council and house captains were that 100% of them thought they worked better in the morning.

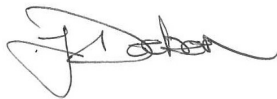
I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. An earlier finish is preferential for the following reasons:

- The actual length of the school day remains the same, but the time the school is open is used more effectively (less stoppages, disruptions to learning)
- We now run a significant number of after school clubs and sports activities after school and, at the moment, this is limited during the winter and spring terms as a result of dark evenings. By moving the end of the school day forward, clubs would commence earlier in the afternoon meaning that it will be lighter.
- The earlier finish to the school day will help us in transferring children to numerous popular sports fixtures and competitions and will help parents/carers when arranging after school appointments and activities.
- In winter, it will be lighter for those children in Years 5 and 6 for whom parents/carers have given permission to walk home at the end of the day.
- More time for teachers to collaborate with each other on enhancing the high quality educational offer that the school provides.

Breakfast club will move to the earlier start time of 7.45am from January and After-School care will commence from 3.15pm.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. If you would like to submit any feedback about this proposed change to the structure and timing of the school day or have any questions or queries about it, please contact me via email (admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk), with the subject title 'School Day Consultation'. We are asking for any responses to be returned no later than 3.30pm on Friday 13th December so that they can be collated before the Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

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

HALF TERM

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November

November

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)
Wed	27 th	Morning	Y3 Winchester City Walk Y5 Winchester Science Centre
Thu	28 th	Afternoon 3.30—5.00	Y5/Y6 – NSPCC workshops Y2 Great Fire Event
Fri	29 th	9.15am	6K Class Assembly
		3.05pm	KS2 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
		3.30pm	Smarties Cake Sale

December

Mon	2 nd	10.00am 1.15pm 2.45pm	Last week of clubs Open morning – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (4) Open afternoon – New YR parents for Sep 2020 (4) Staff Promise Assembly (JD)
Thu	5 th		'Dress As You Please Day' - PTFA
Fri	6 th	All day	PTFA Christmas Fair Flu Vaccinations
Tues	10 th	2.30—3.30pm	Y2 Listen 2 me concert
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 9.15am	Governor Resources Mtg (3) 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

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

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	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)
		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 9.15am	Governor Resources Mtg (6) 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 5.00-10.30pm	Annual reports to parents 2M Class Assembly PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	13 th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (6)
Mon	20 th	9.15am pm 3.45pm-5.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – school House Rounders Competition (Year 6 – LK/CR) Open evening for current parents
Tue	21 st	9.15am 6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents Year 6 Farewell Party
Wed	22 nd	1.15pm	END OF TERM