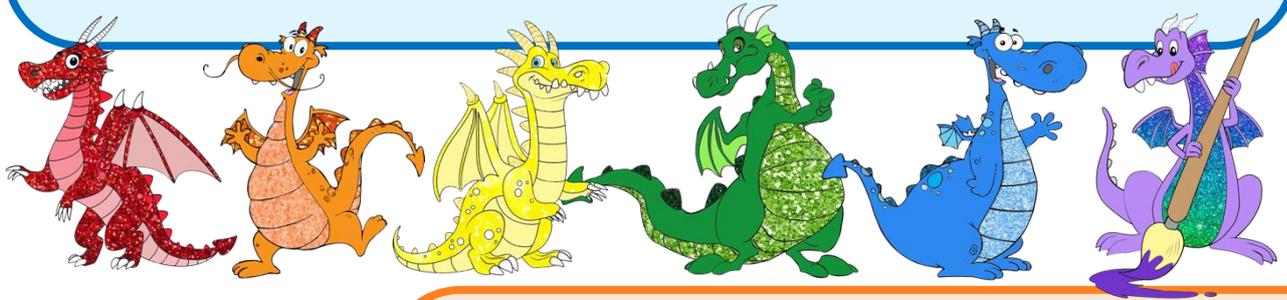


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter!

As we move further into the autumn term we are continuing to make exciting changes, including beginning refurbishments on the school building, including an update to our EYFS outdoor space. We are also planning our Christmas events and have included these dates for you today!



### Diary Dates

New EYFS Open Evening: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Cosy Read: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Infant Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Junior Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (Years 3 & 5),  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (Years 4 & 6)

### *Anti-Bullying Week*



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

The theme of this week was 'One Kind Word', where children were asked to consider how kindness can impact positively on our day.

As part of anti-bullying week, we are now working with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to become a [United Against Bullying](#) school. We are reviewing our anti-bullying policies and conducting pupil surveys to establish current issues and strengths of the school to help us to improve the experiences of all our pupils. There is an [online tool](#) to support parent and carer understanding of bullying, and gives a clear definition of what bullying is:

**Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.**

It can be verbal, physical or psychological. It can happen online or face to face.

You can find our current anti-bullying policies on our [website](#).



Some of the Year 6 work on Anti-Bullying.

**Help Needed!**  
In Year 1 we are learning all about toys from the past. If anyone would like to lend us some items to look at then we would be very grateful.  
(We promise to keep them safe!)

## Lost Property

We have a significant number of jumpers in our school lost property. We will be bringing this onto the playgrounds next week for parents to search.

Any unclaimed jumpers will be washed and dried, and children who are not in school wearing their school jumper will be loaned one of these to wear.

## Holiday Homework Challenge

A belated well done to our worthy winners of the Holiday Homework Challenge. We were so impressed with how many children (and adults) attempted the tasks and loved seeing the photos!



## Reading

Reading remains to be a top priority for us at King's Academy College Park. All children in the junior school are now engaged in the [Accelerated Reader](#) programme.

**Accelerated Reader puts students in the driver's seat. The school will guide students, while engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice—encouraging growth.**

In Year 2 our pupils have just completed their phonics assessments and we have been incredibly impressed with how well that have done! This will help them with their reading as they move through the school.

## Website

You can now find information about our weekly celebration assembly certificate winners on our website!

## A note from our PTA



### Great South Run



Mrs Carlyle, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Latham and Friends of KACP members successfully completed the 10 mile Great South Run on Sunday 17th October.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the team. A wonderful £142 was raised for Friends of KACP.

With additional thanks to Libby Edwards Photography for producing the wonderful photo of our teachers in training, [www.libbyedwardsphotography.co.uk](http://www.libbyedwardsphotography.co.uk)

### Cauldron Challenges

We would like to thank all of those that took part in the Cauldron Challenges this year. Well done for your beautiful and creative artwork. We raised a grand total of £186. Well done to our winners:

#### Creative Chris's Cauldron Challenge:

##### Best Decorated:

Year R Franklin J (Butterflies)

Year 1 Leo K (Hedgehogs)

Year 2 George G (Snow Leopards)

##### Most Cauldrons Found:

Albert R (Butterflies)

Posy R (Tigers)



#### Charlie's Cauldron Challenge:

##### Best Decorated:

Year 3 Ruby B (Redgrave)

Year 4 Cerys G (Akabusi)

Year 5 Maisie C (Fiennes)

Year 6 Eleanor R (Pankhurst)

##### Potion Game Winner:

Maddison R (Ennis-Hill)



This challenge would not be possible without the kind offers from school families to display clues in their front windows to help children complete the amazing online game kindly created and hosted by Eidos Consulting [www.eidosconsulting.co.uk](http://www.eidosconsulting.co.uk)



If you would like to be added to join the Friends of KACP WhatsApp group or would like to make a donation to Friends of KACP, please contact us at [friendsofcpljschools@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcpljschools@gmail.com)

## Staff update

Since the last newsletter we have unfortunately said goodbye to two members of the infant support staff team - Mrs Fletcher (working across the school) and Miss Davies (Dragonfly class). They have both chosen to have a change of career and we wish them well in their future endeavours. They will be greatly missed!

## Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for:

- School Cleaners
- Midday Supervisors
- Learning Support Assistants

Please check the school website for more information.

## Parental Conduct

As we work with our children to learn about the correct way to deal with conflict in school, we appreciate your support in modelling these behaviours.

Parents and carers are asked to be mindful of the way they conduct themselves when on the school site.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that dogs are **not permitted** on the school grounds.

## Music

As we are unable to host our parents as we would wish to this Christmas, we would like to invite parents to a short musical performance for each year group on the school playgrounds.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4 and Year 2

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5 and Year 1

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 and Year R

The Infant School year groups will perform at 9.15am and the Junior School year groups will perform at 9.45am.

In addition to this, Year 4 We will also be involved with The Portsmouth Music Hub once more, for a Christmas performance.

*Thank you as always for your continued support and patience as we move through times of change at King's Academy College Park!*

*Mrs Carlyle*

