



King's Court First School

A School for Children
Caring, Sharing and Learning Together
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank-you to everyone who attended our first King's Court coffee morning! We celebrated our theme, I belong here with wonderful art work from the children! We continue to promote our messages of positivity and support for the children's well-being in school. We have created a new tab on the website to promote feeling happy and safe in school. Take a look by following the link below:

[I Belong Here | King's Court First School](#)



Thank-you also to everyone who has attended the Book Fair or the Book Looks this week. It has been lovely to see so many parents around the school.

Christmas has officially started in school on Monday! Don't forget that the Christmas post box opened on Monday, so the children can bring in their cards to post.

Christmas performances are taking place on the week beginning 9th December. In preparation for these, the teachers have posted on class pages for you to sign up to attend. We do have a maximum capacity for the hall of 80 therefore we can only accommodate 2 adults per family across both performances. Therefore, if you would like to attend both performances we would only be able to issue one space per performance.

We will be offering these based on a first come first serve basis. This will then be transferred on to a sign in sheet at the office on entry to performance. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

A big Thank you to Mr. Dodds our Chair of Governors for our lovely Christmas Tree. It smells gorgeous! Have a wonderful Christmassy weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

We have been reading Stickman, we have been freeze framing some of the scenes such as being lost in the snow and being back in the family tree. We have been learning new vocabulary and exploring the different meanings of words from the story Elmer such as gasped and burst.

As mathematicians, we have consolidated our understanding of numbers 1- 5 and the composition of numbers. We have enjoyed games such as how many of the 3/4/5 bean bags can we get in the hoop and how many land outside of the hoop. We introduced part whole models to record this. We have also explored how squares are special rectangles.

During our outdoor learning sessions, we created bird feeders and now they have set we have hung them in a few trees around the school. We hope the birds (and squirrels) enjoy them!

This week in Team Believe:

We were all very excited to start our week with an assembly delivered by Beth Tweddle introducing a up and coming gymnastics group that she is coaching. Squirrel class were very excited to show off the skills they have been learning during gymnastics sessions this term. As writers the children have completed their final piece of work based on how to make a salt dough decoration which they have also completed in a practical session. As historians the children have sequenced the events of the Great Fire of London and explored more of Samuel Pepys diary describing the fire.

As Historians, in Hedgehogs, the children have been thoroughly enjoying their learning on Windsor Castle which will culminate in our trip to the castle with Squirrels. (Please see letter sent this week.) As scientists we have been learning why leaves change colour in the autumn. As designers we created levers, designing an animal to move through a habitat, we linked this to our instruction writing in English. We have started our end of term quizzes in maths to show what we have learnt this term.

This week in Team Inspire:

We have entered full Christmas mode! The children across the team have been working really hard on rehearsals for our upcoming performance of 'The Fleece Force' which we will be showcasing to you on Wednesday next week. As writers, Owl class have been creating their Christmas themed board game to write a set of instructions about for their hot task, whilst Deer class will be making a Christmas decoration to write instructions on how to make. As mathematicians, both classes have been working on acquiring and developing their times tables knowledge and using this to apply into multiplication and word problems. We will be coming to the end of our units of History where Owl Class will finish their learning about the Egyptians, and Deers will be completing their work around Ancient Civilisations. As we go into the final couple of weeks of term, the children will be completing their end of term quizzes to see how much progress they have made since September in reading, writing and maths.



Children's Corner



Celebrating books doesn't just need to be saved for World book days. How do you celebrate and enjoy reading? If you are inspired by reading, just as Matilda is, maybe you would like to create your own reading project. It could be a story box with one of your favourite scenes, a place to keep a list of all your favourite stories/books, dressing up as your favourite characters and acting out scenes. We would love to see whatever is you do to celebrate your love of reading!

A polite reminder

We are a NUT FREE school (including chocolate spread) and encourage children to eat a healthy pack lunch and therefore ask that children do not have chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. We have children with a severe nut allergy and it is important that the children do not come in to contact with them. Thank you for your help. We have created a small slip which will be sent home in lunch boxes as a reminder if these items are included. Many Thanks.

We are a nut free School



We have children with severe nut allergies that attend our school. To keep everybody safe please ensure no nut products are sent in to school.

Christmassy Children's Corner

Christmas quiz

1. What date is Christmas?

- A. 25th December
- B. 25th September
- C. 31st December

2 What kind of tree do we decorate at Christmas?

- A. Apple tree
- B. Oak tree
- C. Fir tree



CHRISTMAS DATES

KS2 Christmas Performance	11 th December 2024
Morning Performance	9.15am – 10.00am
Evening Performance	17.15pm – 18.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day	12 th December 2024
KS1 & EY Christmas Performance	12 th December 2024
Morning Performance	9.15am - 9.45am
Evening Performance	17.15pm – 17.45pm
I Rock Concert	16 th December 2024
Children's show	14.00pm
Parents Show	14.30pm
Christmas Parties	18 th December 2024
Mufti Day	20 th December 2024
Christmas Lunch	20 th December 2024
End of Term	20 th December 2024 13.30pm Finish

Addressing Concerns Regarding Aggressive Behaviour and Unsafe Parking



As a valued part of our community, King's Court is committed to fostering a safe and harmonious environment for everyone in the area, including our students, parents, and local residents.

A polite reminder to address concerns about recent incidents of aggressive behaviour and unsafe parking outside the school during pick-up times. These behaviours have raised safety risks for children and other road users, as well as caused unnecessary tension in the community.

We kindly remind all parents, and visitors to observe the following guidelines to ensure everyone's safety and well-being:

Parking Etiquette: Please park only in designated areas and avoid blocking driveways, access roads, or pedestrian crossings. Illegal or obstructive parking creates hazards and disrupts the flow of traffic.

Respectful Communication: We urge everyone to interact courteously with school staff, other parents, and fellow residents. Aggressive or confrontational behaviour will not be tolerated and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Patience and Understanding: Drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, and delays may occur. Your cooperation and patience can greatly help in maintaining a safe and orderly environment.

We are actively working on solutions to improve traffic flow and parking arrangements around the school. This includes inviting our local community warden to visit the school at drop off time, Your support is vital in ensuring that the school remains a safe space for all. If you have suggestions or wish to discuss any concerns, please contact the school.

A polite reminder that the pavements are for walking on, if cars are parked on them, it is very difficult for everyone to safely walk on.

Is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools?

Yes, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter. Together, we can build a respectful and safe environment for everyone in our community.

Attendance Reminder

There is strong evidence of a pattern of higher absence on Fridays and in the final week of term. Christmas time can be a particular risk as families are very busy preparing for the festive season. Many children's attendance percentage is very good. However, sometimes illness or family circumstances can affect a child's attendance. Please see the tips below which outlines why it is important for the children to be in school every day:

- Our curriculum maps continue the learning through Christmas themes in the last few weeks
- Lessons build on what children already know and missing one may make tomorrow's lesson more difficult
- One day could be as many as seven missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extracurricular activities
- It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature
- School is an enriching environment that can help your child with their social and mental wellbeing

We know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child. You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.

Congratulations to our Top Table 04/12/2024



We would like to thank Ms. Bryan and all her colleagues at ICTS

On behalf of King's Court First School, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of physical education equipment to our school. Your thoughtful contribution is a testament to your commitment to the well-being and development of our children. Physical education plays a vital role in promoting a healthy lifestyle and fostering teamwork, discipline, and confidence in our students. Your donation will make a lasting impact by enhancing our PE program and providing our students with the resources they need to engage in meaningful and enjoyable activities.

Your support is not just an investment in equipment but in the future of our children, empowering them to reach their full potential. We are truly fortunate to have community partners like ICTS, who share in our mission to create a nurturing and enriching educational environment.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the future. Our Sports Leaders are delighted with the equipment and we will share the good news with the school during assembly.



Friends of Kings Court Update



The start of each academic year can sometimes be a challenge for The Friends of Kings Court as we see parents move on as their child changes school but it's also a great time to welcome new people. Thank you to those of you who continue to offer their support and for everyone who has reached out to understand more about how the Friends of Kings Court (KC) raise money.

The main purpose of the Friends of KC is to raise funds for our school to buy things which will benefit the children, that our school would otherwise not be able to afford within their own budget and funding. This is mainly achieved by running numerous events throughout the academic year which we try to aim towards the children themselves. Historically these have included doughnut sales, discos, raffles and previously our Spring Fayre etc. These events are just not possible without the support of our amazing parents, carers and teachers who help to organise, publicise, and run the events.

So far this Academic Year we have:

Welcomed the new Robin Class to Kings Court;

Thanks to previous years fundraisers we have been able to put together a little welcome gift for new parents and carers and give each child a book which was given out at Harvest Assembly



Curriculum Evening

It was a pleasure to have been asked to attend the Curriculum evening and share some of the things the Friends of Kings Court do.

Thank you to everyone who came and chatted to us – **you helped us raise £116.96**

Bake Sale

To celebrate National Baking Week, the children excelled themselves and made various cakes and cookies at home. We saw Halloween themed; delicious cupcakes; tray bakes; gluten and dairy free options.

Thank you to all the children who made this possible – congratulations to the winners and **you helped raise £195.20**

So what is coming up with the Friends of Kings Court?

Each term/year we aim to focus our fundraising efforts towards a particular goal for the benefit of the children.

As you may remember, last year our funds were put towards the new play equipment in the KS2 playground.

This term our events will be aimed at raising funds to be able to have a Christmas pantomime put on at the school for all the children to watch during the last week of term. The school will share more details on this in due course.

Annual General Meeting:

Each year, we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting in order to report on the previous year. Please keep an eye out for the date and we will look forward to anyone who would like to attend and input into this year's planning as well.

Our Festive Events:

We have a busy festive season coming up and wanted to share some dates for the diary (please note: these dates are still to be confirmed and may change slightly):

- Teas & Coffees at Christmas Performances: Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December
- Santa Dash (our annual sponsored dash): Monday 16th December
- Decorations at Christmas Lunch: Friday 20th December
- Christmas Raffle (your chance to win some great prizes): drawn on Friday 20th December
- Book Sale: date TBC (a great chance to get some second-hand books for Christmas presents!)

As ever, if you are able to support with the organisation of any of these events, any help is greatly appreciated. We will update with more details as they become available.

If you would like to join our WhatsApp group – please scan the QR code below:

