

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Hedgehogs and Rabbits

The new children arrived in Hedgehogs and Rabbits this week. They have settled in brilliantly and they are already establishing themselves incredibly well within the school.

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 his selection of 'deadly' creatures with the children. Jonathan Cleverly or 'Jungle Jonathan' has over 30 years' experience of keeping and breeding reptiles and invertebrates. He spends his time visiting schools and sharing his knowledge of his creatures and letting the children get up close and personal! The children were all incredibly brave, calm and loved the experience! They were lucky to hold a snake, tailless whip scorpion and stroke a gecko, although it wouldn't lick its eye for us! We will now be writing a set of instructions, in our English lessons, on how to wash one of these animals for Jungle Jonathan!

For the rest of our day, the children created their own bug hotels in the Woodland Walk and went bug hunting, drawing sketches of what they found!

(Written by Mrs Holloway)



Ellis: 'It was so nice to have all of the animals come to our school and learn all of the facts that we get wrong sometimes.'

Penny: 'It liked seeing all of the animals and learning what they do and what they do in the wild.'

Woody: 'I liked it when I held the tailless scorpion, it felt a bit spiky.'

Becca: 'The giant African millipede's legs felt like brushes on a tangle teaser.'

Pupil Premium

Please can I urge those families who may be entitled to free school meals to register their entitlement (please check on www.hants.gov.uk; 'education and learning', 'apply for free school meals', 'Free School Meals for pupils up to 16 years old') 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. More detail about the Pupil Premium will be sent out next week.

Safeguarding Children at Kings Worthy Primary School

Kings Worthy Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which we refer to on our website. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leader is (DSL):

Lizzie Eggleston — Deputy Headteacher

We then have the following Deputy designated safeguarding leaders:

Jamie Dodson – Head Teacher

Amy Weatherup – SENCO

Lucy Shuff – Pastoral Support & Thrive Practitioner

Our Chair of Governors is:

Mrs Caroline Horne

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the DSL's as soon as possible on the same day.

DO NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that she/he is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the head teacher in confidence (or the LADO - Local Authority Designated Officers - on 01962 876364 if the concern relates to the Head Teacher) – who will consider what action to take.

Lost Property

During the course of the year lost property becomes an increasing problem for us with many, many items being found un-named. At the end of the summer term, we had a small mountain of lost property! I would be grateful if you would ensure that all uniform is named, including shoes and PE kit.

Any named items that are found around the school will be returned to the child's classroom once found. Any un-named lost property will be placed in the Lost Property box outside of the School Library. This box is emptied at the end of every term and the items disposed of. If you retrieve any of your child's clothing or property from this box, please wash it thoroughly before using or wearing.

Summer Reading Challenge

A big well done to Nathan in 4R who completed the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays! Nathan thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, which encouraged children to read six books and take part in different activities. This is open until the 16th September, so there is still time to complete the challenge. If you completed the challenge and would like to share your picture or certificate, we would love to see it!



Maths Shed

It has been an exciting first battle for the top of the Maths Shed leader board this week for the first one of the year. 5VT managed to end far ahead of everyone else but there was a close call between second and third place. Well done to the first individual winners! Can **you** make it the top next week?

Classes

1st Place – 5VT

2nd Place – 4D

3rd Place – 3S

Individuals

1st Place – Annabel, Year 5

2nd Place – Teo, Year 4

3rd Place – Charlotte, Year 5

Blue Peter Star

Matthew (4R) entered a picture of a placemat, showing different landscapes, to Blue Peter and was awarded the famous blue badge!

"It was very exciting, but I had to wait 6 weeks for it to come. When I got it, I thought it was the white badge, but it was actually the blue badge!"

Congratulations Matthew!

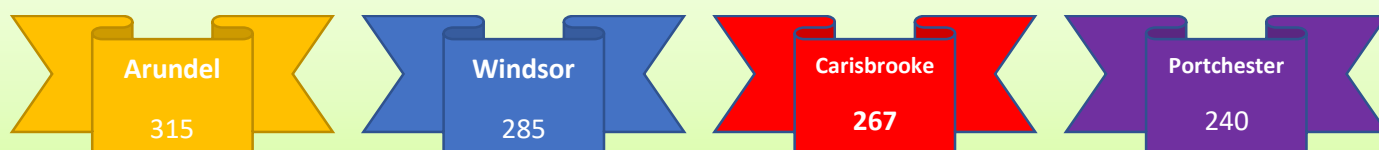


Vacancies

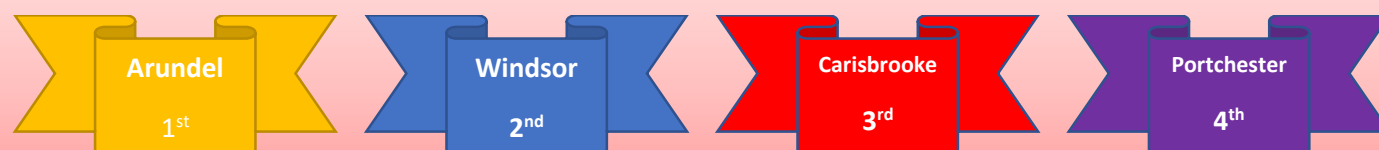
We are currently recruiting for a Breakfast club assistant to work between 2-5 mornings per week in our in house Breakfast club. If you would like to find out more about this role or know anyone that this role would suit, please visit;

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/111194/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRyaWV2ZUZpbHRIcj10cnVI>

House Points – Week One



House Points – Termly Position



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher