

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term approaching...

I always like to look back at my newsletter from the previous year just to see what was going on in school and lo and behold the opening heading for this week last year was 'Coronavirus update'. February 14th 2020 was the first time that I had used what is now the word of the century. Who could've predicted what was to come next?

What a year, from then to now. Just over a month later and we were in our first lockdown. How much have we gone through as a school community? Firstly, we were told that we had to provide childcare for a handful of children, then only certain year groups were allowed back, with no real guidance for online provision provided. We were literally trying to do all we could and the best we could. No one was telling us how. Fast forward to lockdown 3 and we have, on average, over 140 children in school each day, being taught in classrooms whilst able to see their classmates doing the same lessons at home. Our aim was to try and keep the school day as normal as possible for everyone, both at school and at home and we hope that in some way we have managed that.

In my half term message to our staff yesterday I said that the education profession was one of the most adaptable in the world. This last 6 weeks has certainly seen that. Two weeks ago, I had never even heard of 'Jamboard' (it's a tool to help improve lessons on google classroom for those of you who don't know, not a board for making jam sandwiches) and then last Monday we were doing a mini staff meeting on it.

On January 5th when we were all in school preparing to go online with lessons on January 6th I cannot lie that there was a certain amount of trepidation coursing through the school. Would it work? Will the technology hold up? Could the children at home login each day? Would we still be able to teach the children in the classroom as well as those at home?

Nothing can replicate the interaction that takes place within the classroom, but we have tried our very best. And we're still improving. I have thanked the Kings Worthy school team in one or two of these newsletters already, but they have worked incredibly hard this half term and believe you me are ready for a rest. I don't want to tempt fate, but I strongly believe that all children will be back in school on March 8th. Let's keep everything crossed. Hopefully only 2 more weeks to go after half term. We can do this!

Miss Eggleston and I have tried to respond in person to every thank you message that has been written in to school. Those emails have kept us going, so thank you to everyone who took the time to do it. We have had our low moments, but they acted as a pick me up to everyone as I shared every single message with the whole team.

Also, if you contributed to the 'GoFundMe' page I would also like to say thank you. When I learnt that it had been set up I didn't expect anywhere near what was raised. It was another lift to all in school in some of those darker moments. The filtered water dispenser in our staff room is used daily and we still have plenty of funds left.

Finally, to our brilliant children. They have done so well, both at home and at school and I can't wait to be on the gate, all being well very soon, to say good morning to all of you again. We are already planning how to ensure every child catches up so that they are right where they should be. With such a strong team I know we can do it.






Half term is normally a time when we can all get away for a few days and catch up with friends and family. Not this one unfortunately, but I do hope you are able to relax. Don't worry about turning that computer on at 9am ready for online learning. Try and have a lie in; read a good book; get lost in a boxset or two; jump in some muddy puddles on a big walk; phone someone you've not spoken to for a few weeks; and of course, toss a pancake on Tuesday.

World Book Day

After half term we will be celebrating World Book Day both virtually and in school. More information about how you can join in to follow. But, in the meantime, attached to this week's newsletter is your virtual book token to buy one of the World Book Day books or to put towards the purchasing of a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. They are valid for use from **Thursday 18th February until March 28th**. Happy reading! *(written by Mrs Morgan)*

6K Virtual Safer Internet Day assembly

The theme of 2021 is 'An internet we trust', so we decided to take part and do our bit by performing an assembly to KS2. The assembly was full of top tips to help you stay safe online, such as the SMART rules:

-  **Keep your personal information safe**
-  **Friends made online are strangers - meeting them can be dangerous**
-  **Accepting files can be dangerous. Don't just click, ask an adult.**
-  **Not everyone or everything online is real or reliable – can you trust it? Check it out!**
-  **Tell an adult if something online upsets or worries you.**

The assembly was performed from home and school over Google Meet. It went really well and the rap that the children in class did was entertaining and at the same time raised our awareness of staying safe online. We had lots of fun helping people stay safe on the internet!

We also made a pledge to get as many people to agree that they would always be safe online as part of a Guinness World Record attempt. Remember to be safe online and create an internet we trust!

(written by Poppy, Joseph, James, Elizabeth - 6K)

Spelling Shed

At the end of our first half term, it seems that 6K have been the dominant class on Spelling Shed. What a phenomenal effort! Will another class top the charts next half term? And who will be our first winner of the new half term? The boys have knocked Miss Keeble off of the individual leader board too! *(written by Mrs Morgan)*

Top Classes

1st Place - 6K

2nd Place - 5A

3rd Place - 4B

Individual

1st Place - Joseph, Year 6

2nd Place - Jack, Year 5

3rd Place - Charlie, Year 4

Year 6 legend

The Winchester Scouts are fundraising for a piece of equipment for the new Hospice being built in the city. It's a very funky bath tub!

If you want to find out more check out the following websites: www.winchesterhospice.com and www.winchester-rotary.org

I have taken up the challenge as a Scout to fundraise by recording an audiobook. It's a children's book called 'The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out' by Jill Tomlinson.

HarperCollins Publishing House have kindly given us permission to record and distribute the book for a limited time only.

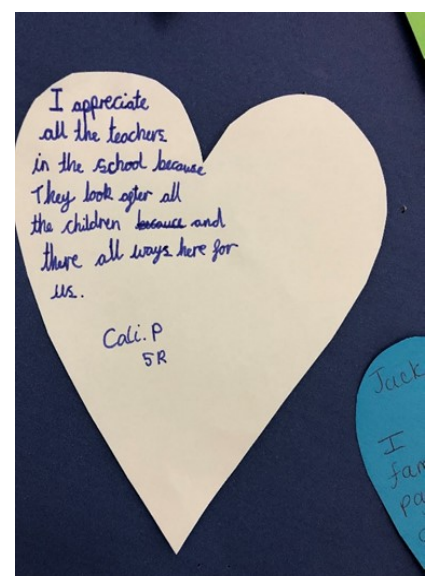
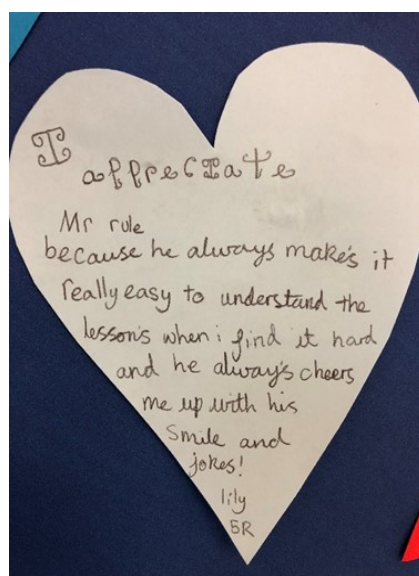
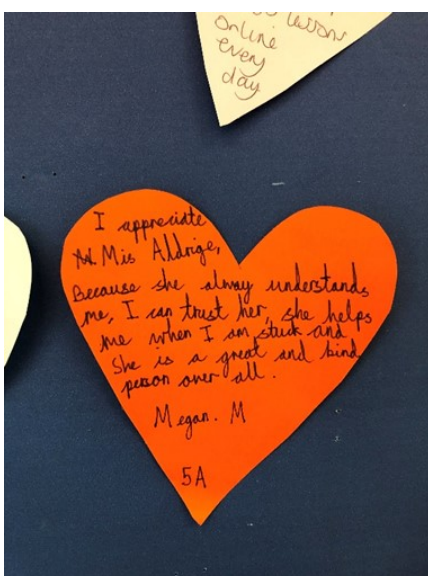
Why not make a small donation to this amazing charity and sit back to enjoy a fun story with me during lockdown.

To access, just pop your email address in the donation section and we'll send you the audiobook via **WeTransfer**. Enjoy story time

(written by James C – 6K)

What do you appreciate?

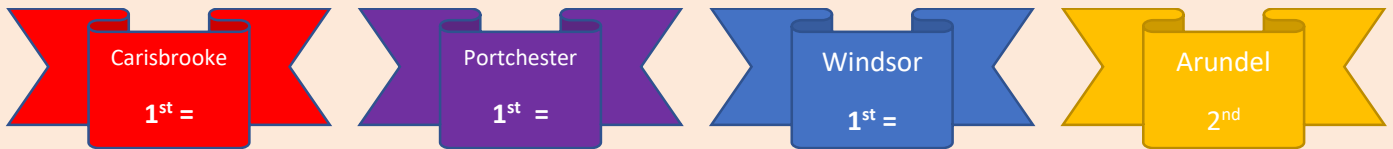
With Valentine's Day on Sunday, Year 5 transformed one of their display boards into a Wall of Appreciation. Everyone was asked to write something they were appreciative for on heart and add it to the wall. There were lots of thanks to Mr. Rule and Miss. Aldridge but also for the wider school community, family members and even some pets. We all enjoyed sharing our ideas and it made us all feel warm-hearted and loved at the end of a busy term *(written by Mrs Windram)*.



House Points – Week 5



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 | | | |
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| Monday 15 ^h – Friday 19 th 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 | 19th | | 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 |
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| Monday 31st – Friday 4th June | | | |

| June | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Mon | 7 th | | INSET DAY (5) |
| Tue | 8 th | | School reopens for children |
| Wed | 9 th | 6.15pm | 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 | 1H class assembly |
| 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 | | Annual reports to parents |
| Mon | 12 th | | Last week of clubs |
| Tue | 13 th | All day | Year 6 leavers day event |
| Wed | 14 th | 12.30pm | School Council Thank you lunch |
| Thu | 15 th | All Day | Sports Day (alternative date) |
| Fri | 16 th | 9.15am | 4B class assembly |
| 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 |