

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

December fast approaching...

Oh my goodness – are we only 3 weeks before the end of term? In line with current government guidance I would like to inform you of some of the December activities due to take place in the coming weeks.



- Christmas lunch is due to take place in the last week of term and we are hoping to get all year groups in the hall over the course of **Thursday 17th December** (maintaining year group bubbles of course).
Special mention must go to Angela and the team in the kitchen for making this possible. They have been doing an amazing job in the past few weeks, not only in providing our fabulous school lunches, but delivering them to classrooms too.
- Christmas jumper day falls on **Friday December 11th**, for which the children will wear their school uniform on their lower halves, with a Xmas jumper on their upper halves. We are requesting a £1 donation towards 'Save the Children' for this day.
- Also, on **Friday December 11th**, we are introducing a Christmas Party afternoon for the children. As we are not allowed to share food, the children will need to bring a packed lunch of party food to enjoy at lunchtime. As it is a special day, we are happy for you to pack some extra treats for your child. There will be no cooked dinners on this day, but the kitchen will provide pizza for all children in EYFS and KS1 (if they don't want to bring a packed lunch), plus all children in receipt of the pupil premium grant. If your child would like to bring juice, then that is fine, but no fizzy drinks should be brought to school. There will be no PE on this day.
- Due to the logistics of quarantining and safe distribution across the school, we will **not** be having the post box for Christmas cards and I ask that your child does not bring in cards to give out to children in their class. I know that this might be disappointing for some of the children, but the more pressing concern is that card distribution from one household into another might result in the transmission of Covid across households. If your child brings cards into school, we will not allow him or her to give them out, so I would ask that you do not put us or them in that position. If your child would like to write a card for the whole class the teacher will put this on display in the classroom.
- On that same note, the teachers will not be giving individual Christmas cards to their class.
- Unfortunately, we are not able to perform our annual nativity in Year R and Christmas play in Year 1 and 2. This is due to being unable to have too many children in the hall in close proximity to each other, which would also involve singing (something which has been discouraged in schools during the pandemic). Mrs Morgan and the key stage one team are all hard at work coming up with something for you all to still be able to enjoy.
- Despite the prime minister's guidance on a lowering of restrictions and lockdown ending next week, we have decided to continue with our phased drop off and pick up. This has seen a significant reduction in numbers of people on the school site, particularly at the end of the day. We will look at this again before the end of term, so that you know the expectations come January. I will send out further instructions about the final day of term nearer the time, but phased collection will likely be from 1.15pm to 1.45pm.

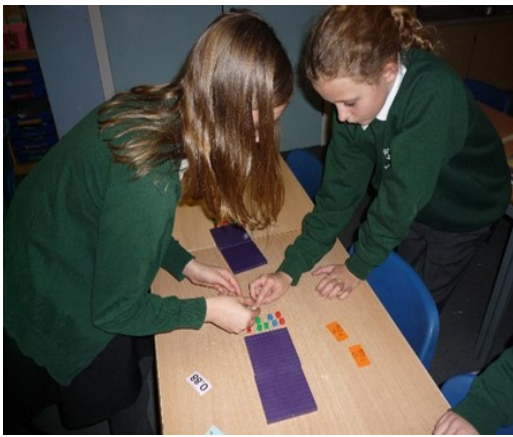
Finally, I would like to say thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and with 3 weeks to go we will continue to push them forward with their learning. I visit all classrooms in some way every single day and their attitude to learning and behaviour has been a pleasure for us all to see.

No Pens Day Wednesday

This week we had our annual 'No Pens Day Wednesday'. It was wonderful to walk around all of the classrooms and see the creative ways they had of completing maths and English lessons without the use of pens or pencils. There were lots of speaking and listening activities, as well as art, practical activities in maths, and drama performances.

Lucy and Megan in Year 5 said, "No Pens Day Wednesday is different learning, as we get to work with different people as well as practical ways of working things out."

Toby in Year 2 enjoyed the craft work and Eleanor and Isabelle in Year 2 enjoyed reciting a poem for part of their Christmas performance. The day certainly challenged the children and allowed them to develop their speaking and listening skills (*written by Mrs Morgan*).



Poppy Appeal letter

Please see below for our letter from The Royal British Legion:

I wanted to thank you for allowing the school to collect donations again 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 £400.16. Together the community raised £1,330 for the Appeal, and this has now been banked and added to the national total.

In a challenging year for the Appeal this is a fantastic effort and I am very grateful for your continued support to such an important cause in our community.

A brilliant effort – thank you to everyone for your support.

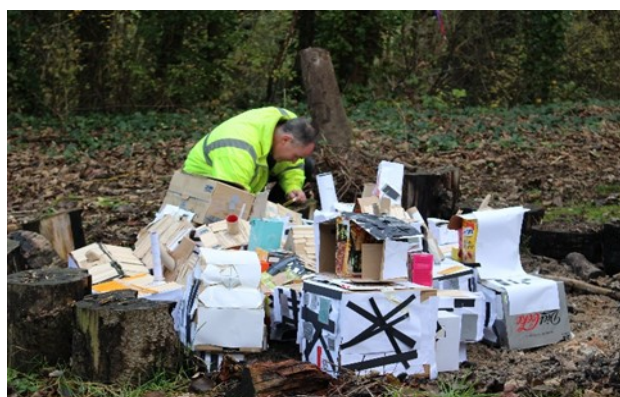
Weather

Please could you ensure that your child(ren) continue to bring their coats to school as temperatures are expected to drop next week. Thank you.

Year 2- The Great Fire of London

Over the last few weeks, the children in year 2 have been busy completing their Design and Technology project of making their own Tudor House. They have researched and learnt about how houses were made in 1666 and how this had an impact on The Great Fire of London. Log on to our year 2 google classroom to view more photos.

Well done year 2- fantastic teamwork! A big thank you to Mr Carr for helping us and setting up the fire pit safely.



Year 4 Woodland Walk Experience

What an amazing week for year 4! On Tuesday and Thursday, we took our learning down to the Woodland Walk. Activities included, building small boats, which we raced down a plastic pipe course and working in pairs to follow an adventure trail. Of course, we were blindfolded and had to walk backwards, forwards and we even had to carry water.



Other activities included a maths investigation, where we looked at leaf length and width, created art in the style of Ratis Sharma and completed a wildlife scavenger hunt.



The highlight of these two days was definitely using the outdoor classroom and also the camp fire. The sausages and marshmallows were delicious and the hot chocolate was a welcome extra. (Chloe, Eva and Ollie)





"I thought it was a great day! I loved going backwards down the secret passageway when we followed the rope trail." (Benji)

"I really liked creating art using things from nature." (Isla)

"It was nice to spend time with the teachers doing something other than Maths and English." (Issy)

"It was the first time I have toasted a marshmallow. It was fun!" (Lila)

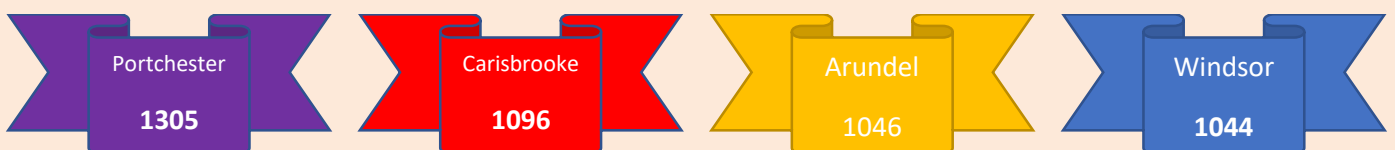
Parking

We are noticing an increasing number of cars being parked and left at the school drop off area both at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can you ensure that if you are dropping off in the morning that you do not use this area to park before then walking your children in to school. It should be for drop offs only.

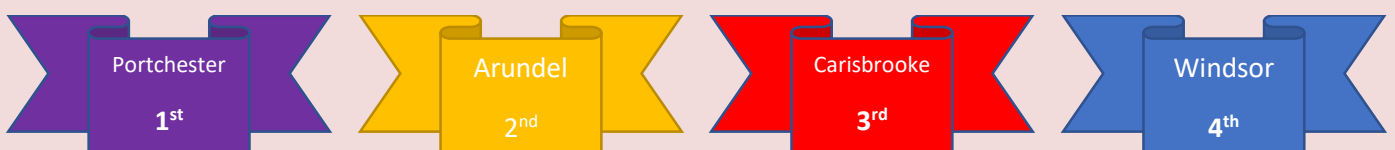
Also, please could I ask that you try to avoid dropping off in any of the staff car parks. We only have one Blue Badge space and if cars are using the staff car park for drop offs it is making it very difficult for our Blue Badge holders to access this space.

I know that with the on-going building work around 'The Grove' site parking continues to be an issue and I would like to thank you for your patience, co-operation and understanding in this matter.

House Points – Week 11



House Points – Termly Placing



Jamie Dodson
Headteacher

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AUTUMN TERM			
November			
Mon	2 nd		INSET DAY
Tue	3 rd	11:00—15:00	School reopens for children Pumpkin walk (children only)
Wed	4 th		
Thu	5 th	All day	Year 4—Indian Dance Workshop
Fri	6 th	All day	Flu vaccination
Sun	8 th		Remembrance Sunday
Mon	9 th		
Tue	10 th	9.00am 6.00pm	Mark Making information session for Yr R parents Mark making information session for Yr R parents
Wed	11 th		World Science Day
Thu	12 th	All day	Year 3—Winchester Cathedral Workshop
Fri	13 th	All day	'Children in Need' non-uniform day
Mon	16 th		ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Tue	17 th	1-3.00pm	Year 3/Year 4 School Football Competition (year group bubbles)
Wed	18 th		
Thu	19 st	1-3.00pm	Year 5/Year 6 School Tag Rugby Competition (year group bubbles)
Fri	20 th		
Mon	23 rd		
Tue	24 th	All day	School photos – main hall
Wed	25 th	All day	'No pens day' Wednesday
Thu	26 th		
Fri	27 th		
Mon	30 th		
December			
Tue	1 st		
Wed	2 nd		
Thu	3 rd		'Dress as you please day' - PTFA
Fri	4 th		
Mon	7 th		
Tue	8 th		
Wed	9 th		
Thu	10 th		
Fri	11 th		Christmas Jumper Day
Mon	14 th	2pm	M & M productions—Perter Pan (tbc)
Tue	15 th		
Wed	16 th		
Thurs	17 th		Christmas Lunch Week (more info to follow)
Fri	18 th	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Christmas Holidays			
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January			

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

SPRING TERM			
January			
Mon	4 th		School reopens for children
Tue	5 th		
Wed	6 th		
Thu	7 th	am	Parent/helper information for reading volunteers
Fri	8 th		
Mon	11 th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 26 th March)
Tue	12 th		
Wed	13 th		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	14 th		
Fri	15 th	9.15am	5A class assembly
Mon	18 th		Reading volunteers to start this week
Tue	19 th	1.30 to 3pm	Year 1/2 School Gym/Dance Competition
Wed	20 th		
Thu	21 st		
Fri	22 nd		
Mon	25 th		'500 words' assembly launch
Tue	26 th		
Wed	27 th		
Thu	28 th	1.30 to 3pm	Year 2/3 School Football Fun Competition
Fri	29th		INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY
February			
Mon	1 st		Children's Mental Health Week
Tue	2 nd		
Wed	3 rd	7.00pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – SATs
Thu	4 th		
Fri	5 th	9.15am	2S class assembly
Mon	8 th		
Tue	9 th		Safer Internet Day
Wed	10 th	1-2.30pm	Year 5/6 School Basketball Competition
Thu	11 th	1-2.30pm	Year 3/4 School Netball Competition
Fri	12 th	9.15am	6K class assembly
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM			
HALF TERM			
Monday 15^h – Friday 19th February			

Mon	22 nd		School reopens for children
Tue	23 rd	All week (3.30pm – 4.00pm)	Book Fair
Wed	24 th		
Thu	25 th	1-3pm	Year 3-6 School Exhibition Sports Matches
Fri	26 th		
March			
Mon	1 st	3.50-6.50pm	Book Week Parent Interviews (1)
Tue	2 nd		
Wed	3 rd		
Thu	4 th	3.50-6.50pm	WORLD BOOK DAY – theme to be confirmed Parent Interviews (2)
Fri	5 th		
Mon	8 th	3.05pm	Oratory Cup launch
Tue	9 th		
Wed	10 th		
Thu	11 th		
Fri	12 th	9.00am	Mother's Day Share-a-story
Mon	15 th		
Tue	16 th		
Wed	17 th		
Thu	18 th		
Fri	19 th	All day	Red Nose Day
Mon	22 nd		Oratory Cup performances in classes Last week of clubs
Tue	23 rd		
Wed	24 th		
Thu	25 th		
Fri	26 th	9.15am pm	6C class assembly Oratory Cup Final
Mon	29 th		
Tues	30 th	9.15am	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
Wed	31 st	9.15am 2.45pm	Y3/4 Easter performance (1) Y3/4 Easter performance (2)
April			
Thu	1 st	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Fri	2 nd		GOOD FRIDAY
Easter Holidays Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April			

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

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