

# Kings Worthy

Primary School

## Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **No full re-opening until 8<sup>th</sup> March**

I am sure most of you have now heard that schools will not be moving towards a full re-opening until at least the **8<sup>th</sup> March**. Believe me when I say that this news is as disheartening for me as it is to those of you who have your children at home. We all know that being in school is the best place for them to be, but government guidelines dictate that this cannot be the case for a little while longer. I want to say once again to all of the parents and carers at home that you are doing an amazing job. If you have to work from home as well as set up computers and access to home schooling for your child/ren then do not think for a minute that you're not doing anything other than fantastic. There may be moments when you think you're letting your children down. You are not. You are doing the very best for them. Remember that whilst all of this is going on to do the best for yourself as well. You do not need to do their home learning for them – you have enough on your plate with everything else going on. We are all in this together.

I have only read a couple of news stories about yesterday's announcement as the more I read the angrier I get. Especially when I saw a line in a news article where the paper had interviewed a parent who had stated, 'It's definitely going to be a generation of dumb kids'. I wholeheartedly disagree with this viewpoint. Our job as education providers is to do the best that we can for all of the children in our care. Rest assured that when all children are back in school we will do everything that we can to ensure that our children catch-up. It is worth remembering in this that it is not just the children of Kings Worthy in this position. But children across our country and the entire world.

I would like to thank you once again for the support that you have shown the school these last few weeks. The messages and emails serve as an even stronger motivation to our incredible team to work harder and do the best they can. Many of them have their own families where they will be going through many of the things that you are also experiencing and balancing that with everything that they are doing at school. They continue to amaze me with the job that they are doing – they are truly tremendous.

Our online lessons are still proving to be successful and the teachers are getting more and more used to providing this for all the children at home. Doing this at the same time as teaching the 150+ children that are in school each day. I try as much as I can to get around the school to see what is going on in the classrooms and the learning is looking fabulous. I spent a few minutes yesterday in an art lesson and the work that was being produced was brilliant and it was so good to see at least 40 children on the screen working hard at home too. We are still giving out outstandings and I'm even able to leave voice messages on the children's work – which I started last Friday. In Monday evening's staff meeting everyone shared a different thing that they are doing that the rest of the team could use online as we are all still finding our feet when working with this new technology.

There is no doubt, as with the last lockdown, that perhaps the enthusiasm for working online will wane as time goes on. We want the children to keep going and keep working hard at home, even when they are finding it tough. We won't stop the approach that we have started and indeed we hope to continually improve what we do.

If you want someone to talk to, even for a few minutes we are only a phone call away. If you don't want to talk to us, pick up the phone to a friend or a family member – it will make you feel better. And if that fails, I know for a fact that our latest video that we have made will definitely raise a smile and make you forget about all things that are Covid related.

Keep going everyone! We will make it through this and we will all come out stronger. Have a great weekend when it comes.

### **Inset Day Tomorrow**

A reminder that it is our 3<sup>rd</sup> inset day of the year tomorrow. There will be no online learning or lessons available.

### **Let's Dance!**

We are very excited to announce the launch of our dance competition! Teachers will be uploading video resources to their Google classroom or Tapestry pages for anyone who would like to take part. This is an optional competition and something for the children to get involved with at home. There will be five categories; Reception, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and adults. For each of the school age categories, the children will need to learn a short piece of set choreography before creating their own moves up until a set time. For any adults wishing to enter, there is no set choreography for you to learn, please pick one of the three songs and then you have the freedom to create your own routine.

Please see the below links for songs and timings for each category:

#### **Rabbits and Hedgehogs**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yhqfd3DbzJw> (up until 1 minutes 32)

#### **Year 1 and 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhfkYzUwYFk> (up until 1 minute 11 seconds)

#### **Year 3 and 4**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiJYVAY0ho4> (up to 1 minute)

#### **Year 5 and 6**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uCbBpo75M> Y (up to 1 minute)

#### **Adults**

Please choreograph up to a minute to one of the songs below:

Spice Girls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPqMf6WvbmM>

Peter Andre: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua\\_oWLTmgvo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua_oWLTmgvo)

Backstreet Boys: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSoOyLBKTVQ>

Please remember to check Tapestry and Google classroom for further instructions and the set dance. A huge thank you to Miss Roadnight who has choreographed the routines. If you would like to enter please video your entry and send into the school office by February 26<sup>th</sup> for the panel to watch.

Have fun!

***(written by Miss Eggleston)***

### **World Book Day**

This year's World Book Day is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. After Boris Johnson's announcement on Wednesday in regard to when schools will reopen, we will be having an interactive World Book Day, which the children will be able to access at home as well as at school. Children do not need to dress up for the occasion and we hope this will alleviate some pressure of trying to source a costume for the day. We will have an array of book related activities for the children to enjoy at home as well as some stories for them to listen to. We also had a Scholastic book fair scheduled for the end of February, but this has since been moved to 27<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Online learning reminders**

Unfortunately, it was brought to my attention that a photo was circulated that had been taken during one of the online lessons this week. This photo included names and images of children and adults in school.

Our parental guidance document states:

***Pupils, parents, and carers should refrain from editing any images/video sent and/or sending any content to anyone else, this includes sharing on social media platforms.***

Whilst I'm sure the screenshot sent was not meant to cause any harm, sharing such information within multiple social media platforms is a safeguarding concern considering the nature of the full names and images that were shared.

Please can I ask that you do not take photos or record any of the online lessons. Furthermore, please do not then share them on social media.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Governor Update**

The Governing Board is pleased to welcome Jenna Mansbridge as a new Parent Governor. Jenna was elected to the board in the recent Parent Governor Election. We were grateful for the interest shown from parents.

Due to the resignation of Fiona Pope, the Governing Board has appointed David Berry as a Co-Opted Governor to the board. Our thanks go to Fiona for the insightful contribution she has made in her time on the Board.

Governors have been forwarded some of the feedback sent in to the school from parents, and were also made aware of the fundraising efforts for the staff. To say that we were all very touched is an understatement. Our staff have done a wonderful job in very difficult circumstances, and are very ably led by Mr Dodson and Miss Eggleston who were able to pivot to an online learning offering with very little notice indeed. Our thanks also go to you, our parents and our community, who have taken on a multi-tasking role yet again – thank you for the encouragement that you have given to staff. We are strongest when we pull together, and we will see this through.

Claire Welland

Chair of Governors

### **February Half Term**

Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

## Spelling Shed

Classroom positions stand the same this week. Miss Griffiths has almost finished our lovely Spelling Shed display so soon you will be able to see at school who is currently in the lead. 1H are catching up 5A too so keep going Year 1! Well done to Joseph, Poppy and Ruxy who have all beaten Miss Keeble this week to earn themselves an Outstanding certificate.

### **Top Classes**

1st Place - 6K

2nd Place - 5R

3rd Place - 5A

### **Individual**

1st Place - Joseph, Year 6

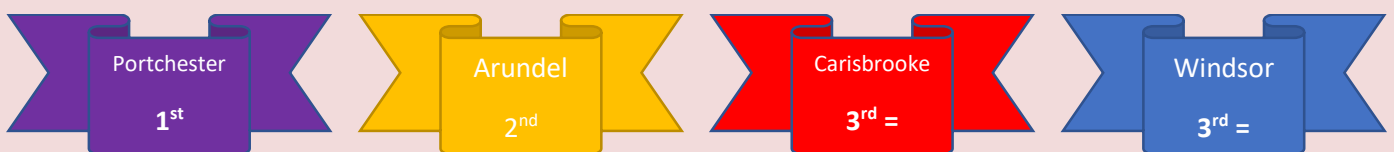
2nd Place - Poppy, Year 6

3rd Place - Ruxy, Year 6

### **House Points – Week 3**



### **House Points – Termly Placing**



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

SPRING TERM			
January			
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>		School reopens for children
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	am	Parent/helper information for reading volunteers
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	5A class assembly—Postponed
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 to 3pm	Year 1/2 School Gym/Dance Competition — Postponed
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>		'500 words' assembly launch
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 to 3pm	Year 2/3 School Football Fun Competition—Postponed
<b>Fri</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY</b>
February			
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>		Children's Mental Health Week
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	2S class assembly—Postponed
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>		Safer Internet Day
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	1-2.30pm	Year 5/6 School Basketball Competition—Postponed
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	1-2.30pm	Year 3/4 School Netball Competition—Postponed
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6K class assembly—Postponed
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM			
HALF TERM			
Monday 15 <sup>h</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February			

Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>		School reopens for children
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm	Year 3-6 School Exhibition Sports Matches
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>March</b>			
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.50-6.50pm	Book Week Parent Interviews (1)
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	3.50-6.50pm	WORLD BOOK DAY – theme to be confirmed Parent Interviews (2)
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	3.05pm	Oratory Cup launch
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mother's Day Share-a-story
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	16 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Red Nose Day
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Oratory Cup performances in classes Last week of clubs
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am pm	6C class assembly Oratory Cup Final
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am 2.45pm	Y3/4 Easter performance (1) Y3/4 Easter performance (2)
<b>April</b>			
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b> <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>			

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SUMMER TERM			
<b>April</b>			
<b>Mo n</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY (4)</b>
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>		School re-opens for children
We d	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Thu	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Mo n	26 <sup>th</sup>		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July)
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	All week (3.30pm – 4.00pm)	Book Fair (27th April—4th May)
We d	28 <sup>th</sup>		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>		KS1 SATS test period (throughout May)
<b>May</b>			
Mo n	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>		
We d	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	1W class assembly
Mo n	10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Year 6: KEY STAGE 2 SATS</b>
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>		
We d	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 3.30-7.30pm	4S class assembly PTFA Summer Festival
Mo n	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting Year 6 residential
We d	19 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	3M class assembly
Mo n	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm	Year 1/2 School Football Rounders Competition
We d	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm	Year 4-6 School Cricket Competition
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 3.30pm	Rabbits class assembly BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
<b>HALF TERM</b>			
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>			

June			
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>INSET DAY (5)</b>
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup>		School reopens for children
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	All week 6.15pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEK Parents' Meeting - Year 5 Camp
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	5R class assembly
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>		Healthy Living Week Year 1 Phonics screening check week Year 4 Multiplication Check (3 week window opens today)
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Sports Day (including family picnic)
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 9.00am	1H class assembly Father's Day 'Share-a-story' (Father's Day Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Hedgehogs class assembly Year 5 Camp (overnight until Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>		Year 5 Camp
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	am	'Shuffle Up' morning
July			
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	3A class assembly
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>			Year 6 residential
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Annual reports to parents 2W class assembly
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>		Last week of clubs
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 6 leavers day event
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm 3.45pm – 5.00pm	School Council Thank you lunch Open evening for current parents
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Sports Day (alternative date)
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 5.00-10.30pm	4B class assembly PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-9.00pm	End of year production 1 (Hope Church Winchester)
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00-9.00pm	End of year Production 2 (Hope Church Winchester)
Thu	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am pm 6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – school House Rounders Competition (Year 6) Year 6 Farewell Party
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am 1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents (tea and coffee available afterwards) END OF TERM