

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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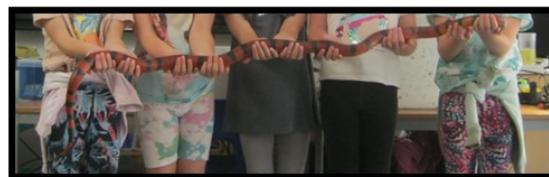
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Dear Parent and Carers

Jungle Jonathan and his Amazing Roadshow

As part of our 'Deadly 60' topic this half term, we arranged for Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow to come into school and share their selection of 'deadly' creatures with the children. Jonathan Cleverly or 'Jungle Jonathan' has over 30 years' experience of keeping and breeding reptiles and invertebrates and spends his time visiting schools and sharing his knowledge of his creatures and letting the children get up close and personal! We were very lucky to be the first school in over 2 years to hold Mr Whippy, a tail whip scorpion. We also enjoyed holding a snake, meeting 2 tarantulas and seeing a gecko lick its own eye! We will now be writing a set of instructions, in our English lessons, on how to wash one of these animals for Jungle Jonathan!



Benjy: 'I liked when I held the orange snake!'

Sofia: 'When I was holding the tail of the snake it tickled a lot.'

Austin: 'My best bit was stroking the gecko, it felt like a marshmallow.'

Josh: 'I enjoyed holding Mr Whippy, the tail whip scorpion.'

For the rest of our outdoor day, we created our own bug hotels in the Woodland Walk and went bug hunting!

(written by Miss Conlen)



School Closed

Please remember that school will be closed this coming Monday due to the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's funeral.



Hello Yellow!

On **Monday 10th 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 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.



Spelling Shed

Our weekly Spelling Shed competition resumes between pupils and classes. All of the children have their logins in their reading diaries and can access Spelling Shed at home too. Don't forget that there will be the half term prizes. This half term it is for the children who play the most games on Spelling Shed. Good luck.

Here are this week's winners...

Individuals

- 1st Place** – Jesse, Year 6
- 2nd Place** – Gabriel, Year 6
- 3rd Place** – Ben, Year 4

Classes

- 1st Place** – 6S
- 2nd Place** – 6C
- 3rd Place** – 3C

School Uniform Policy

Thank you so much to everyone for making sure your child(ren) started the new school year looking extremely smart. Just a reminder that jewellery, make up and nail polish are not acceptable. Watches and single stud earrings are the exception to the rule. If your child has long hair, please provide him/her with the means to tie it back for PE lessons as well as ensuring your child has the appropriate kit in school every day. Trainers or plimsolls are recommended for outdoor games, but should not be worn in place of school shoes (please avoid slip-on shoes). Please ensure that uniform and PE kit, lunch boxes and coats are all named clearly.

Recommended Reads

As you know, we value reading so much at Kings Worthy and are always wanting to find new ways to encourage children to read. Reading not only enhances children's vocabulary, it improves their writing and also opens them up to new worlds and helps them learn about the world around them. On our school website, there is our 'Recommended Reads' page where you can access documents for your child's year group and the half term topic they are learning about. On the document you will find 5 age-related books recommended for your child and the topic they are learning about. These can be found online, in your local library or our school library. In addition, to help children before their topic begins, feel free to look ahead to the topics coming up so when it comes to their new topic, they will already have an insight into what they are about to learn. Happy reading!

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Recommended+Reads&pid=285>

(written by Mrs Morgan)

Parking

Message from a concerned resident regarding parking around Hinton Fields. All I can do is pass on these concerns and respectfully ask you to take care when parking in this area:

Some people park on the double yellow lines at the bottom of the junction from the school (you can't see a thing if you're crossing as there are often many vehicles parked up on and around the actual road junction), on curbs (ruining the grass) and also around the cul-de-sac in Hinton Fields which clearly says 'no parking'. Parking is limited, but it becomes almost impossible to cross especially in the morning. Some people also speed into Hinton Fields – which potentially could cause an accident both to children and/or adults alike.

Attendance

In regards to our school attendance rate we will continue to follow the most up-to-date guidance from Hampshire County Council concerning unauthorised absences and penalty notices will be issued when necessary.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) implements national regulations in relation to Penalty Notices through its Code of Conduct. In Hampshire, a Penalty Notice may be issued to parents/carers where a child has 10 unauthorised sessions within a period of 100 school sessions (This equates to 90% attendance). The 100-session period is calculated from the last day of unauthorised absence once the 10-session threshold has been met, and may inevitably straddle academic years, particularly at the start of the autumn term.

Schools should not authorise absence for holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in line with regulations. The fundamental principles of defining 'exceptional' are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.

Penalty Notices should be issued as soon as possible after the last unauthorised absence (the 10th) to allow time for the legal process to be completed.

The maximum number of Penalty Notices is two per child, per parent, during a 12-month period. If the child continues to have periods of unauthorised absence and the penalty notices have been paid (so have not effected an improvement) the case should then be referred to ALP for further legal action, such as a prosecution or an Education Supervision Order.

KEY POINTS:

Only a maximum of 5 days can be authorised by the school in **exceptional circumstances**, and this is at the discretion of the headteacher

Leave of absence for family celebrations or holidays will **not** be authorised

Penalty notices **may** be issued and parents may be fined by the local authority.

The links below offer more information on attendance and penalty notices.

Good School Attendance Guide

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/SchoolAttendanceLeafletHCC.pdf>

Information Booklet for parents on Penalty Notices

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/code-of-conduct-issuing-penalty-notices-for-unauthorised-absence-from-schools.pdf>

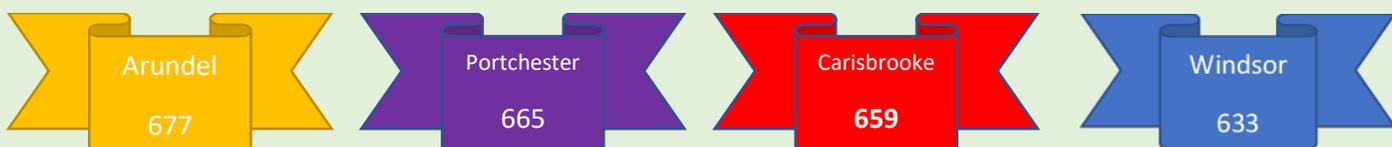
Clubs

Thank you to parents and carers who have completed the clubs bookings requests. We have now collated all the requests and teachers have allocated their spaces accordingly.

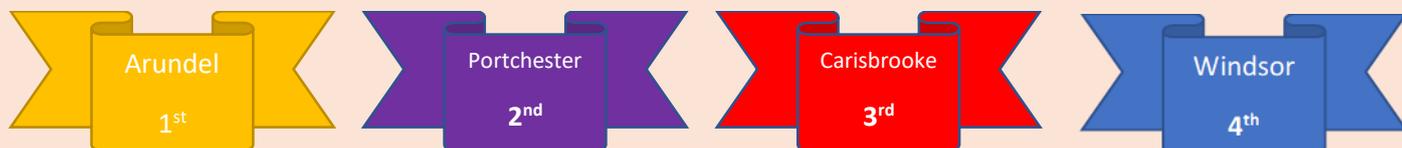
Emails will be sent by the end of the day today for any after school clubs. If you have not received an email, it does mean your child has not been allocated a space this time around. Lunchtime club confirmation, if not already received, will be completed next week.

Any clubs that were over subscribed will be run on a shorter basis to allow all children a chance to take part. You will be emailed when it is your child's turn.

House Points – Week One



House Points – Termly Places



Jamie Dodson
Headteacher