

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone!

I'm delighted to be able to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. It seems like the weather we so sorely missed over the summer decided to make an appearance for the first week back. But when the sun shines, it always seems to put a smile on everyone's face so I'd rather that than a week of summer holiday rain.

I hope you all had a great summer and a warm welcome to a number of children and their families joining us for the first time in year groups across the school. The first week has been fantastic and it has been amazing to see all the children back and getting to know their new teachers. Behaviour and attitude to learning has simply been nothing short of phenomenal.

It was so good to see our new Year R children in today for 'stay and play' and to be honest it looked like they'd already been with us for days, never mind just a few hours.

We also have a number of new staff joining us this term.



Mrs Bevan joins us as class teacher in Year 2.



Miss Hyde joins Mrs Holloway in 3H as our School Direct student.



Mrs Balfe-Doyle joins us as our teaching assistant in key stage 1/2



Mrs Sledz joins us in Year 1 and Year R as a teaching assistant.

Applying for a Secondary School Place for September 2024

Children in Year 6 will receive information from Hampshire County Council about September 2024 admissions. If your child is currently in year 6 the applications open on **11**th **September 2023**. You have 49 days to apply from this date – the national application deadline is **31**st **October 2023**. Please visit the website below for further details.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

I have also attached the official letter from Hampshire County Council

We did it again! Kings Worthy earn Gold!



We are delighted to announce that we, Kings Worthy Primary School, have achieved the **School Games GOLD LEVEL Mark Award** for the 2022/23 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year include:

- ✓ Runners up of the Hampshire Girls' Football Plate.
- √ Year 5/6 children chosen to represent the school in the regional Cross-Country Championships.
- Initiatives, clubs and events to support health, well-being and fitness including the farm partnership with Walnut Tree farm and Paula Baker.
- ✓ Increasing club opportunities and up take in a wide range of sports.
- ✓ Taking part in the Hampshire School Games.
- ✓ Inter and Intra school competitions including house netball and dance.
- Development of exercise routines including class fitness posters to encourage fitness and improved focus.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

In the next two years, we will be eligible to apply for the Platinum award. This coming year, we will be looking to create a 'Sports Crew' to help add pupil voice and further drive improvements in sport at Kings Worthy.

(Written by Mr. Brewster)



Hot dinners

Apologies for the issues around hot dinners at the moment. We are still awaiting the arrival of the repair team and I trust you know that Angela and her team of dinner ladies are doing everything they can to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

New Reading Diaries

The children will have received their new reading diaries this week. For children who read our independent book banded reading books, there has been a delay in the delivery of our new scheme and will be with us shortly. Once they are ready to be taken home, I will send home a letter detailing our new books. Until then, the children can continue to access their Bug Club account at home. Teachers will check these diaries weekly and we would encourage the children to read at least four times per week at home independently, with an adult or a sibling. Reading at least four times per week and having the diary signed by an adult will earn them three house points!

Attendance

With the new school year now underway, please can I enlist your support to enable your child(ren) to enjoy the best possible level of attendance – the school council have been working on some new incentives which we hope to introduce soon.

Health & Well-Being

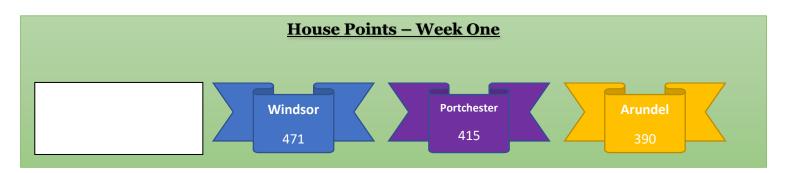
If your child uses an inhaler, however infrequently, or requires access to emergency medical treatment (e.g. Epi-pens), please ensure the school is fully aware and holds the appropriate supply of the necessary medication. It is regarded as recommended practice for schools to have duplicates of inhalers so that one is with the child (in class) and one is in the Medical Room. All medication should be in date and you are asked to check this and replace as appropriate.

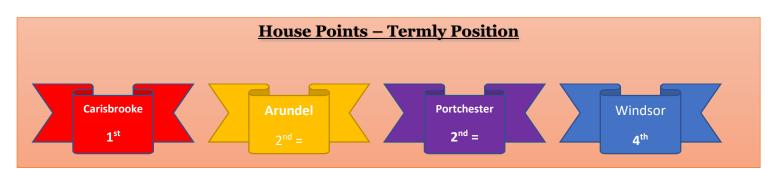
Late Arrivals

Please continue to bring your child into the school reception area, if a late arrival has been unavoidable or pre-planned so that they can sign in at reception. Your child will be encouraged to proceed to class **independently or escorted by a member of staff**, where appropriate.









Huge Thanks

Finally, many, many thanks to so many of you for your kind words and generous gifts given at the end of last term, to so many members of staff. They were very much appreciated.

Jamie Dodson

Headteacher