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Dear Parents and Carers,

The King's School Governors' Fund Appeal

I would be very grateful if you can spare some time to carefully read the letter from the Governors that went out via Parentmail today about Governor Fund Appeal. As a school we find ourselves in a very precarious financial position going forward, and as such, very reluctantly, we are having to ask you, our families, to help out if you can. If as a family you are in a position to make either a regular or one-off donation to the Governor Fund, it will be of great help to the school in attempting to maintain a positive school budget. If you are a UK tax payer, by completing and returning the Gift Aid form, we can maximise any donation by an extra 20%. All the details are in the letter attached to the Parentmail, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or need any clarification. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated.

School Life

Local Authority Link Inspector Visit

On Tuesday this week we had our Autumn Term visit from our Local Authority Link Inspector, Mrs Hafeez. We were also joined for her visit by the Local Authority English Advisory Teacher and Mr Polydorou and Mrs Sutton, two of our Governors who are responsible for the curriculum. During the visit, along with Ms Verge, Ms Demir, Ms Sesay and myself, we visited all the classrooms to see how the children were taking part in their learning and how the teachers were teaching phonics (for the younger children) and writing (for the older children). It was an incredibly rewarding experience to see the enthusiasm of the children and their positive attitudes towards their learning across all the classes. All our visitors, along with Ms Verge, Ms Demir, Ms Sesay and myself were very proud of the children and the way they conducted themselves when spoken to by our visiting adults.

Vicar-led Collective Worship

Reverend Melanie kindly led our whole-school Worship on Tuesday this week. She prepared a very thoughtful and insightful Worship about how people of different faiths can work together with common goals and values. The children were responsive and respectful with their thoughts and responses to Reverend Melanie's questions. She shared the following prayer with the children and they sang "You Shall go Out With Joy" at the end of the Worship.

The Peace Prayer

Lead me from Death to Life,
from Falsehood to Truth.
Lead me from Despair to Hope,
from Fear to Trust.
Lead me from Hate to Love,
From War to Peace.
Let Peace fill our heart,
Our world, our universe.

School Sports

Unfortunately the Girls' Borough Football Tournament was cancelled this week due to all the recent heavy rain. It has been re-scheduled for next week and we wish the girls and Mrs Ough all the best when they compete.

Ms Doran has been very proud of all the Year 5 and 6 children who have trialled for our Cross Country Squad this week. Over half of both year groups ran ten laps of the astro pitch during which they showed enthusiasm, determination, resilience and perseverance. The Squad will be taking part in the Borough Cross Country Festival next Friday and we wish them all the best when they take part.

Parent Interviews

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for an appointment with your child's teacher next week. We hope that you have found the information leaflet that was sent out yesterday helpful and informative ahead of your meeting next week.

Calendar Dates

We always ask parents to use the calendar on the [school website](#) to check for events that are coming up. However, to help with the upcoming week from now on we will share the key events in the newsletter. Please see further down for next week's calendar dates.

PSA Christmas Fair

We have our Christmas Fair coming up on Saturday 3rd December here at school and the PSA are busy planning and organising the event. It will be a great opportunity for our school community to come together to support the school, so thank you to everyone who has donated items and has volunteered to help out.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Corke

Attendance

Here are this week's class attendance ratings - Well Done Oak Class!

Attendance Ratings	w/e 17 th November
Holly	96.46%
Willow	97.49%
Cherry	95.27%
Fir	97.45%
Maple	94.18%
Oak	98.44. %
3JB	97.57%
3NB	95.45%
4ER	95.46%
4AC	93.91%
5SC	97.83%
5AM	96.35%
6GD	96.43%
6MS	93.66%

Congratulations to **Lara Corbett** in Year 6 who entered the Gunnersbury School Science Competition and has won a place at their Super Science Spectacular Saturday in December. Lara answered all the questions correctly showing she is clearly a budding super scientist. Well done Lara!



Looking Ahead

Parent Interview Meetings	Monday 20 th – Thursday 23 rd November
Girls' Borough Football Tournament	Wednesday 22 nd
Prospective EYFS Parent Tour	Thursday 23 rd
Year 4 Romans Assembly to Parents	Friday 24 th 9:15 – 9:45am
Year 5 & 6 Borough Cross Country	Friday 24 th
EHCP Parent Meetings	Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th
Boys' Borough Football Tournament	Wednesday 29 th
Year 5 Planetarium Dome Workshop	Thursday 30 th
Kew Sparkle Christmas jumper/sparkles £1 donation	Friday 1 st December
Pantomime in school (see ParentMail for cost)	Friday 1 st
Year 3 perform at Kew Sparkle	Friday 1 st 6:15pm
Christmas Fair	Saturday 2 nd

For further dates please see the school website:

<https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=3,1,2&pid=94&viewid=2>

Do you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to find a new home for?

****We're in desperate need of gifts for dads, grandads and uncles.****

Homeware (mugs, cookery books, candles, cushions and cushion cases)


Accessories (unworn scarves, hats, gloves, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, bags, socks)

Cosmetics (brand new nail varnishes, perfume, make up, cologne, make up brushes, wash bags, creams, bath bombs, shower gels)

Books and DVDs (in good condition)

The Secrets Room will be back at the Christmas Fair, but in order for it to be successful, we need your help!

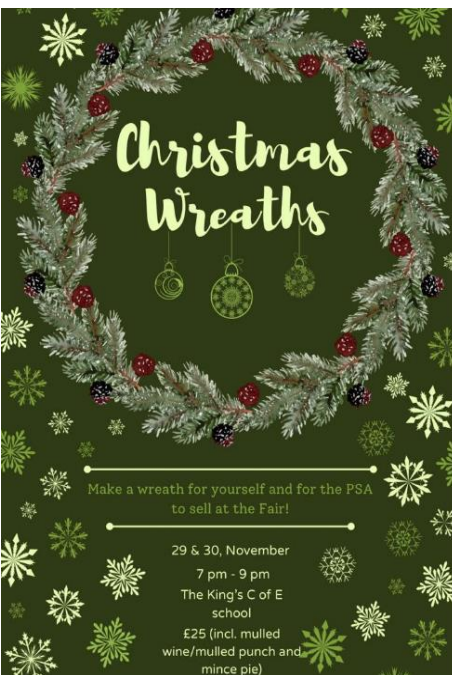
We will have boxes outside the school office, please feel free to drop it in the box at drop off or pick up (box will be emptied regularly).


Christmas Wreaths

Make a wreath for yourself and for the PSA to sell at the Fair!

29 & 30, November
7 pm - 9 pm
The King's C of E school
£25 (incl. mulled wine/mulled punch and mince pie)



The Mayor of London's Love Your Lunch Challenge

The **deadline for entries for the Mayor of London's Love your Lunch Challenge is 20 November 2023 at 11:59pm**. Information about the challenge, including more details, terms and conditions and how to enter is included on our website [here](#).

Please contact us with any queries at freeschoolmeals@london.gov.uk. If you have any issues uploading entries to the website please email them to before the deadline and they will still be accepted.

Love your Lunch Challenge

The Mayor of London is inviting all London school children in years 3 to 6 to make a creative piece of work, celebrating their experiences with school lunches.

The challenge is an exciting opportunity for children to tell us about what school meals mean to them their friends, families, and communities.

We are asking children to design a creative piece of work on the theme:
'The best thing about school lunches is...'

Grand prize

The winning pupil, along with their whole class, will win the opportunity to have their school **lunch prepared for them by the BOSH! chefs, Henry Firth and Ian Theasby!**

Their healthy recipes have over 3 billion views, have sold over 1 million copies of their award-winning and best-selling cookbooks, and have products in major supermarkets across the UK.

Pupils and their classmates will get to sit alongside one another and enjoy a nutritious and delicious festive meal together - no child facing stigma and no child going hungry!

The prize meal will take place in the second week of December. We will work closely to support the winning school to help with the logistics, and a huge thank you to **ASDA supermarket** who will be providing the food for the meal.

Runners up prizes

We also have some amazing runners up prizes including **cookbooks from Gizzi Erskine, Tom Kerridge, Nathan Outlaw, Miguel Barcla and Jamie Oliver**, as well as a **pasta making workshop at Officina 00**.

Prizes for all entrants

ALL entrants will receive a token of appreciation for sharing their thoughts and ideas with the Mayor, including **enamel badges, bookmarks and certificates signed by the Mayor**.

Children entering the challenge will also have the chance to have their piece of work **featured on the Mayor of London's website and social media**.