

# Kings Worthy

Primary School

## Newsletter



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Dear Parent and Carers

### House Captains

Last week, we had to adapt our usual house captain voting system as it was time for the children to elect their house captains for the year ahead. Unlike previous years when the children present speeches to their house all in one location, this year all of the aspiring house captains put together a video media presentation so that every year group from year 2 to 6 could watch in their classrooms before voting. At the end of this slightly altered democratic process, our eight house captains were elected.

Arundel: Megan M & Johnno D

Portchester: Izzy B & Jack R

Carisbrooke: Evie M & George G

Windsor: Winston W & Rosie K

Congratulations to the chosen 8, but also well done to all of the children who put themselves forward for election.

### School Council

Congratulations to the following children who were voted in as school councillors for the coming year.

2W – Charlie W

2S – Felix B

3M – Brodie B

3D – Charlotte M

4S – Harry J

4B – Daisy DS

5R – Tomas C

5LT – Thalia H

6C – Jonah G

6K – Patrick W

Our first meeting will take place very soon and Mr Rule can't wait to hear their views and ideas for the school.

For further information on our school council process please visit:

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Council&pid=190>

### **Our exciting Book Bingo Reading challenge!**

To begin this Year, we have organised an exciting reading competition. Book bingo is a reading challenge for Years 1-6 . This is to provide all children with the opportunity to increase the variety of books they read and to develop an awareness of different authors and genres that are easily available to them. Each child will receive an Autumn bingo card for them to complete. The aim is to complete the whole card but when they complete a line, they will receive two house points. If they manage to complete the whole grid, they will be awarded with a certificate and sticker in celebration assembly. They have until the Christmas break to complete it. Parents/ guardians please may you initial in each individual bingo box when the task is complete. Underneath the complete bingo square there is space for the child to please date and sign when it is complete and then return to their teacher.

This challenge will be going on throughout this academic year and a different card with a different set of challenges will be given in each term. If by the end of the school year your child has completed all **three** bingo cards for Autumn, Spring and Summer they will become a reading ambassador and receive a special badge, plus their name displayed in the library on our reading excellence board.

Good luck and happy reading!  
(written by Mrs Sibbons)

### **Spelling Shed**

This week, the winners of the Summer Spelling challenge received their prizes in class. Oliver in first place won a dictionary which he can choose to use in school or at home and those in second and third place won some super speller pencils. We have lots more to give out so those top three spellers from this first autumn half term will also win some of the super speller pencils. This week's leader board is below. Watch out for Year 2 who have a Spelling Shed club on a Tuesday! There are some serious spellers in there.

(written by Mrs Morgan)

#### **Individuals**

**1st Place** - Joe G - Year 5

**2nd Place** - James - Year 5

**3rd Place** - Casper - Year 2

#### **Classes**

**1st Place** - 5R

**2nd Place** - 5LT

**3rd Place** - 2S

### **Phonics Information Session**

Phonics is extremely important within the Early Years and Key Stage 1. Many of the skills that children learn in phonics can be applied to other areas of their learning with a good understanding of phonics being essential for children to progress in their reading. There is now a phonics information session available on our school website to give you a better understanding of what phonics is.

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=65>

There is a PowerPoint version or a recorded version for you to look at in your own time. We have also provided you with handouts which provides you with more information about the structure of phonics at Kings Worthy. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

(written by Mrs Morgan)

### **Homework update**

Having received feedback from some of our 'meet the teacher' meetings I would like to clarify homework expectations across the school – please see below.

### **Weekly Expectations:**

The quantity, frequency and difficulty of tasks vary across the year groups and Key Stages. The following tables set out what home learning will be set across the range of year groups:

#### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

	Frequency
Reading	At least four times per week recorded in the child's reading diary
Phonics/tricky words task	To practise phoneme and tricky word cards at least twice a week
Maths	To practise activities involving counting objects and finding 1 more and 1 less than a number up to 20 at least once a week
Online learning	Spelling Shed (Year 1 and 2)

#### **Year 3 and 4**

	Frequency
Reading	At least four times per week recorded in the child's reading diary
English	Every four weeks Set on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday Set on alternate weeks to maths
Maths	Every four weeks Set on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday Set on alternate weeks to English
Online learning	Times Table Rockstars, Spelling Shed, MyMaths

#### **Year 5 and 6**

	Frequency
Reading	At least four times per week recorded in the child's reading diary
English	Fortnightly Set on a Friday to be returned on Wednesday Set on alternate weeks to maths
Maths	Fortnightly Set on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday Set on alternate weeks to English
Online learning	Times Table Rockstars, Spelling Shed, MyMaths

### **Pick-up and drop-off**

Thank you to everyone who continues to observe our arrangements regarding drop-off and pick-up. Please can I remind you to maintain social distancing in line with current government guidance.

### **Saints Foundation – 20-year celebration**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Saints Foundation will be celebrating its 20-year history and they are very excited to be walking through Southampton!

Not only will they be walking past the historic landmarks, but they will also be walking with Legends! They have some legendary ex Saints players joining them and you will have the opportunity to have photographs with them pitch side at St Mary's Stadium!!

As much as this is a celebration, they are still fundraising for the amazing work that the Foundation provides to people of all ages in and around Southampton.

To learn more about the foundation please visit

<https://www.southamptonfc.com/news/2021-08-05/20-years-ellie>

And to receive tickets for the event go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-march-together-tickets-164829267777>

Instructions on how to set up a Just Giving page can be found in the participant pack we sent out earlier this week.

And finally, they will be holding a small celebration at the stadium once they've completed the walk where you'll be able to purchase food and drink and celebrate with them. If you have friends or family who aren't able to take part in the walk, they can join you at the stadium for a small entry fee of just £2!

If you have any questions, please do get in touch using them email address below.

**Eliza Dunn**

Senior Fundraising Officer

**Saints Foundation**

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### **Hello Yellow!**

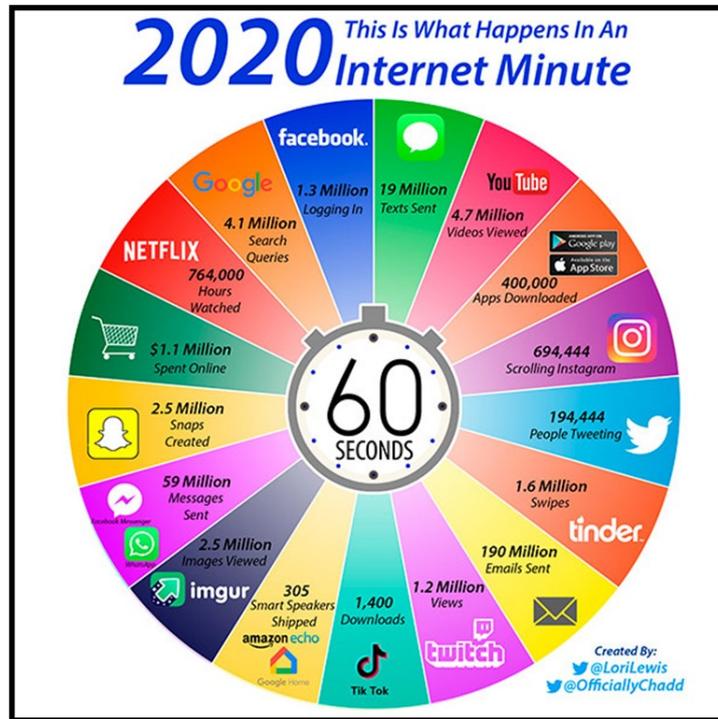
On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** we are inviting all of our children and staff to join in with our **#HelloYellow day**. The day will recognise and support World Mental Health Day and the children will be able to take part in an online mindfulness workshop alongside other activities that will promote looking after their minds. The children should still wear their uniform, but could dig out their neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat that will make someone smile! If you would like to donate on that day, the money will be given to Young Minds to support the continued work they do to support children and young people.

Saying **#HelloYellow** this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kings-worthy-primary-school>



**What happens in an internet minute (comparison with last year)**



### Pupil Premium

Please can I urge those families who may be entitled to free school meals to register their entitlement (please check on <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary> even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and entitled to free school meals as a matter of course. Additional funding, to be spent in aspects of provision for your child, is given to every school, based on the known free school meal figures. The funding is called Pupil Premium. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.



### **Breakfast & After School Club Supervisor Vacancy**



The above vacancy has become available following the resignation of our lovely current supervisor, Shirley Kimber who is leaving to take her retirement at the end of this half term.

The role is currently advertised on the Hampshire jobs portal under reference number 88078.

Although it is advertised as 21 hours to cover both breakfast and after school, the role is available on a job share basis and therefore we will consider applications even if you cannot work every day.

The successful candidate will assist with the management and operation of the breakfast and after school service ensuring that the children can develop personally, socially and educationally in a safe, caring and challenging environment.

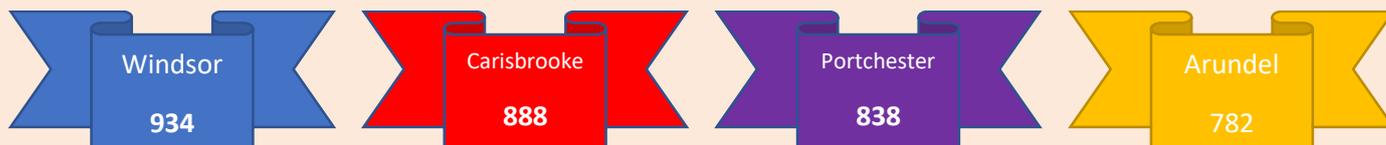
The role is term time only and based on Hampshire County Council support staff terms and conditions.



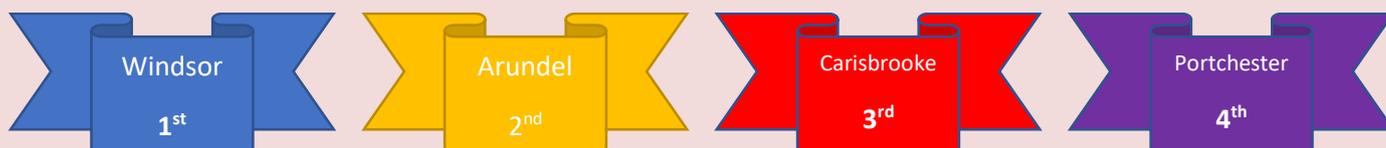
To discuss the role further, please call 01962 881410 and speak to Rachel Cregan or email [admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk) Closing date for applications is 1st October.



### House Points – Week 3



### House Points – Termly Placing



Jamie Dodson  
Headteacher