Kings Worthy Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope the holidays provided you with a welcome change of routine and a chance to enjoy some family time. Thank you very much to so many parents who sent in gifts and cards for staff, which were very much appreciated.

The end of last term saw a great Kings Worthy Christmas Story in which, I am sure those of you who saw 'Lights, camel, action!'' will agree our children excelled themselves. My grateful thanks to all the staff, parents and friends of the school who helped to make the performances such a success.

The children in Rabbits and Hedgehogs also performed brilliantly in their nativity, 'Away in a Manger'. I am sure that all the parents who were able to attend enjoyed the performances, and again my grateful thanks to Mrs Morgan and Miss Scott.

The Spring Term is an important one for all the children to push on in their learning and make progress and I look forward to the children settling quickly to their work. Could I ask for your support in ensuring that your children attend school regularly and are punctual, maintain their high standards of dress, continue to produce high quality homework when set and maintain good behaviour and a positive attitude in school.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support. If ever you have a concern or worry about any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact his/her class teacher in the first instance or speak to me on the gate each morning.

Attendance

I would like to congratulate the whole school for a great term's attendance. Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was a fabulous **96.9%**! Our highest yet! The last half term's year group winners and recipients of a non-uniform day are **1AH** and **5E**. Class teachers will inform the children when they will take place.
Currently, **137** children hold an attendance rate of 100% and a further **92** children are at 98% or more. Let's try to keep this going for 2020, as it is already a huge improvement on this time last year.
Clearly, I am very aware that illness, doctor/dentist appointments, and other extenuating circumstances dictate that not all children are in a position to attend 100% of the time. However, I feel it is a significant achievement that many children maintained a perfect attendance record for the whole term. Well done to them all!
Continuity in your children's learning is crucial to their success and I hope very much we can all work together to ensure the best possible attendance. Please avoid, wherever possible, withdrawing your children from school – I assure you it is very much in their best interests. Many thanks, in anticipation of your support.

Staffing

Miss Eggleston has enjoyed her first week in **6E** and has loved getting to know the children even more than she did already.
Mr Alex Watton has joined Miss Singleton in **2S** for the next 6 weeks. This is part of his school direct PGCE placement.
In addition, next Tuesday, the following trainee teachers will be joining the following classes until the 27th March on their final Bed school experience.
Miss Abigail Dunn in **Rabbits** with Mrs Morgan; Miss Amy Wilson in **1H** with Miss Hynes; Mr Oliver Rule in **4G** with Mrs Gaunt; and Mr Joshua Bojarzin in **5S** with Mrs Smallwood.

Extra-curricular activities

A letter detailing the Spring Term 2020 extra-curricular activities was sent home this week. If your child would like to join one or more of the clubs on offer please send the slip back to school by **ASAP**. Please note that the

Coats

A reminder once more, even though the weather, at the moment, is unseasonably mild, I will be asking teachers to insist that all children wear coats at break and lunch time – they are allowed to take them off when they get warmed up from running around. Please ensure that your child brings a coat into school every day.

After School Care

We are hoping to increase our numbers by February half term, but we are still desperate for another adult so that the increase in numbers can be made a reality.
Please ask anyone you know if they are interested in working in school and ask them to contact the school office.

Year Group Newsletters

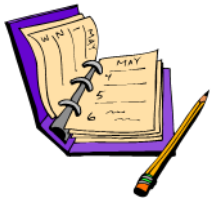
Year Group Newsletters will be distributed early next week. I do hope you will enjoy reading about all the activities your child will be doing this term.

School lunch next Thursday

Please encourage your Key Stage 1 child to have a school lunch next Thursday, January 16th.
Our funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals is based on the number of KS1 children eating lunch on this day. The menu on Thursday is Chicken Roast (Red option) or Vegetarian sausages (Green option) which Mrs Stonier tells me are always popular options!
If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium (even if your Key Stage 1 child has free school meals) please do ask at the office before next Thursday and they will be able to check for you. This also attracts additional funding for our school. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Please find attached the calendar for the rest of the year.
We will be holding an **Inset Day** on **Friday 31st January** which is taking place at Kings School and other local primary schools where our staff are able to sign up to a variety of workshops. We took part in this event last year and it proved to be incredibly popular.



Song of the week…

'Reach for the Stars'
By S-Club 7

If you follow your dreams and reach for the stars you're destined to fulfil your goals!

I hope you had a very enjoyable Christmas break and I wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2020.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary this Academic Year

SPRING TERM

January

Mon	6th		School reopens for children
Fri	10th	8.30am 9.15am	Governor Resources Mtg (3) 4A Class Assembly
Mon	13th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 27th March)
Wed	15th		Termly newsletters distributed
Mon	20th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body Mtg (3)
Wed	22nd	2.30pm	School Council Meeting (3)
Fri	24th	9.15am	5S Class Assembly
Fri	24th	3.30-4.30	Year 4 Smarties Cake Sale
Mon	27th		'500 words' assembly launch - HM
Fri	**31st**		**INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY**

February

Mon	3rd		Children's Mental Health Week
Wed	5th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – SATs
Tue	11th		Safer Internet Day
Fri	14th	9.15am	2S Class Assembly BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

HALF TERM

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

February

Mon	24th		School reopens for children
Fri	28th	9.15am	6R Class Assembly
Fri	28th	3.30-4.30pm	Smarties Cake Sale

March

Mon	2nd		Book Week
Thurs	5th		WORLD BOOK DAY - dress up as a word
Fri 6th—Sun 16th			British Science Week
Fri	6th	8.30am	Whole School Science Day Governor Resources Mtg (4)
Mon	9th	pm	Sport Relief Week Inter-House cross country – JB
Wed	11th	1.30pm	Inter House Football - JB
Thu	12th	2.30pm	School Council Meeting (4)
Fri	13th	All day 1.30pm	Sport Relief Inter House Netball - JB
Mon	16th	3.05pm 6.15pm	Oratory Cup launch – HM (Assembly) Full Governing Body (4)
Mon	23rd		Oratory Cup performances in classes (1 child vote from each class, 1 teacher vote winner)

Fri	27th	9.15am	5E Class Assembly
Fri	27th	3.30-4.30pm	Year 6 Smarties Cake sale

April			
Thu	2nd	9.15am	Y 3/4 Easter performance (1)
		2.45pm	Y 3/4 Easter performance (2)
Fri	3rd	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	21st		School reopens for children
Fri	24th	9.15am	3B Class Assembly
Mon	27th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday, 10th July)
Wed	29th		Termly newsletters distributed

May			
Fri	1st		KS1 SATS test period (throughout May)
		8.30am	Governor Resources Mtg (5)
Fri	1st	3.30-4.30pm	Year R Smarties Cake Sale
Tue	5th	2.30pm	School Council (5)
Fri	8th		**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
Mon	11th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (5)
Fri	15th	3.30-7.30pm	PTFA Summer Festival
Tue	19th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – Osmington Bay
Fri	22nd	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	2nd		School reopens for children
Wed	3rd	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 4) – Camp
Mon	8th		Healthy Living Week
Thu	11th	All day	Sports Day (including family picnic)
Fri	12th	9.15am	1AH Class Assembly
Tue	16th	6.30pm	New Intake Parents Induction Evening
Wed	17th		Hampshire Fire and Rescue with Y2 & Y5
Fri	19th 20th		Year 4 Camp (overnight until Saturday 20th)
Mon	22nd	am	Father's Day 'Share-a-story'
Wed	24th		Henry Beaufort Y7 induction day 1 & 'Shuffle Morning
Thu	25th		Henry Beaufort Y7 induction day 2
Fri	26th	8.30am	Governor Resources Mtg (6)
		9.15am	Rabbits Class Assembly
Mon 29th – Fri 3rd			Osmington Bay – Year 6 residential

July			
Fri	3rd	9.15am	1H Class Assembly
Mon	6th		Last week of clubs
Thu	9th	All Day	Sports Day (alternative date)
Fri	10th		Annual reports to parents
		9.15am	2M Class Assembly
		5.00-10.30pm	PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	13th	6.15pm	Full Governing Body (6)
Mon	20th	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	21st	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents
		6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Farewell Party
Wed	22nd	1.15pm	END OF TERM