

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Annual local authority visit

Each year the school is subject to the local authority conducting a leadership and learning review of the school. The chief aim of the process is to enable a school's on-going improvement through the provision of external challenge and support.

Some of the things on the agenda included: priorities for school improvement; impact of Covid-19 and catch-up; a review of our remote learning; meeting with one of our new teachers; meeting some of our pupils; and looking at books across the school.

The day went very well and it was agreed that we have sufficient capacity for sustaining our current performance due to the fact that we have identified clear priorities for the school going forward.

Some of the comments in the final written report included:

- Leaders have clarity about current priorities.
- Leaders understand the risk that missed learning and interruptions pose to pupil attainment and well-being.
- The school has developed a catch-up strategy and will evaluate the impact in the remainder of the year.
- Preparation in the autumn term meant the school was well placed to switch to remote learning at short notice in January.
- Leaders responded to feedback received about the remote learning in the summer term and made significant adjustments.
- Teachers planned and delivered teaching for pupils attending and those at home to promote consistency.
- Regular contact was made to ensure that remote learning was accessible to all.
- The remote learning offer appears to have been a good balance of synchronous teaching, recorded content and independent activities accessed through the learning platform.
- Parental feedback has been extremely positive (about the remote learning).
- Pupils talk positively about their learning experiences throughout lockdown.
- The book samples showed pupils at different stages of attainment making progress throughout the year.
- Wellbeing is a priority.
- Safeguarding procedures remain robust.
- Governors feel well informed as meetings have continued as scheduled.

Actions for us to work on:

- Ensure that approaches to assessment in the summer term are effective.
- Review curriculum coverage for the rest of the year and adjust the school's catch-up strategy to meet any emerging need.
- Evaluate which adjustments in provision, curriculum or the organisation of the school forced by the pandemic would be useful to maintain in the future.

PGCE teaching students

I'm sure some of you will have noticed that we have 4 new adults in Hedgehogs, 1W, 3M and 5A. Megan Simpson (Rabbits), Fraser Le Tissier (1W), Sky O'Brien (3M) and Maisha Rahman (5A) are completing their final PGCE teaching practice from Winchester University and will be working in those classes for the next 10 weeks after Easter.

Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer show 2021

Don't forget to make sure that entries for this competition are handed into school by **Monday 19th April 2021**. Details and the permission form are on the website in the Spring 'Letters' section. Thank you to everyone who has entered so far!

(written by Mrs Smallwood)

Woodland Warriors

While the children were hard at work creating their magnificent pizzas, the rest of the year group were tasked with completing a range of 'Team Work' style challenges. These included creating leaf sculptures, building a Jenga wood tower and learning about knots so that they could make an art loom. The children needed to work effectively as a team of six in order to complete the tasks successfully. Some of the difficulties included working for a long period of time on one task, making sure every member of the team had a role and when things went wrong, were able to problem solve. Year 4 were simply amazing!

"I loved creating 'Loom' art. It was really challenging but we were able to combine nature and our ideas!" Naomi

"It was a hot day. I loved making the leaf sculpture!" Benji

"I loved the art task especially the 'Loom' art. It was sometimes hard working together but we persevered." Ollie



Year 4 Deep Pan-tastic!

On Tuesday, Year 4 made pizzas in Food Technology as part of their topic, 'Italy'. The children began the unit by looking into the history of pizza and then they tasted a range of different ones scoring them on texture, appearance, smell and taste. They then looked at a range of pizza menus to see what was already on the market and then they designed, named and made their own!

"My pizza was so good! It was the best!" - Fenton

"I didn't think I liked red onions or mushrooms but I love them!" - TJ

"It was the best pizza ever! I never knew I liked pepperoni!" - Joe



Easter Bunnies

Yesterday we were very lucky to be visited by these two well-known characters in school. All the children were very excited to see them and we would like to thank the PTFA for providing the chocolatey treats before Easter. Some children seem to be convinced that it was Miss Eggleston and I under the costumes, but I can assure you it was not. Now if it was dressing up as Elsa or Anna from Frozen, then that would've been a different story. Thank you to both of our bunnies for doing such a great job.



Governor Update

There has been some change in the Board of Governors over the past few weeks. We said goodbye to governors Fiona Pope, Alison Skillen and Emily Peter-Simmonds, all of whom have provided support and challenge to school leaders over the past few years. We also welcomed new governors to the board: Jenna Mansbridge and David Berry. We are happy to announce that Caroline Horne has been elected unopposed as a new parent governor this week. We are grateful to them for stepping forward as our school takes its first steps in our vastly changed world.

After ten years as a parent, seven as a governor, and four as Chair of Governors, Claire Welland will be moving on to new challenges. Claire said, *'it has been a privilege to be involved in the development of this wonderful school from my son joining in 2010 through to my daughter leaving last July: recruiting our senior leaders, developing a dedicated team of governors, selling second hand books at Christmas, serving plenty of Pimms at the Summer Fair, and learning a huge amount about how schools work along the way'*.

Claire hands over to Lorraine Suchanek at Easter.

Lorraine has been a governor for over three years and the Chair of the Standards and Improvements Committee. Of her appointment she says, *"Claire has been an outstanding Chair of Governors whose skill and commitment has guided and strengthened the team of governors. We are all grateful to her for her significant contribution and her tact, skill and inclusive approach will be missed. I will do my best to carry forwards with the work she has started and I am pleased to be supported by such an energetic and purposeful group of people. We all want the best for our school and will continue to work with the senior leadership team to achieve that. We wish Claire success in the new challenges she is taking up"*.

Spelling Shed

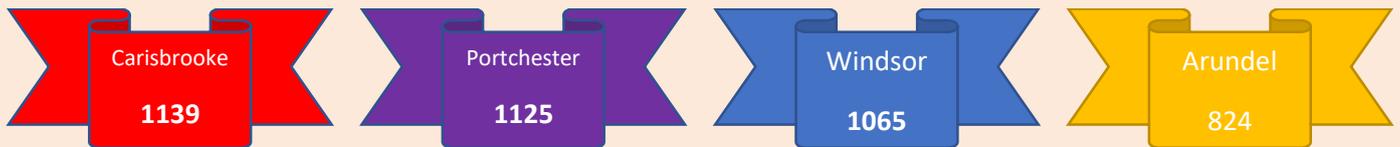
This week's spellings scores will be added to the Easter extravaganza. I will add up the scores at the end of each week to work out who the top three children are. Those in the top three (teachers excluded) will win an Easter treat. I have been impressed with the super spellers so far this term so I look forward to who will be top of the leader board after Easter. Good luck.

Happy Easter

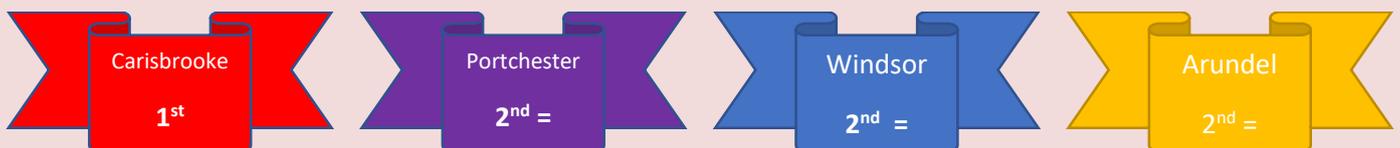
This time last year, we were already in our second week of school being open over Easter to a few of our children. It seems like an age away now. We are hopefully edging slowly towards happier times, so with that in mind, I would like to wish you all a fabulous Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 19th April**.

Jamie Dodson
Headteacher

House Points – Week 11



House Points – Termly Placing



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM			
April			
Mon	19th		School re-opens for children
Tue	20 th		
Wed	21 st		
Thu	22 nd		
Fri	23 rd		
Mon	26 th		Oratory Cup launch (Assembly) Drama club (invite only) to begin this week
Tue	27 th		
Wed	28 th		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	29 th		
Fri	30 th		
May			
Mon	3 rd		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tue	4 th		
Wed	5 th	3.00pm	School Council (5)
Thu	6 th		
Fri	7 th		
Mon	10 th		Science Week
Tue	11 th		
Wed	12 th		
Thu	13 th		
Fri	14 th		
Mon	17 th		Oratory Cup performances in classes (1 child vote from each class, 1 teacher vote winner)
Tue	18 th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) - activities week
Wed	19 th	3.30pm – 4.00pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu	20 th		
Fri	21 st		
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	3.30pm	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	All week 6.15pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEK Parents' Meeting (Year 5) - Camp
Thu	10 th		
Fri	11 th		
Mon	14 th		Healthy Living Week
Tue	15 th	8.30-12pm	Class Photos
Wed	16 th		
Thu	17 th		
Fri	18 th	9.00am	'Share-a-story' tbc
Mon	21 st		
Tue	22 nd	6.30pm	New Intake Parents Induction Evening
Wed	23 rd	2.30pm	New Year R intake Story Time in the Woodland Walk
Thu	24 th		
Fri	25 th		Year 5 Camp (overnight until Saturday 26 th)
Sat	26 th		Year 5 Camp
Mon	28 th	2.30pm	New Year R intake Story Time in the Woodland Walk
Tue	29 th		
Wed	30 th	am	'Shuffle Up' morning
July			
Thu	1 st		
Fri	2 nd		
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th			Year 6 activities week
Mon	5 th		
Tue	6 th	9.30-11.30 am	Second Stay and Play for New Year R intake
Wed	7 th		
Thu	8 th		
Fri	9 th		Annual reports to parents
Mon	12 th		
Tue	13 th		
Wed	14 th	3.00pm 3.45pm-5.00pm	School Council Open evening for current parents
Thu	15 th		
Fri	16 th	5.00-10.30pm	PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	19 th	ALL DAY	Rehearsal Day 1 (Hope Church Winchester/KWPS)
Tue	20 th	ALL DAY	Rehearsal Day 2 (Hope Church Winchester/KWPS)
Wed	21 st	7.00-9.00pm	End of year production 1 (Hope Church Winchester/KWPS)
Thu	22 nd	7.00-9.00pm	End of year Production 2 (Hope Church Winchester/KWPS)
Thu	22 nd	9.15am 11.00am 1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents (tea and coffee available afterwards) Year 6 Leavers Assembly—School END OF TERM
Fri	23 rd		INSET DAY