



King's Court First School
A School for Children
Caring, Sharing and Learning Together
Issue 1, Autumn 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have come back to school beautifully and settled into their new classes. We would like to share a huge welcome to our new families who have joined King's Court! The school is looking bright and fresh, thanks to the hard work from Mr and Mrs. McBride, the office team and our teachers who ensured that we were ready for the children returning to school in September. Everyone has adapted to the building works that are happening across the site and the children have been very careful when they go out to play. Pick up and drop off is working beautifully. We would like to extend a big thank-you to everyone for being so accommodating. With our new fencing and roofing, the school will look much better when the works are complete. At the moment, the roofing work is predicted to go on until October/November – weather depending.

We would also like to extend our warm welcome to Old Windsor Pre-School who have moved into the Otter Classroom. The children will be starting school next Monday, so we are really looking forward to having a new community working with our school. Mrs Emily Wade and her team will ensure that the children settle into their new classroom as they start a new journey at King's Court.

Our attendance is currently 96.3%, a good start! Let's keep this up throughout the year. Last term I sent our information about the new attendance legislation from the Government which came out in August 2024. If 10 sessions are missed (5 full days), (1 session = morning attendance/1 session = afternoon attendance, so 1 day is 2 sessions) a fine will be issued from the borough. As always, we will work supportively with our families for the best outcomes to ensure the children are in school where ever possible. In case you missed it, we have issued the information later on in this newsletter.

The policies, including the new attendance policy have been updated on the website with our safeguarding policy for 2024 in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education. Please follow the link below to access the policies.

[Policies | King's Court First School \(kingscourtfirst.co.uk\)](https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/policies)

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher sessions yesterday and we have enjoyed reading your feedback on the questionnaires. Thank-you for coming in to join us! If you would like to find out a little more about our curriculum, simply control/click here: [Curriculum | King's Court First School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum)

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?



Team Magic:

We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring both inside and outside the classroom during our visit days this week. Next week we look forward to staying for lunch and our first full day!



Team Believe:



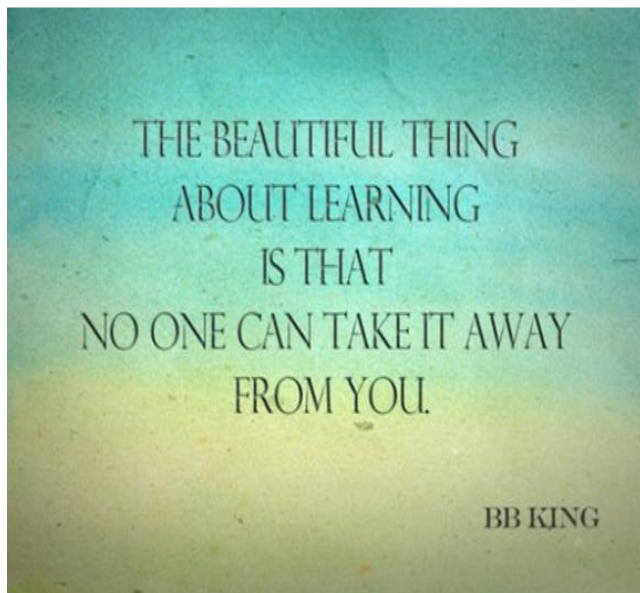
A fantastic first week back exploring and playing with new and old friends. The children are really excited to be back in school and enjoying our outside areas.

Team Inspire:



A huge welcome back to Team Inspire! It has been amazing to hear about all of your adventures. Both classes have come back raring to go. This term as writers we will be looking at poetry, as mathematicians we will be focusing on place value and as scientists we will be concentrating on animals.

Children's Corner



Pupil Premium

Is your child eligible to receive additional funding to support them within school?

Have you had a change in circumstances that may mean your child is now eligible?

Please head to the school website, about us tab and pupil premium to find out a little more about if your child qualifies and how we use the funding.

Miss Powell is our Pupil Premium lead and is happy to support or answer any questions you may have.

Healthy Schools

Water only in class water bottles

No chocolate or sweets within pack lunches

Helping your child: If your child is worrying lots about something, feeling anxious or down, the NHS provide advice for parents. Please follow the link below...

[Advice for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Top Table

The Top Table is returning next week. This an opportunity for the children to have lunch with Mrs. Pye-Beraet. The lunch team will be looking out for children who are being 'ready, respectful and safe' at lunchtimes across the classes from reception to year 4!

Don't forget that children in reception to year 2 receive a universal free school meal. We are a healthy school and encourage the children to have a healthy lunch box. We are a **no nut** school to ensure children with nut allergies are safe in school (this includes chocolate spread) and a no chocolate policy to keep us healthy.

NEW: lunchtime cups for classes next week!



September

INSET DAY

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Tue 2024

September

TERM STARTS

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Wed 2024

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Meet the Teacher

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Thu 2024

15:30 to 16:00

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National Read A Book Day

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Early Years Meeting 3.30pm

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Jeans For Genes Day

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Year 4 Bikeability

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Early Years Phonics Meeting 3.30pm

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

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Year 4 Mini Trip Traffic Light Survey on The Straight Road

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Mon 2024

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Curriculum Stalls 3-4pm and 6-7pm

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Parent teacher consultations

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Harvest Assemblies This Week

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Mon 2024

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TERM ENDS

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Term Ends - Normal Time - Mufti Day

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Fri 2024

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19th August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence. The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issues Per Parent, Per Child. For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Attendance Information to Parents from RBWM

Changes to the Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices from Autumn 2024

From Autumn 2024 there are significant changes in the way that penalty notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them.

The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of term time holiday plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the registers close). These sessions can be consecutive or can now span across different terms or school years.

When the threshold has been met the school will either offer appropriate support if appropriate or immediately issue a penalty notice if it is the best available tool to improve a pupil's attendance.

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Penalty Notices

From Autumn 2024 only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent/guardian in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice is charged at a higher rate.

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

If the penalty notice is not paid by the end of the 28-day period, the local authority will decide either to prosecute for the original offence to which the notice applies, or withdraw the notice. Parent(s) can only be prosecuted if 28 days have expired, and full payment has not been made. There is no right of appeal against a penalty notice. DfE Blog for parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



Heritage Open Day

Royal Holloway, University of London

Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX

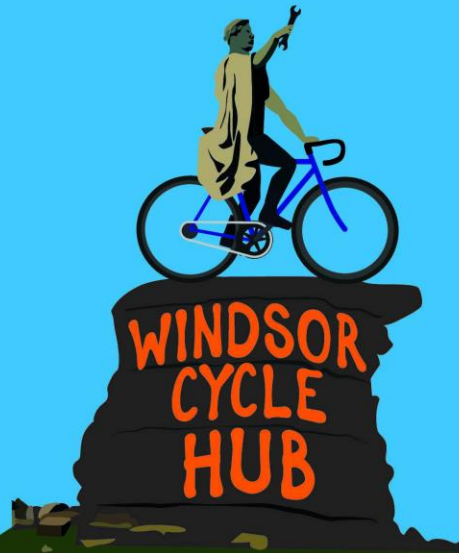
Sunday 15 September, 9.30am-4.30pm

Go to a special children's talk on our amazing paintings and find university mascot Colossus the Bear on a family trail around campus.

royalholloway.ac.uk/events


heritage open days

Pedal To The Park



For a family friendly celebration of cycling

- PrizeTreasure Hunt
- Easy Cycle Routes
- Try a Bike
- Bike Skills Challenges
- Picnic in the park

Sunday, 15th September 2024, 11am – 3pm

The Village Green, by the Post Office, Windsor Great Park

Meet at Stag Meadow from 10.30am

Book now using this QR Code, or the Bitly link:

**we are
cycling
UK**



bit.ly/49Vskq2

For more info, visit our website or follow us:



WindsorCycleHub.org



[@WindsorCycleHub](https://twitter.com/WindsorCycleHub)

See us every Saturday from 11am at The Swan, Windsor SL4 5JG

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY

IN SUPPORT OF
Beat
Eating disorders

Slough Refugee Support

RESTART AFRICA

RAINBOW TRUST
SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH A SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD

ETON ACTION FAIR

ETON COLLEGE
11AM-4PM
SAT 14th SEPTEMBER

- * Games and Stalls
- * Performances
- * Charitable Causes
- * Local Artisans

ADULT £3
CHILDREN £2
All entry fees go to charity



Friends of King's Court First School Update: Looking forward to the year ahead!

We hope everyone has had a lovely Summer break and the children have settled in well to the new school year. We are looking forward to another busy year with the Friends of King's Court First School (our new look PTA!) and raising lots more funds to help support activities and materials for the children.

Here are some of the items that we funded last year:

- Wildlife Camera
- Class 'Kitty's' so each teacher can purchase resources for their classes each term
- Swimming transport
- Christmas Party decorations and supplies
- History Workshop
- Science Assembly
- Books for the Reception new starters

Our first update for this year is that we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** TBC. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on last year as well as detail the funds raised, how they were spent and importantly, our plans for this coming year. We welcome all members of the school community to attend. It offers an opportunity for you to inform this next year, in terms of fundraising events and how the funds are used.

Here is a look at some of our other upcoming events:

Friday 29th September – World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Date TBC (October) – School Disco

More detailed information for each of these events will follow separately.

As ever, the success of our group and its fundraising efforts is driven by the pool of amazing volunteers who offer their time and support. If you would like to get involved (in any way!), please do join our WhatsApp group to find out more.



Scan the QR code:

