



# Newsletter

December 2024

## Values for December: Understanding

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been another wonderfully busy term at Kington Primary School, and we wanted to share some particularly memorable moments and some important dates for the Spring term with you.

Please also remember to visit our school website, the weekly blog helps families to keep up to date with events from each week and the 'supporting the curriculum' section can help with ideas for completing learning activities at home including reading. We are currently in the process of redesigning and relaunching our website and look forward in the New Year to sharing this with you all.

This term it has also been so exciting to offer parent workshops for phonics and early reading, maths and Y6 SATS with our families and we thank everyone who was able to attend and for the feedback from these opportunities. Look out for additional workshops in the spring term.

As the winter break approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during this term. Mrs Bretherton continues to recover and recuperate and has been so proud to hear about our amazing Christmas performances and achievements which we celebrated in our certificate assembly.

Everyone at Kington Primary School would like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday and Christmas.

*Mrs Welson – Deputy Head*

**Attendance Update** This term we have introduced weekly class awards for the best collective attendance. The prize each week is for an extra playtime! The children are really engaged with this and always congratulate the class who achieves this award. Mild symptoms, such as a runny nose or stomach discomfort should not prevent your child from attending school. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are unsure if your child should attend or not. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## Spring Term 2025 - Dates Coming Up

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – All back to school*

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Climate workshop with 'Hands Up'.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Vision Screening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – school nurse drop in

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Parent Forum 2.30pm, all welcome.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Enrichment 3

*Week of 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half term holiday*

Thursday and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March – Courtyard theatre working with each class.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day celebrations

Week of 1<sup>st</sup> April – Bike-ability Year 5

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – annual reports home.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Evenings

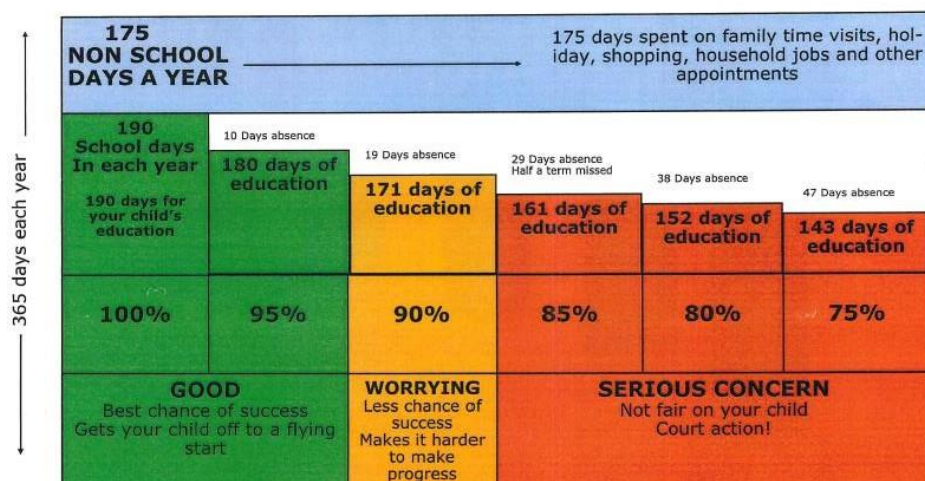
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Enrichment 4

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – end of term

*Easter Holidays 14<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April*

Summer Term starts on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve
- Every school day counts

## Other news...

### Sports News at KPS

We have had a super start to the term with lots of sports going on across school. Our Sports Premium money continues to support our Superstars teacher, who this term is Mr Greg Spencer. He has worked with all classes alongside class teachers to support their PE teaching aiming to motivate and develop our children's PE skills and understanding.

In addition, our budget has supported another very successful Mitchell Hamer football and netball tournament with the medals and tournament awards, this is such an important and proud morning of sport for our school and it is great to be able to support this competition in this way. This year our netball team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and were very excited with their medals!

We continue to develop and promote all different types of physical activities and we were able to attend the Here Girls Can festival with all of our Y6 girls attending, this was a really enjoyable and important day to be part of.

In recognition of our high-quality PE we were awarded the platinum sports award and this was presented to us at an award ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Hereford, our 2 Y6 representatives were so proud to receive the award on everyone's behalf. Our award was achieved through our play leaders programme and sports council work and both continue to be vital parts of our school. Our KS2 have held a sports council activity competition with prizes having been awarded this week to the proud winners.

## Friends of KPS

We have had a very busy term.

In early November we had our disco which the children loved and we raised a fantastic **£421.03**.

At the end of November, we held our Christmas Bingo which raised **£359.71**.

We have also had a uniform sale and have finished the term off with a Chocolate & sweet Tombola with another uniform sale running alongside. In addition to this we have raised approx **£200** through Class Fundraising and **£159** through Asda Rewards.

We are very pleased that we have been able to donate coats to school through the 'No Cold Child' scheme, paid for a camera for year 3, talking puzzle box and supported the coach travel for the Year 5 & 6 trip.

We were able to heavily subsidise the Pantomime in early December 'Cinderella' which was a huge hit with the children and we are hoping to book the company again next year.

'Friends of KPS' would like to thank you for all your support and we look forward to lots more fun and some great events in 2025!

## Uniform Update

Thank you for supporting us by following our uniform policy (please find on website) but please can we ensure children are only wearing sports hoodies and trainers on PE days and school jumpers and school shoes on non-PE days.

We understand that children keep growing so please do come and ask at the office if you would like to look at our pre-worn uniform selection which are available to buy.

Children should wear plain dark or white socks or tights too please.

## Values

*January – Hope*

*February – Trust*

*March – Courage and Perseverance*

*April – Respect*

*May – Cooperation*

*June – Responsibility*

*July – bring all the values together*

*September – Kindness and Friendship*

*October – Honesty*

*November – Peace*

*December - Understanding*

*We believe it is essential to have a core set of values that we can all share together. We talk about them in our class and whole school assemblies as well as in our PSHE lessons. Much of our discussions with children centre on these values so everyone understands our expectations.*

*Alongside these focus values we follow 3 whole school rules: **Ready, Respectful and Safe.***

*All of our children are able to demonstrate these rules and values in an age appropriate way across our school and we are very proud of them all.*

Please ensure all **pupils' earrings** are small, plain studs so they are safe and practical in line with our school uniform policy. Anything else is too great a risk as it can easily catch on clothing during playtimes and cause injury to your child and others.

Thank you for your cooperation in this health and safety matter.

Here are some special memories from our amazing Christmas performances.

