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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the PSA's Christmas Fair last Saturday. Although it was bitterly cold, it did not stop hundreds of families coming along to take part in and contribute to the Fair. It was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together and work as a great big team for the children of the school. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the afternoon and early indications are that at least £7000 was taken in, although there will be expenses that will need to come out of this.

Of course the Christmas Fair would not have happened without a huge amount of planning and organisation. I would like to extend my deep thanks to our incredibly hardworking and dedicated PSA Committee and Class Reps who pulled it all together, and to our PSA Co-Chairs, Melissa and Izzy, who oversaw everything. I would also like to thank the small army of parents, staff and Governors who helped run the stalls and activities-without your help the Fair could not have gone ahead.

School Life

Kew Sparkle

Well done to all the Year 3 children who were able to perform last Friday evening at Kew Sparkle. They sang with enthusiasm, determination and fun and gave a great treat to everyone who came to watch. They sang a fine medley of old music hall songs to start off with and rounded up their slot with a full array of upbeat and interactive carols. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support and of course a very big "thank you" to Mrs Noyes who had prepared the children brilliantly and who lead them through their performance with as much energy (if not more!) than the children.

Year 2 Trip to Southwark Cathedral

Year 2 had a memorable trip to Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday this week, and despite the cold weather, immersed themselves in all the activities they took part in. They had a busy morning exploring and immersing themselves in the different stages of the Christmas Story and finished the day with a Collective Worship where candles were lit and they sang Away in a Manger. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the trip.

Infant Nativities

The Hall and the corridors have been flowing with music and song as Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been rehearsing for their Nativity shows next week. The children are incredibly excited and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone next week in to school to see the children perform.

Governor Fund Update

On behalf of the Governors, thank you to all the parents who attended the School Finance Meetings last week and who spoke to the Governors at their stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. Thank you also to all the parents who have set up a monthly standing order or who have been a direct donation to the Governor Fund.

The Governors have now met to take into consideration all the constructive feedback and comments that have been received from parents and they will share with you next week the slides from the meetings and more information as to how parents can help and support the Governor Fund.

If you are in a position to set up a monthly standing order now or make a one-off donation to the Governor Fund, please use the bank details below. Please note that the account name has not yet transitioned over to The King's and still remains as The Queen's.

Bank: Barclays Bank
Account name: The Queen's School Governors Account
Sort Code: 20-72-33
Account Num: 00748749

Have a restful and relaxing weekend and enjoy putting up your Christmas decorations if you're more organised than me!

Mr Corke

Attendance

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

Attendance Ratings	w/e 8 th December
Holly	96.23%
Willow	97.68%
Cherry	95.42%
Fir	97.49%
Maple	94.23%
Oak	98.25%
3JB	97.39%
3NB	95.02%
4ER	95.30%
4AC	94.14%
5SC	97.07%
5AM	96.29%
6GD	95.64%
6MS	93.76%

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:

12th December- Sensory Processing Differences & Difficulties in children

Polly Watkinson, SENCO

Looking Ahead

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>

Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up

Please be considerate and consciousness of other road users and pedestrians when parking near the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Some parents are unfortunately ignoring the presence of yellow lines and are parking inconsiderately which is causing issues for parents accessing the pavement. We have notified Richmond Council to request Parking Enforcement Officers to be present to help.

We also ask parents of children with scooters and bikes to be mindful of other pedestrians on the pavements near the school as the space is heavily congested and we want to avoid collisions and avoidable accidents.

Admission to Communion Meeting-9am on Wednesday 13th December

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to come to Reverend Melanie's Admission to Communion meeting next Wednesday in the Practical Room at 9am. If you haven't signed up and want to come, there is still space, so feel free to come along for 9am. Information about the Admission to Communion programme can be found on the school website: <https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Churches&pid=76>

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](#).

Consultation for changes to Year 7-11 Admissions Oversubscription Criteria for 2025/26 onwards

The Governing Body at Christ's School would like to change the admissions criteria for entry into Years 7-11 from 2025/26 onwards. The changes proposed to the criteria are detailed below.

Years 7-11 Admissions Criteria

The maximum number of places allocated for Christian Foundation applicants will be increased from 50 to 60. The minimum number of Open applicants will become 90 in order to maintain a Published Admission Number of 150. This decision has been taken by the Governing Body, following analysis of application data over the past three years, in order to ensure that Christ's School continues to meet the preferences of as many Foundation student as possible.

The definition of Exceptional Need has been expanded to provide more clarity and examples of where an application is unlikely to meet the threshold for Exceptional Need set by the Governing Body at Christ's School. The Christian Foundation Supplementary Information Form has been amended to make it clear that only those forms submitted with Ministerial Reference completed by the religious leader will be considered by the Governing Body to meet the attendance criteria specified within the oversubscription criteria.

A copy of the proposed Admissions Arrangement and supporting Christian Foundation Supplementary Information Form can be found attached. If you would like a paper copy, please email khindle@christs.school to request.

The consultation period is six weeks. If you would like to make a comment in support or against this proposal, please write to me at the school address or email khindle@christs.school by 5pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024, which is the closing date for receipt of comments.

Following this date, the Governing Body will consider all comments and finalise the determined admissions arrangements for 2025/26.


Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust
presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Kingston & Richmond 2023- Catch up clinics.

For children and young people that attend school in the Kingston and Richmond borough.

We are inviting children in Reception to Year 11 and include children who live in our borough and do not attend school.

Saturday 09th December 09:30am to 12:30pm
East Sheen Library, Sheen Lane, London, SW14 8LP
(Walk in, no appointment needed)

Please contact the team on:
HRCH.ImmunisationTeamKingstonMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1043

HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1019



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.
You can register and create an account for free!

Socials: @gymnasticsrga | 020 8868 8682 | www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk | rga@richmondgymnastics.co.uk