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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Life

It's been a busy and productive week this week, with lots going on in and out of the school. On Tuesday Reverend Melanie and Reverend Hannah led a lovely Key Stage 2 Christ is King Eucharist that has prepared us for the start of Advent. We had some thoughtful and respectful prayers written and read out by some of our Year 6 Faith and Prayer Ambassadors.

Tuesday also saw Year 3 visit Kew Gardens, and although rather chilly, the children very much enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of plants and their importance to the environment and biodiversity. Year 4 have also been out and about locally when they went on their local history walk around Kew Green yesterday, spotting blue plaques of some of our famous residents and other local landmarks. Year 5 immersed themselves (literally!) inside the visiting Planetarium Dome in the Hall yesterday to broaden their knowledge and understanding of our solar system.

We have had laughs, cheers and song today emanating from the Hall as all the children enjoyed the opportunity to see the visiting panto. Thank you for all the contributions that enabled this to happen and to the PSA for organising and arranging it. It has been a great way to get ready for Kew Sparkle tonight and we are looking forward to hearing Year 3 sing their festive songs and carols at 6.15pm if you are able to make it to the Village. My thanks to Mrs Bushell, Ms Barchha, Mrs Noyes and all the Year 3 staff for their time in preparing the children and supporting them this evening.

Sports Update

The Boys' Football Team took part in the Borough Football Tournament in Teddington on Wednesday this week, and despite the very cold temperature, they worked really hard for each other and managed to get through to the quarter-finals of the Plate Competition. Mr Megrah was very proud of how well they played together as a team and how they supported each other. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help with transport and for supporting the team.

Governor School Finance Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Governor School Finance Meetings this week and for all your support and ideas for how parents can help out. The Governors are very grateful to everyone who was able to attend and they will meet up very soon to assess the feedback from the meetings. The presentation slides that were used during the meetings will be shared with all parents soon, but in the meantime, thank you to all the parents who have made contributions and have set up standing orders for the Governor Fund.

The Governors will have a stall at the Christmas Fair tomorrow and will be able to answer questions that parents may have.

THANK YOU TO THE PSA!

The PSA have been working incredibly hard planning and organising the Christmas Fair tomorrow and we are very grateful to all the parents who have volunteered to help out running stalls, setting up, clearing away and donating raffle prizes and items for the stalls. It will be a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community and raise money for the PSA who do so much for the children and the school. Thank you to everyone who has helped out or will be helping out in any way or form to make the Fair a success. Thank you also to all the parents who came to school last night for some Christmas wreath making that the PSA organised.

Churches Together in Kew Christmas Cards

Well done to Alice and Rosy in Year 6 whose designs were chosen for the Christmas cards that are being printed by the local churches and will be delivered to all the roads in Kew in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the families who have contacted the school to offer their time to deliver the Christmas cards-we have been taken back by how many offers of help we have had! We still have lots of roads that we don't have anyone delivering to, so if you are able to spare some time over the weekend of the 15/16th December to go and deliver some cards, please contact the Office and we can let you know what is still available. It is wonderful that we can have our children and families being part of our local community and showing service.

Newsletter Feedback

Following on from our School Communications Questionnaire that we sent out earlier this term, we are continuing to review how we communicate with you and how we can improve our systems.

You may have noticed we have reduced the number of photos in our newsletter following feedback from the questionnaire. To share class activities and keep you up to date we have set up a Class Gallery in each Google Classroom where you can see regular photos and slideshows for each year group. We hope you enjoy seeing them!

I look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow at the Christmas Fair and thank you for all your support for the school.

Mr Corke

Attendance

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

Attendance Ratings	w/e 1 st December
Holly	96.27%
Willow	97.58%
Cherry	95.60%
Fir	97.35%
Maple	93.99%
Oak	98.30%
3JB	97.67%
3NB	95.14%
4ER	95.48%
4AC	94.15%
5SC	97.36%
5AM	97.36%
6GD	95.98%
6MS	93.62%

The King's Own Inclusion Classroom on Google

A new Google 'Inclusion Classroom' has been set up to provide information and resources around different special educational needs. Here is an invitation link to the 'classroom' and the code too. An invite will also pop up in your child's Google Classroom account.

Link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjMxOTg2OTAwMzcx?cjc=cmje2cw>

Code: cmje2cw

Within the Inclusion Classroom are details and links to the following online workshops being held next week by a range of excellent organisations:

7th December- Parent SEN Detectives Workshop (<https://www.action-attainment.com/>)

8th December- AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication) workshop

12th December- Sensory Processing Differences & Difficulties in children

Polly Watkinson, SENCO

Looking Ahead

Year 3 perform at Kew Sparkle	Friday 1 st December 6:15pm
Christmas Fair	Saturday 2 nd
Nasal Flu immunisations	Monday 4 th
PC Yazad in school – Yr3 safe walking, Yr5 online safety	Monday 4 th
Year 2 Southwark Cathedral	Wednesday 6 th
PC Yazad Yr1 safe scooting	Wednesday 6 th
Maple/Fir Nativity	Tuesday 12 th
Oak/ Cherry Nativity	Wednesday 13 th
Year 5 & 6 Rose Theatre	Wednesday 13 th
First Communion Meeting	Wednesday 13 th
EYFS Nativity	Friday 15 th
Parent helper thank you tea party	Friday 15 th
Whole school Carol Service at St Anne's	Monday 18 th
PC Yazad - Yr2 safe scooting, EYFS stranger danger	Monday 18 th
KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Anne's	Wednesday 20 th
Christmas lunch in school	Wednesday 20 th
Last day of term – finish at usual time	Thursday 21 st

For further dates please see the school website:

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

Helping Children with Challenging Behaviour Webinar

Please see the link below from the Mental Health Support Team with details on their next parent webinar –

This will be on the 6th December (6.00-7.15pm) and 8th December (9.00-10.15am) December. Click on the

link below to sign up. [Helping Children with Challenging Behaviour](#)

Admission to Communion

Since January 2023 Father Giles and Reverend Melanie have invited children in Year 3 and above to their Admission to Communion course they jointly run. By attending the Admission to Communion course it allows children to enter more fully into worship in the Church of England. As faith is nurtured in the home, parents and guardians are also asked to attend the course as well. This enables parents to support their children as they are admitted to Communion by allowing them the opportunity to reflect on their own faith.



The Admission to Communion course runs over three sessions during January and February, along with a special Admission to Communion Service where your church family and worshipping community can welcome each child to their first communion. Children and parents are expected to attend all three of the preparation sessions before the actual Admission to Communion Service. The theme of the three preparation sessions are:

- Baptism and Belonging
- Being a Christian
- Communion, including sharing a meal.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office at St Luke's Church:

office@kewparishes.plus.com

The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election. The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The survey is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old and should take around 10 minutes to complete. It can be completed on mobile phones, tablets, laptops and computers. Parents are also being encouraged to complete the survey for those who may need additional support or on behalf of younger children (under 6) to make sure the needs of early years children are represented too.

The survey will be open until Friday 15th December. For more information and to complete the survey, click [here](#).

Public consultation on the admission arrangements for The Tiffin Girls' School for the academic year 2025/26

The Tiffin Girls' School is currently publicly consulting on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/26. Further information can be found on the [school's website](#). The consultation will run until 12:00 noon on Wednesday 3 January 2024.



Gymnastics at King's

SIGN UP FOR CLASSES IN JANUARY!



SIGN UP!

www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk



Every Thursday*

4 - 5pm Year 1

5 - 6pm Year 2

*during termtime. Please see RGA website for exact dates.



Sign up for classes directly with Richmond Gymnastics via their website.

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