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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## What a Half Term!

It's been many a year since I experienced an 8-week half term and I'm sure you'll agree that the children are ready for a well-earned rest after all the hard work they have put in. Amazingly, we will be 4 days into November by the time we return and with that comes all the excitement that the run up to Christmas brings. I wish you all a restful and safe half term and I'll look forward to seeing you all on *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November*.

## **Pumpkin Walk**

What an amazing variety of ghoulish pumpkins displayed in our Woodland Walk this week. Thank you to everyone who spent the time to create a masterpiece. The talent and artistry amaze us every year.

A huge thank you to Mr Carr and Mr Barnes for preparing the Woodland Walk and carefully placing each pumpkin. Also, a massive thank you to our wonderful PTFA who were able to raise £233 from the cake sale so thank you for everyone's contributions.













### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors – Year 4 and 5

Over the past year and a half, we have successfully introduced Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to Kings Worthy, and now it is time to continue our commitment to this by opening applications for new ambassadors! This will include three children from Year 4 and three children from Year 5. This means that, children who become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in Year 4 will hold the role for two years throughout their time in Year 4 and Year 5. Children appointed in Year 5 this year, will hold this role for one year. Applications are available from class teachers in Year 4 and 5. These should be handed back to your child's class teacher, and applications will close on *Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November*. Keep an eye out for our activities during Anti-Bullying Week from *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November*. Our new ambassadors will also be involved in our assemblies during this week!







# Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

During Anti-Bullying Week we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day!** Children should still come in wearing their school uniform, but are welcome to come into school on *Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November* wearing their colourful, wacky and wonderful odd socks to celebrate our differences. We look forward to seeing some fabulous socks across school!

## <u>Diwali</u>

For all of those families celebrating Diwali next week, everyone at Kings Worthy wishes you a Diwali that brings you happiness, prosperity and joy to you and all of your family.





## Coats

As the dark nights draw in and the weather turns colder (and wetter) I will be asking teachers to check that all children have coats at break and lunch time. Children always have the opportunity to ask a member of staff if they can take their coat off if they are warm after running around. Please ensure that your child brings a named coat into school every day after half term.

## **Remembrance Day**

We will have poppies for sale from *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November*. House Captains will visit each classroom with poppies so if your child/ren would like to buy one, then please can they bring some change into school.



## Aquasplash

Yesterday, 8 children from Years 3 and 4 attended a swimming competition at Winchester Leisure Centre against other schools in Winchester. The children were entered into individual and team races and had to swim using a variety of strokes including front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke. The children swam amazingly well, were incredibly supportive and encouraging to one another and finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 schools!



## **Year 3 Outdoor Day**

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 took part in an outdoor day. We started the day off with the children going on a scavenger hunt and looking for things in the Woodland Walk that showed it was autumn. Then, we went on to do a bug hunt, looking for different bugs and creatures in the Woodland Walk. Afterwards, we created our own self-portrait using things we could find on the ground and thinking about our current artist we are exploring in art, Lucy Arnold, to create a self-portrait inspired by her







After lunch, the children made bug hotels and houses for the bugs. Some of the children also made leaf crowns using a stick and lots of leaves, while other children went on an acorn hunt, looking for where squirrels have buried their acorns for the winter. The children all had a wonderful day and there were lots of smiles everywhere!









## **Staffing News**

Everyone at Kings Worthy would like to wish Miss Shuff and her husband to be a wonderful wedding and many happy years together. After half term, Miss Shuff will return as Mrs Jardim.

Mrs Emma Myers and Miss Debi Barnes will be joining our support staff team after half term. We are very much looking forward to having them at Kings Worthy and look forward to welcoming them into our school.

## **Christmas Cards**

Please note that the online shop for the children's Christmas cards is now open until 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **Maths Shed**

What an exciting first half-term we have had reporting on Maths Shed! It was a serious battle, but here are our half-termly winners who will receive either the class trophy or a prize! Well done to all of the winners! Who is going to top our leader board at the start of next half-term?



### Classes

1<sup>st</sup> Place – **5S** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **6H** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **6C** 

## **Individuals**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Daniel**, Y6 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Violet**, Y6 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Zachary**, Y5

(written by Mrs Williamson)

## **Spelling Shed**

Wow—what an amazing effort from Year 5 this week, who have knocked 6C off the top spot. Well done to Vlad, Zoey and Violet who are on our individual leader board—Keep up the good work.

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(written by Mrs Cowling)



#### **Reading Trails**

Congratulations to the following children for completing their bronze reading trail.

Rafferty, 2MS Freya, 2MS Polly, 3B Noah, 3B Louis, 3B Emmeline, 4R Isabelle K, 6H

There is plenty of time still to complete the reading trails. Don't forget to bring them back to the library to receive your first badge and the next trail in the competition.

Happy Reading Mrs Sibbons & Mrs Atkins

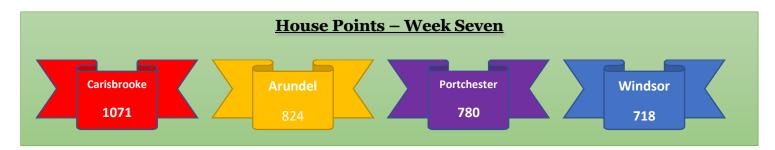
## **Lost Property**

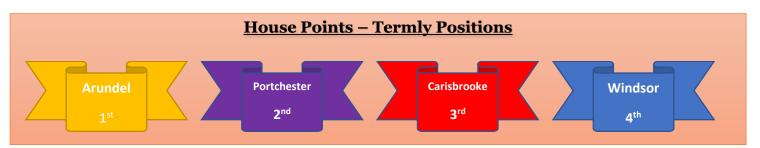
As I am sure you can imagine, there has been a significant amount of lost property that has piled up over this half term. Over the next week, please may we ask that either your child or yourself check your children's items that they bring into school to ensure they are clearly named. This will make returning lost items much easier if we know who they belong to. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Year 6 Parents—Secondary School Applications

Here is the link for Hampshire School Admission for moving into Year 7 and Secondary School. The closing date is **31**<sup>st</sup> **October 2024** for your online submission.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7





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