

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School day consultation

Thank you for those of you who have so far returned your views on the proposed changes to the school day. I have decided to extend the closing date to receive your comments to Friday 10th January. This will allow the leadership team at school a couple of weeks to look over before our next Full Governing Body meeting towards the end of January. Also, I need to state, as there appears to be some confusion over this, that this is still just a proposal which at this stage has not been decided upon or agreed by the Governing Body.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about appropriate use of social media, especially Facebook and Facebook groups, with regards to school. Social media can be an excellent way of communicating with the wider school community; however, we along with many other Hampshire schools have to raise our concerns on its use from time to time.

There have been an increasing number of 'conversations' that have been brought to my attention where parents/carers and other individuals are making comments regarding the school, its staff and sometimes other parents which could be interpreted as offensive, misguided and unwarranted.

Although it may seem the quickest and easiest way, please DO NOT use social networking for:

- Expressing frustrations or concerns about the school and those associated with it. Instead, please contact the school office or appropriate member of staff who will discuss your concerns with you.
- Posting comments that may cause emotional or reputational harm which would not be justified.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites.

(This list is intended to provide examples only):

- Naming children or posting any comments about children who attend Kings Worthy Primary School.
- Making allegations about staff or anyone else connected with the school.
- Making any posts that could be deemed to be cyber-bullying.
- Making complaints about the school or staff at the school.
- Making defamatory statements about the school or staff at the school.
- Posting negative or offensive comments about staff or any other individual connected to the school.
- Posting racist comments.
- Posting comments which threaten violence.

If the school considers that social networking has been used inappropriately, the following procedures will apply:

- As a first step, parents will be contacted by the school to try to resolve the matter.
- Any relevant material will be asked to be removed from the site.
- If appropriate, the police may be contacted and legal advice taken.

If you have a concern, please speak to class teachers, Senior Members of staff or contact the school office directly, who will in turn pass on your concerns to the Headteacher.

If you have any complaint about the school, or a member of staff, you are encouraged to use the existing formal complaints process (a copy can be found in the 'policies' section of our website).

Christmas Fayre

It was fantastic to see so many people at our PTFA Christmas Fayre today. It was the second time I have experienced the Kings Worthy all-day Christmas Fayre and I was once again blown away by the level of organisation and effort that had gone into the event as well as the response from the children and everyone else who bought something on the day.

The event was a huge success featuring a brilliantly organised raffle; an exciting selection of staff promises; some incredible games; and a brilliant drinks and eating area for the children to name just a few of the things that were going on. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and an even bigger thank you to the PTFA for running such an incredible day. I'll post how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

Cyber Ambassadors

We were delighted to host a training day with Marcia, (Cyber Safety coordinator from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) who taught our new cyber ambassadors many different aspects of digital safety through lots of practical tasks - string was a very effective way of demonstrating how quickly an image shared online can travel!

(written by Miss Keeble)



Cyber-Day

Last Wednesday, 6 year sixes and 4 year fours spent a day down at our amazing ITC suite, training to be our school's new Cyber-Ambassadors. Through the course of the day, they got through a fascinating PowerPoint, explaining all about the dangers (and the upsides!) of the internet. Did you know that every time you click 'yes' to cookies on a website, you're actually letting that website store information about what you're looking at? The cyber ambassadors were also introduced to 5 different monsters, like Selphire (privacy), Angler (phishing), and Bi-Diphorous (who am I talking to?), who represent bad things on the World Wide Web. Look out for our new display that is going up outside the ITC suite that can tell you much more, and prepare for the cyber-ambassadors!

Year 2 Great Fire Event

We had a great time at the fire of London. We burnt our houses on a fire pit and we had pizza, it was scrumptious! We put our houses in a fire pit and stood behind a green fence. We all had torches so it meant we could see the fire well. The fire was red, yellow and bright! When we got back to the hall, we talked about it and we played some games too. It was amazing!

(written by Eliza and Stella)



What a fantastic evening - the children showed exemplary behaviour throughout and we all had so much fun! A huge thank you to our parent helpers, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Moncrieffe and Mr Carr for all their hard work in helping make this event a success.

(written by Miss Singleton and Mrs Moore)

Keyboard Concert

Congratulations to all of the children who performed in the keyboard concert on Wednesday afternoon. A range of songs was performed, including some festive tunes, which got the whole audience singing along!

If your child is interested in learning the keyboard then please speak to the school office who will be able to give you more information.

Gymnastic Success!

A huge well done to Eliza in 2M who had her first gymnast squad competition at the weekend. Kelly Simm, who competed for Great Britain at the 2015 World Championships (winning bronze with the team), presented Eliza with her first placed trophy and medal. Miss Eggleston particularly loved talking to Eliza, especially with her own gymnastic background.

I always love hearing about the successes of our children outside of school so please let the office know and I'd be delighted to celebrate with the children in school and in the weekly newsletter.

Poppy Appeal

A message below written by Paul Coverdale, our local Poppy Appeal Organiser.

*I wanted to thank you for allowing the school to collect donations on behalf of this year's Poppy Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of staff, pupils and parents the school's contribution amounted to the huge sum of **£323.09**.*

Together the community raised £4,000 for the Appeal, and this has now been banked and added to the national total. I am very grateful for your continued support to such an important cause in our community.

Dogs on site/just off-site

A polite reminder to everyone that under no circumstances should dogs be allowed on the school site. This is a Hampshire County Council School wide policy.

In addition, if you are tying the dogs up just outside the school gate (on the park footpath entrance side) please ensure that they are far enough away from the gate so that they don't create potential issues for the children and adults walking past them. Thank you for your support on both of the above matters.

Parking/engines running

With the on-going development of The Grove site, I am aware that there are still issues around parking outside of the school grounds and this may potentially worsen over the coming weeks and months. However, we have noticed that a number of drivers, when in the school grounds, are sitting in their parked cars with the engine running. This practice is, amongst other things, environmentally damaging and a health risk due to exhaust fumes. Also, idling whilst parked, can incur a £20 fixed penalty-fine under the Road Traffic (vehicle emissions) Regulations 2002. Please could I ask that if you are waiting in your car during drop-off or pick up to turn off your engines – thank you.

SONG OF THE WEEK

Our song of the week will be

***Midnight* from 'Out of the Arc'**

Feliz Navidad is a Spanish phrase, which means 'Happy Christmas.'

Library

Just a reminder that the library is now open every day after school until 4.00 pm.

Staff update

Mrs Elaine Edwards, who joined our office team in September 2018, has decided to retire at the end of this term and we wish Elaine all the best in her retirement.

Cashless Office

This is a polite reminder that the office will become cashless from 6th January 2020.

No cash payments will be taken for trips, dinners etc from this date and payment will only be accepted through Scopay. If you do not yet have a Scopay account, please ask the office for your account details.

The Scopay App is simple and easy to use and allows you to track payment activity for your child/ren.

This does not include payments for any PTA activities for external clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Many Thanks

Jamie Dodson

Heateacher

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

December

Tues	10 th	9.30am 2.30—3.30pm	Year R Christmas Play performance 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	9.30am 3.05pm	Christmas Jumper Day Year 1/2 Christmas Play performance 2 KS1 celebration assembly (individual parents will be contacted to attend)
Mon	16 th	11.00am	PTFA Sherry/Mince Pie Reception – helpers/parents/etc Pantomime Production—'Dick Whittington' Whole School 2-2.30pm
Thur	19 th	am/pm 3.05pm	School Christmas lunch 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	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 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	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	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 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