

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

It's not time for Christmas songs until Noddy and Dobby say so!

Can you believe that it is only 3 weeks before the end of term? Here is an update on what is coming up...



- 'Dress as you please' day will take place on **Thursday 5th December**. Please bring donations for the adult and children tombola's (**bottles and games** – please no '**Mistletoe**') and drop these off at the tables at the front of the school.
- From **Friday 6th December** the children can start to write that it's a '**Holly Jolly Christmas**' as we will be bringing back the Christmas post box. If children would like to bring in Christmas cards for friends then please do so from this date forward. Please ensure children's name are clearly written on envelopes with their classes.
- On **Friday 6th December** it will be time to '**Stop the Cavalry**' as our amazing **PTFA Christmas Fair** returns. The children will visit the fair in their year groups during the school day so please send them in with some money, just like '**Last Christmas**', for them to enjoy some of the stalls and activities on offer. It will be like a '**Fairy-Tale of New York**' when the adult bottle stall opens from 3:15pm outside the school hall for parents, carers, friends and relatives. No doubt later that night some of you may well be '**Walking in the air**'!
- On **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December** Year R will be performing their Nativity. '**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**' for families in Year R, additional information about tickets for the performances have been sent out.
- On **Wednesday 18th December** Year 1 and 2 will be '**Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**' whilst leading us in a '**Winter Wonderland**' performance. This will be an outside, standing event and tickets are not required, but please remember that a '**Sleigh Ride**' will not be on offer. The choir will feature in the performance. Please arrive at 2:30pm at the front of the school for refreshments, ready for a 2:45pm start.
- Christmas jumper day falls on Thursday 12th December, but we will celebrate this on **Friday 13th December**, for which the children will wear their school uniform on their lower halves, with a Christmas jumper on their upper halves. Please remember that some will be '**Lonely This Christmas**' as we are requesting a £1 donation towards 'Save the Children'. We have tested and there is the option to not make an additional contribution so you can just pay £1. Please scan the QR code or follow this link to donate: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CJD240018638?utm_term=vvKZY6A2v
- Also, on **Friday 13th December**, we will hold our class Christmas Party afternoon for the children. The children will have lunch as normal and then enjoy some '**Jingle Bell Rock**' during the afternoon!



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- The children will demand that M & M Productions '*Stay Another Day*' on **Monday 16th December** for their performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' in the school hall in the afternoon.
- Christmas lunch is due to take place in the last week of term and we will gather all year groups in the hall over the course of **Thursday 19th December**, before they start dreaming of '*One More Sleep*' until the big day.
- We are also in the process of putting together a special surprise for the children – the date for this is yet to be confirmed – but I can guarantee it will ensure they will be screaming '*I Wish it Could be Christmas Everyday*'.



I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA, Angela and her team in the kitchen, and the all the staff at Kings Worthy for going above and beyond in '*Keeping the Dream Alive*' to provide these opportunities for our children. It is wonderful to be able to share special times together in the lead up to saying '*Do They Know it's Christmas*'.

A 'special' thank you to the children as they have worked incredibly hard this term and we will continue to push them forward with their learning so that they are yearning for a '*White Christmas*' by the time the **25th** rolls around.

Message from the PTFA

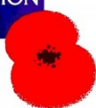
ONE WEEK TO GO!

- * Next Friday is our annual Christmas Fair, we've been busy getting ready and we know the children will have a really special time!
- * BEFORE Friday, please buy some raffle tickets for our brilliant Christmas Raffle. Prizes include: a voucher for The Ivy, Woodland Activity Club, Romsey Rapids, Painted Dragonfly Pottery, Winchester Coffee Roasters, a hamper from Twinings Tea, one from Cobbs and so much more!
- * Please also help your children to choose what they'd like to try and win in the Staff Promise Raffle. Prizes include: breakfast at McDonald's with Mr D, pizza parties, cinema trips, Panto visits and more!



Tickets for both of these can be bought here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/kingsworthptfa/>

Both of these raffles will be drawn next Friday after the fair.



Poppy Appeal thank you 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 **£417.49**. Together the community has raised over £5,000 for the Appeal and this has now been banked and added to the national total.

In challenging times this represents a fantastic effort and, on behalf of The Worthies branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to express our gratitude for your continued support to such an important cause.

With many thanks once more.

Teo Medal Joy

Within the 2023/24 season Teo took part in four individual events and four team events in Wessex Young Athletes Track & Field. He successfully collected the most points out of over one hundred competitors from 26 clubs. In doing so, he contributed to victory for his Winchester team, as well as winning the individual Wessex League.



Year 4's Minstead Residential

Year 4 spent a week in the New Forest, at Minstead Study Centre. 4R started the week, staying Monday and Tuesday night and 4D ended the week, staying Wednesday and Thursday night!

They got to do a range of activities, such as: fire lighting, singing songs around a campfire, a New Forest walk, movie night, making our own lunches, getting Minstead names (we were all named after living things within the New Forest), making felt planets, feeding the sheep and chickens, gardening and tasting vegetables from the garden, journaling and much, much more!



Year 4 slept in a wooden cabin. The girls slept one end in bunk beds all together and the boys had the opposite end of the cabin, also in bunk beds. They competed to have the tidiest rooms and individual tidiest beds. In 4D the tidiest beds awards went to Penny, Albie and Stella and in 4R they went to Riaan and Emmeline. We are still undecided as to which class was the tidiest!



Every child tried their hardest throughout the week and we could see our school values in everything they did. Minstead even emailed Mr Dodson to say how wonderfully the children had done over the week: *'The pupils have been a delight, and myself and my two tutors (who spend most time with them) but also the grounds team and the kitchen team (who've interacted with them a lot too) have found them really polite and respectful, really hardworking and really fun! Huge credit to them all,'*



"I liked Minstead because there were lots of things to do. I liked playing in the snow and having a bonfire." – Morgana, 4D

"I loved Minstead because on our last day we got to watch a movie together and bring all of our duvets and pillows into the room to make us nice and cosy during the movie!" – Penny, 4D

"I liked it when it snowed because we got to make snowballs and snow angels. I liked the snow when it was all flat on the ground and no one had stood on it." – Anna, 4D

"I enjoyed doing the fire lighting, it was really warm! I did not give up and I enjoyed trying to light the fire with the flint." – Maeve, 4R



"I enjoyed the fire lighting because I got an outstanding for it! I enjoyed the hike, I liked the big hill and the view, we saw the Isle of Wight. I also liked the food!" – Daisy, 4R

"Minstead was so fun and it felt like we were at home. I liked going into the woods in the snow! I was a red deer at Minstead!" – Elouise, 4D

"I liked Minstead because when we went on the walk we could see the Isle of Wight from where we were stood. I liked getting all the beads on our necklaces, I was a tawny owl" – Ifza, 4D



"My favourite things about Minstead were sliding around in the snow, doing different gardening jobs and sharing a room with all of my friends (some of the boys were chatting in the night)." – Jack, 4D

"I love how we get to go on a trip for a couple of days, it is a really nice experience to go on. I like how we went on a hike and den building, we also got to learn how to light fires." – Becca, 4R

"I did not like having to make my own bed, although I do now know how to make a bed. I liked chatting with my friends in our room at night. I really liked the shelter building!" – Hector, 4R

All of the adults on the trip are so proud of the resilience, independence and outstanding behaviour all the children showed throughout their time at Minstead! We have not been able to stop talking about it in class!

(Written by Year 4)

Cross Country Day

Tuesday was a very exciting day with Kings Worthy's first Cross Country day! The sun shone for us all day long and we were absolutely blown away by the performances of all of the children. It was wonderful to see every single child running their race and trying their very best, showing incredible resilience. Something that Mr Watton and I particularly loved seeing was the incredible sportsmanship and respect that the children showed their peers. We want to say a huge 'thank you' to our brilliant PTFA for their support on the day and also to our Year 6 helpers for their super responsibility, helping the younger children. Finally, thank you to the children, for making the day so special and such a huge success. We can't wait for next year!

Year R

1st - Windsor	2nd - Portchester	2nd - Arundel	3rd - Carisbrooke
25	17	17	4

Year 1

1st - Arundel	2nd - Windsor	3rd - Portchester	4th - Carisbrooke
25	20	19	4

Year 2

1st - Arundel	2nd - Portchester	3rd - Windsor	4th - Carisbrooke
47	9	7	5

Year 3

1st - Arundel	2nd - Portchester	3rd - Carisbrooke	4th - Windsor
36	15	7	0

Year 4

1st - Windsor	2nd - Arundel	3rd - Carisbrooke	4th - Portchester
25	22	17	4

Year 5

1st - Portchester	2nd - Windsor	3rd - Arundel	Carisbrooke -
32	27	5	4

Year 6

1st - Windsor	2nd - Arundel	3rd - Portchester	4th - Carisbrooke
29	25	12	7

Overall Results

1st - Arundel	2nd - Windsor	3rd - Portchester	4th - Carisbrooke
177	133	108	48

Reading Trails

Congratulations to the following children for completing their **bronze** reading trail.

1W - Lilli-Rose, Sophia, Violet 1W

4R - Beth, Megan

5S - Cooper

Congratulations to the following children for completing their **silver** reading trail.

3S - Yasmin, Rosanna, Emily

3B - Polly

Well done to all of the children that have completed the trails so far and have received their badges. There is plenty of time still to complete them. Don't forget to bring them back to the library to receive your badge and the next trail in the competition.

Happy Reading!

Spelling Shed

5S's winning streak has continued this week – what an amazing effort! Well done to Arthur, Emily and Emma who are our individual leaders this week – great effort.

Keep up the good work.



Classes

1st Place – 5S

2nd Place – 6C

3rd Place – 3S

Individuals

1st Place – Arthur, Year 3

2nd Place – Emily, Year 4

3rd Place – Emma, Year 6

(written by Mrs Cowling)

Maths Shed

It has been another exciting week on the Maths Shed leader board. 2B managed to keep their top spot and 4R has made their first appearance this half-term! Well done to all of the winners! Can **you** make it the top next week?



Classes

1st Place – 2B

2nd Place – 2MS

3rd Place – 4R

Individuals

1st Place – Lynden, Year 4

2nd Place – Nyamekye, Year 2

3rd Place – James M, Year 2

No Pens Day Wednesday

This Wednesday we had our annual No Pens Day, which is dedicated to speaking and understanding language. Each year group planned exciting activities for the children to do which involved lots of speaking and listening. There was art work, court room drama, practical maths problem-solving and practising sign language as a form of communicating. The children had a great day trying new activities and finding new ways to communicate.

Here are some photos of a small sample of activities that took place over the course of the day.



(written by Mrs Cowling)

REVERSE SANTA PROJECT

Winchester Rotary are for the first time trying a twist on the traditional Santa Grotto and are asking children and adults to GIVE presents to Father Christmas. These presents will then be donated to local charity Street Reach and Winchester Basics Bank, who will distribute them to less fortunate children in Winchester and the surrounding area.

Presents are requested from schools with whom we have close connections and those presents will be collected by a Rotarian from a central collecting point at the school shortly before the end of term.

Alternatively, if parents prefer, there will be a Rotary stall at the Christmas Market (in the Outer Close next to the Cathedral) on Saturday 21st December where Father Christmas will receive presents assisted by his elves and they will then be distributed on Monday 23rd December in time for Christmas.

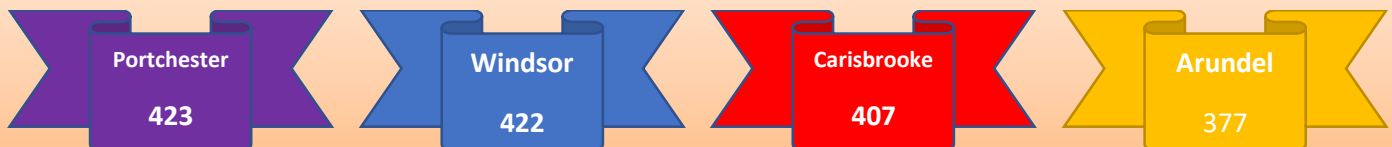
So please give as generously as you can although the presents can be modest and even second hand if in good condition. Please do not wrap them as they will be checked and wrapped prior to being handed over.

For further information please contact: - christmas@winchester-rotary.org

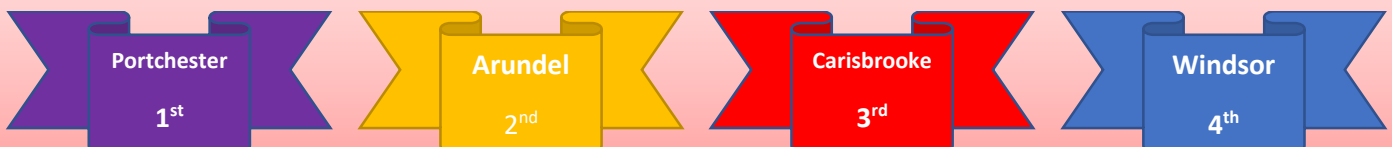
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House Points – Week Eleven



House Points – Termly Positions



Jamie Dodson
Headteacher