



## KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so good to see so many parents at school yesterday for World Book Day, even though I had heard that some of the older children had banned their parents from coming in! It is always great to see so many of you in the school sharing your children's learning.

Unwanted calls – It has been brought to my attention that some parents have received voicemail messages about the conduct of the children either at school or in the wider community. Listening to them, I suspect that they are AI generated and somebody's terrible idea of a joke. Please be assured that if we had any serious concerns about a child we would ensure that we would talk directly to parents. Also, please remember that if you have any concerns or worries, your first port of call is your child's teacher. Mr Harrison, Miss Martyn and I can always be contacted via the school office, if you need to discuss something.

As you know, if your child is ill or will not be at school for any other reason, you should ring us on every day of their absence. The office staff text parents who have not reported their child's absence to say that they are not at school. It is vitally important that all parents respond to these messages. The system is designed to safeguard children. If children are not at school and parents have not told us that they are absent, we do not know that they are safe. Occasionally, when children have arrived late and missed registration, we have sent texts unnecessarily and caused a brief period of worry while somebody has popped to the class from the office to check. We are working hard to ensure that this doesn't happen, but we would always prefer to be over cautious, rather than having a child missing without anyone know where they are.

### Foundation

Acorn and Conker class have been very busy at Forest School. Some children have built dens to protect them from the storms. Others have worked hard to climb the steep slopes, and then slide down them! A group of children have been working on 'maintenance' and have used tools to cut back brambles.

We have also been looking for signs of Spring. We walked around the school and spotted daffodils shooting from the ground and buds on the trees. We've scattered some wildflower seeds and we are waiting patiently for them to grow. This week we made signs to encourage people to walk carefully around our flower bed.



## World Book Day

Reading is our number one priority at Kingsbridge Primary School and so of course, we celebrated World Book Day 2024 in style. All classes were invited to wear something that represents a book that is special to them and the turnout was spectacular. I hope you can pick your character out from our whole-school photograph! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came into the school at the start of the day; it was wonderful to see over a hundred of you sharing books with the pupils and seeing the energy and enthusiasm they have for their favourite books and the wonderful characters contained within. Thank you also, to those who have sent their reading pics in for our display; there's still time to do so if you haven't already through Tapestry (Reception - Year 3) or via email (Year 4 - Year 6) at [reading@kingsbridge-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:reading@kingsbridge-pri.devon.sch.uk)



## PTFA

Please note a couple of additions to the calendar. The PTFA Uniform and Fun Food Sale on Friday 22nd March after school, and the Year 3 Cake Sale on Friday 15th March.

## Forest School Lunchtimes

Cedar and Elder classes will be going next week. Children in these classes will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. They will also need a packed lunch. For children in receipt of free school meals or any children who would like to buy one, these can be provided by the school kitchen. If you would like a school packed lunch, please tell your child's teacher no later than Monday.

# Celebration Assembly, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## Congratulations to our CARE Champions

<b>Acorn</b>	Zach	<b>Conker</b>	Georgina
<b>Beech</b>	Josie	<b>Birch</b>	Billy G
<b>Cedar</b>	Louis	<b>Cypress</b>	Jessica
<b>Elm</b>	Marlow	<b>Elder</b>	Enya
<b>Holly</b>	Olivia	<b>Hawthorn</b>	Neve
<b>Pine</b>	Betty	<b>Poplar</b>	Arthur
<b>Oak</b>	Emily	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Maddie



## Star Class – Oak

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Howells'.

Gareth Howells  
Headteacher

**Attachments:** - Send Signpost,  
SWIFT ITT Advert  
Bags 2 School  
HAF 1  
HAF 2

### Dates for your Diary – 2024

<b>DAY/S</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags 2 School
Friday	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Year 3 Cake Sale
Saturday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents/Teachers</b>	PTFA Silent Disco
Thursday	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Various</b>	Spring Concert
Friday	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Uniform/Fun Food Sale
Thursday	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Thursday	<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Fun Food Sale
Wednesday – Friday	<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Residential
Monday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday – Friday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2</b>	SATS Week
Monday & Tuesday	<b>20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	3.45 – 4.15 Open Classrooms
Thursday	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA School Disco
Monday – Friday	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Monday – Monday	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Multiplication Check
Thursday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Tempest whole school photo
Monday	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Tempest Class Photos
Monday – Friday	<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	Phonics Screening Check
Friday	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Summer Fair
Friday	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Sports Day
Friday	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rec – Year 5</b>	Reports Out – Not Year 6
Friday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Fun Food Sale
Tuesday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags 2 School
Friday	<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday - Friday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Big Step programme at KCC