# The King's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had a restful half-term and if you travelled, that you had a safe journey.

The children have returned this week full of energy and enthusiasm. They have been really well behaved on the playground, despite having to restrict their normal play space due to wet and muddy grassed areas being unsafe to access.

We have seen many "school rules" broken today, so thank you for your support for our wonderful PSA who have arranged today's slightly unusual school day! The children looked very colourful in their non-school uniform clothing and they very much enjoyed eating their puddings before their lunch! Thank you for all the financial donations and donations for the Christmas Fair.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Anxiety and Separation Workshop at school this morning. We had over 30 parents attend and the feedback was very positive. We will be aiming to offer more of these free workshops over the course of the school year and we will keep you posted about them.

Thank you also to all The King's families who attended the Light Party at The Barn Church last Sunday. Reverend Melanie said they had over 80 people attend and due to its success, they will look to repeat it again next year.

Unfortunately we are no longer receiving Remembrance poppies to sell to the children in school, so if your child would like to wear a poppy on their school uniform, they are very welcome to do so if you are able to purchase one for them. Father Giles will be leading a Remembrance Worship for us next Tuesday ahead of the 11<sup>th</sup> November (next Saturday). On Friday next week we will hold a Two Minute's Silence with the whole school at 11am on the playground.

Please see below some key information about our Autumn Term Parent Interviews in a few weeks' time.

If you're out and about for fireworks this weekend, I hope the weather stays good for you and you enjoy the experience. Have a restful weekend,

Mr Corke

In this update for you we have below:

- School life
- Reminder about timings of the school day
- Parent Interview information
- Little Kickers at The King's School

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#### **School Life**

Well done to both 4AC and 4ER who managed to navigate the rain on both Tuesday and Thursday this week for their respective visits to the Richmond Museum to learn more about the Romans. We will look forward to seeing their "Roman Show" later in the term where they will share all things Roman with us!

Mrs Mollet, one of our School Governors, came to observe our whole-school Collective Worship on Wednesday this week. She was very impressed with the way the children entered the Hall calmly and respectfully and how responsive and engaged they were throughout the Worship. The focus of our Wednesday whole school Worships over the next few weeks is Independence, one of our Learning Certainties, and we will explore how the children can develop and show independence in their own lives.

### **School Timings**

We are seeing quite a few children coming in to school late, after the gates have closed at 8.50am. Children who arrive late at school miss out on settling in and the start of any learning in class. For children in Years 3-6, we now have Collective Worship starting at 9.05am each day, so they are at risk of missing out on this important part of our school day. Please help and support your child to be in school on time and to avoid being marked as 'Late'. The wording below is taken from our Attendance Policy that can be found on the school website:

The gates to the school are opened at 8.40am, giving children 10 minutes to get to their classrooms for the start of the school day at 8.50am. The registers are taken at 8.50am and pupils who arrive after that time will need to go to School Office to register and they will be recorded as late.

### **Parent Interview Arrangements**

Our Autumn Term Parent Interviews will run during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November and we would encourage all parents to make sure they book an appointment to see their child's Class Teacher.

Parents of children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) have been offered the opportunity to book their appointments already, as they are allocated a 20 minute appointment time. For parents of children who do not have an IEP, the booking system will go live <u>at 8pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</u> to enable you to book your ten minute appointment.

Parents of children with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be contacted separately by Ms Watkinson, our Inclusion Leader, to arrange an appointment to meet your child's Class Teacher during the school day on either Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We are actively encouraging all parents to come in to school to have a face-to-face meeting with their child's teacher, as well as the opportunity to see your child's books. However, we appreciate that some parents would prefer or find it more convenient to have an online meeting. We have therefore set aside Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> as the day we will offer virtual appointments.

We will send out in advance of the Parent Interviews an information leaflet to let you know what you can expect to hear about your child during your appointment slot with your child's teacher.

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If you have something specific you would like to discuss with your child's teacher during your meeting, it would be really helpful to know this in advance. There is a space available on the booking platform for you to let your child's teacher know of something specific you want to discuss by recording this in the 'Add a message for the teacher' section when confirming your appointment time.

If you find that you need more time to discuss how your child is getting on in school beyond your appointment time with your child's teacher, you are always welcome to arrange another time to meet up outside of the formal Parent Interview appointment slots.

Parent Interviews will take place on the following days:

Monday 20th November (in person) 4.00pm -5.30pm

<u>Tuesday 21st November</u> (virtual video link) 4.00pm -5.30pm

Wednesday 22nd November (in person) 4.00pm-5.30pm

Thursday 23rd November (in person) 4.00pm-7.00pm

### **Saturday Morning Football**

We're pleased to announce that, alongside the ever-popular **Kew Skillzone Mini Soccer** football coaching sessions on the 3G pitch, we now have an indoor option for younger children, offered by Little Kickers:

### <u>Little Kickers at The King's C of E School every Saturday morning!</u>

Little Kickers provide boys and girls with a fun introduction to sport offering classes from 18 months to 8 years of age. The classes are held indoors at The King's C of E School on Saturday mornings, with each class tailored towards the learning requirements of that specific age group. It's the perfect way to ignite confidence and social interaction. Our first session will start on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, finishing on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

18 Months - 2.5 Years - 9am - 9.45am 2.5 Years - 3.5 Years - 10am - 10.45am 3.5 Years - 5 Years - 11am - 11.45am 5 Years - 8 Years - 12-12.45pm

### No booking fee and free kit for any child that signs up!

For more information and to book a FREE TRIAL: Richmond@littlekickers.co.uk / 07813649054

#### Laura Fairbairn









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