

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

No full re-opening until 8th 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 **8th 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 3rd 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

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 26th for the panel to watch.

Have fun!

(written by Miss Eggleston)

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day is **Thursday 4th 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 27th April – 4th 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

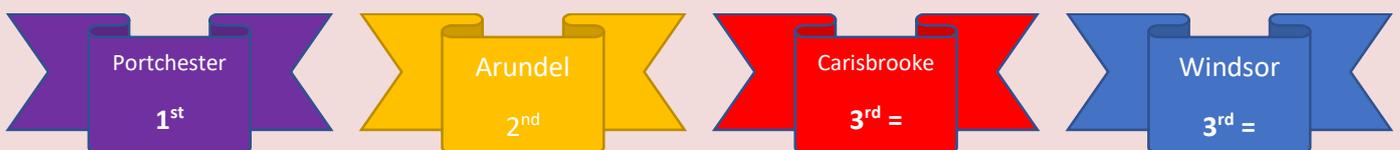
2nd Place - Poppy, Year 6

3rd Place - Ruxy, Year 6

House Points – Week 3



House Points – Termly Placing



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher

Kings Worthy Primary School

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 | | |
| Tue | 12 th | | |
| Wed | 13 th | | |
| Thu | 14 th | | |
| Fri | 15 th | 9.15am | 5A class assembly—Postponed |
| Mon | 18 th | | |
| Tue | 19 th | 1.30 to 3pm | Year 1/2 School Gym/Dance Competition — Postponed |
| Wed | 20 th | | Termly newsletters distributed |
| 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—Postponed |
| Fri | 29th | | INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY |
| February | | | |
| Mon | 1 st | | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tue | 2 nd | | |
| Wed | 3 rd | | |
| Thu | 4 th | | |
| Fri | 5 th | 9.15am | 2S class assembly—Postponed |
| Mon | 8 th | | |
| Tue | 9 th | | Safer Internet Day |
| Wed | 10 th | 1-2.30pm | Year 5/6 School Basketball Competition—Postponed |
| Thu | 11 th | 1-2.30pm | Year 3/4 School Netball Competition—Postponed |
| Fri | 12 th | 9.15am | 6K class assembly—Postponed |
| BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM | | | |
| HALF TERM | | | |
| Monday 15^h – Friday 19th February | | | |

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| Mon | 22 nd | | School reopens for children |
| Tue | 23 rd | | |
| 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

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