

# Kings Worthy

Primary School

## Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Er...Happy New Year to you all...I think!

Well, normally for this newsletter I am able to wax lyrical about the joys of Christmas, spending time with friends and family, children settling back well into their daily routines, and informing you how great our attendance is looking. Not so much! Personally, my trip to Yorkshire and visiting family was quickly scuppered after the cancellation of 'Christmas bubbles'. I now wish I'd made the 7 hours round trip on Christmas Day to see my mum and dad. I'm sure so many of you were in the same position.

Then at 8.10pm on Monday evening we were, once again, all put into lockdown. After all of our previous experience of this I know full well that many of you will have been dreading the thought of more home schooling and probably were full of trepidation about what the school would provide this time around.

As a class teacher I always wanted to give the best lessons to the children that I taught and always listened to feedback and advice on how I could improve and get better. Now approaching my 9<sup>th</sup> year as a headteacher I am still no different. By introducing many of the children to Google classroom way back in late September/October we hoped we wouldn't have to deal with another lockdown, but deep down I think many of us thought it inevitable eventually.

As I have already communicated to you, we were making plans on Monday morning; setting things in motion for how we would deliver our online learning to you before the lockdown announcement was made. Miss Eggleston and I then relayed to the team how we wanted our online programme to roll out and I have nothing but monumental praise for the Kings Worthy team for how they have all embraced the situation. You have to remember that we plan our curriculum way in advance and teachers had spent time in staff meetings and over the holidays preparing for the spring term – especially as schools would be open as normal! I also received no letters or emails from staff quoting section 44 of the Employments Right Act, as many teaching unions requested they do, and I know many of my headteacher colleagues have been faced with this.

The Kings Worthy staff team have been phenomenal in their approach and they have pulled together to provide the very best they can for the children in such a short turnaround. Another thing to remember is that we also have over 100 children in school every day. So not only are they adapting their lessons so that our children can learn online at home, in many cases our classrooms have between 5 and 20 children also in the room whilst this is happening. Perhaps when you hear someone mention, which the media are so good at, that 'schools are closed', a simple 'No they're not' will put people straight. Every member of staff is in school, except for 3 or 4 of our more vulnerable workers – and they are online with children in a group or 1:1 capacity each day also.

Thank you to so many of you who have taken the time to write in. It means so much and helps to boost the morale of everyone involved. We all want to get it right and want the best for the children. As I've said many times, that's why we do the job in the first place. I also know that the way we are delivering the online learning may be very tricky for those of you with more than one child and limited means of access to the online content. Miss Eggleston will be contacting every family over the coming days just to get an indication of how you are coping and how we can help. Also, if you want to contact the school please do so in the usual way by writing to [admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the children, both in school and at home. Your unbelievable attitude to all of this shows how lucky we are to have you at Kings Worthy. I want you to keep helping out mummy and daddy at home. If you are able to get yourselves set up each day, especially all of you older ones, it will help even more. There might be days when you don't feel like going online, that's perfectly normal, but I want you to try your very best to open up that computer and do your work with your teacher and your class. Fingers crossed we will all be back together in school soon.

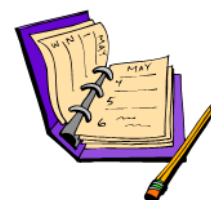
Despite everything, I hope you had a very enjoyable Christmas break. And for those of you old enough to remember, as D:Ream once sang, 'Things can only get better'.

### **Breakfast and After School Care**

Our intention is to continue to run this for our critical worker parents. Please indicate, each week, on the online form sent out, which days you are likely to require.

### **Inset Day**

At the moment we are still hoping to hold our **Inset Day** on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. I know that this has the potential to be problematic for some of you under the current circumstances so I will send further communication on this next week.



### **Coats**

A reminder for those children that are in school that I will be asking adults 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.

### **Year Group Newsletters**

Year Group Newsletters will be distributed the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January. Normally they would be with you next week, but what with everything going on we have decided to postpone slightly.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

Unfortunately, due to current lockdown restrictions we are still unable to offer any extra-curricular clubs.

## Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed scores incorporate points from over the Christmas holidays too. Don't forget that you can always play on Spelling Shed at home when you are not doing your online learning. The final standings for this week are:

### **Top Classes**

1st Place - 6K

2nd Place - 5R

3rd Place - 6C

### **Individual**

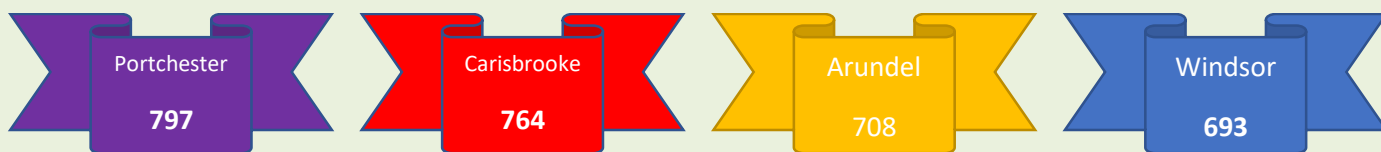
1st Place - Elizabeth, Year 6

2nd Place - Joseph, Year 6

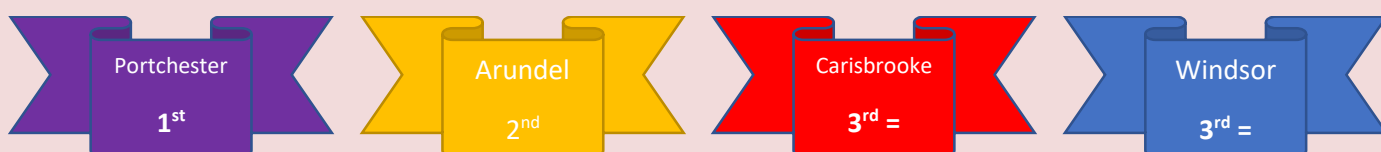
3rd Place - Miss Keeble

6K are also currently in 11th place in all of the spelling groups worldwide! An amazing achievement. Which class will be able to beat 6K next week?

### House Points – Final week of term



### House Points – Final Autumn Term Placing



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

SPRING TERM			
<b>January</b>			
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>		School reopens for children
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 4 Stone Age Day</b>
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	am	Parent/helper information for reading volunteers
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March)
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	5A class assembly
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>		Reading volunteers to start this week
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 to 3pm	Year 1/2 School Gym/Dance Competition
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>		
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
<b>Fri</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY</b>
<b>February</b>			
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>		Children's Mental Health Week
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – SATs
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	2S class assembly
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
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	1-2.30pm	Year 3/4 School Netball Competition
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6K class assembly
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>	All week (3.30pm – 4.00pm)	Book Fair
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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM			
<b>April</b>			
<b>Mon</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY (4)</b>
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>		School re-opens for children
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Thu	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July)
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	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>			
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	1W class assembly
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Year 6: KEY STAGE 2 SATS</b>
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	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
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting Year 6 residential
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	3M class assembly
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm	Year 1/2 School Football Rounders Competition
Wed	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>	6.15pm	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	1H class assembly
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
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>		Annual reports to parents
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	School Council Thank you lunch
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Sports Day (alternative date)
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	4B class assembly
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