



Newsletter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the new academic year 2024/2025. I hope you have all had the opportunity to have an enjoyable and restful break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school and I must say that they have settled back into the daily routines very quickly. The children in EYFS who started this week have also made an excellent start to the year so well done to them too.

The last academic year was extremely busy for everyone but a successful one, in so many ways and I would like to thank everyone for making it happen; parents, staff and children. The hard work to get this year off to a brilliant start has already begun and in doing so we of course aim to ensure the high quality of education we offer and standards we achieve, continue to be maintained.

Our provision in EYFS has been a particular focus for us recently, so there have been a number of changes introduced. In addition to the staffing changes, we have re-organised the classes so that the Nursery rooms are located next to each other. Much has been altered internally to provide spacious, vibrant and exciting learning areas. When you drop off/pick up your children you will have also seen the additional resources that further enhance our outdoor provision in Early Years.

I would also like to mention that we are introducing a new phonics/early reading approach which the staff have recently received training for. The approach uses a scheme called 'Little Wandle' which we will begin in the next few weeks. If your child is in Early Years and Key Stage 1 then you will be provided with further information in relation to this.

We are delighted to announce that our **enrichment programme** which takes place each Tuesday, after school, is being extended so that we can offer more activities. To begin with we are adding a sports club for our Year 6 pupils this half term, with other year groups having the opportunity to participate during the year.

Trips/visits/visitors to school to broaden children's learning experiences and make learning fun and enjoyable are continually being explored so be assured that your child will have access to a wide range of opportunities, here at King's Hill.

We have the author, Matt Goodfellow here this week who will no doubt inspire our children with his amazing books on offer and will be signing them for anyone who buys one. We have invited an Olympian athlete, Jemima Yeats-Brown to join us and speak to the children about her experiences, which will be great for the children.

The 'A' Stars programme that we are involved in, begins soon so we will be contacting you about the different ways in which the children and parents can participate, so please look out for the information.

Our residential trip for Year 6 pupils in July 2024 was extremely successful so we are looking at offering it again for our current Year 6 pupils. Further information will follow and if your child is in Year 6 you will be invited to attend a parent workshop regarding the trip, very soon.

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We will be appointing our School Council members and House Team Captains and Vice-Captains this half term – the children are so excited about the elections taking place in school this week. They look forward to the fact that they are able to engage in discussions and conversations that have an impact across the school.

The importance of excellent **attendance and punctuality** cannot be stressed enough as we want all children to have full access to learning. Please ensure your child arrives on time in the morning so that they do not miss any crucial learning time. We have a drop-off window of 15 minutes from 8.30am to give everyone time to come into school. **As you are aware we are compliant with the local authority's attendance policies and changes have been made for this academic year. Further details will be communicated this week.**

Please note that staff are always present at the gate entrances in the morning and end of the day. If you have any queries or concerns then do speak to a member of staff or ask to speak to someone in the main office.

We would like to welcome our new staff members who have joined us this September and wish them the very best as they begin their time here at King's Hill.

We look forward to working with you for the coming academic year, which once again, will be fantastic.

Mrs N. Matharu
Executive Headteacher

British Cycling Sessions

Limited spaces for Year 5 & Year 6 pupils have been allocated. Your child would have been notified if they have been chosen by their class teacher. On Friday 13th a session throughout the morning will commence where pupils will be engaging in skills and games and / or learning to ride a bike.



After-School Clubs

Artsmark Enrichment Activities for Years 1 to Year 6 have started this week from Tuesday 10 September. On the day your child will be participating in the activities, the school day will be extended till 4.00pm.

Please complete the consent slip and return to your child's class teacher if you would like your child to take part.

Attendance and Punctuality

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality rates closely across the school and would urge everyone to be aware of the importance of both. When children arrive late they miss crucial learning/consolidation of skills time – please ensure children arrive on time. We allow a window of 20 minutes, which should give everyone plenty of time if they are dropping off children in different year groups.

At home time please ensure children are collected on time, and if for any reason you have arranged an alternative collection or are running late you contact school in advance.

Year 6 children, that are authorised to walk home are released first and are encouraged to go straight home. Please discuss the importance of vigilance and road safety with your child.

Years 3 and 4 Taster Coding Club Autumn 2

On Wednesday 2 October we have an exciting opportunity for our Years 3 and 4 pupils who will be taking part in a Minecraft coding taster session delivered by JAM Coding. The children will then have the opportunity to take part in a coding club after school on Wednesdays during Autumn 2. More details to follow shortly.

Non-Uniform Day - Terra Charity Day

Thursday 24th October

Please bring in £1 donation
More details to follow

Author Visit

We were thrilled to have Matt Goodfellow join us on Tuesday for a KS2 assembly followed by creative writing workshops in Year 6. All children had the opportunity to purchase some of Matt's books and have them personally signed too. Matt performed some of his most famous poems to the school in his own witty, warm and humorous way!

Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn term 2024

- **Training Day:** Friday 25 October, school will be closed to all pupils
 - **Half term holiday:** Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024
 - **School begins:** Monday 4 November
- Term ends:** Friday 20 December 2024