

# The King's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **School Life**

On Monday this week three of our Governors; Ms Tandler, Father Giles and Mrs Sutton joined Miss Ratcliffe (our RE Leader), Ms Platt (RE Team), Ms Verge, Ms Demir and myself to conduct an RE Learning Walk across the school. It was an incredibly rewarding morning of seeing the children immerse themselves in their learning, being responsive and involved in the activities they were undertaking and the positive learning behaviours seen across all classes. We were all very proud of the children and it was a great opportunity for the Governors to see the workings of the school.

On Monday next week we have over 50 children and accompanying staff heading off to the O2 Arena in Greenwich to take part in the Young Voices Concert. The children have been very dedicated by coming in for early morning practise sessions with Mrs Noyes and I know they are all very excited to be up on stage and represent The King's School. Thank you to all the parents who are able to go and watch and support the children and thank you to all the staff who are giving up their evening to enable the trip to go ahead. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

Next Thursday our Faith and Prayer Ambassadors (FPAs) will be delivering their own Collective Worship to the school by visiting all the classrooms to talk about homelessness. The FPAs have been working with Ms Platt to plan and structure their PowerPoint slides that they will use to support their Collective Worship. We will keep you updated about the next steps in this project.

## **Arbor School Information Management System**

After half-term we will be switching to a new information management system called Arbor. We are currently in the process of preparing for the switch over, which we hope will be as smooth and as seamless as possible but we will ask you to be patient and understanding during the settling in period in the event of any glitches. Our aim is that the Arbor platform will be more efficient and accessible for parents as it will effectively be a one-stop-shop for all the things you need for school, including a dedicated Parent Portal that will allow you to see a range of information about your child, including their up-to-date attendance and payments that you have made. We will be sharing more information with you over the coming two weeks, so please make sure you follow any instructions and guidance to make sure you can access Arbor when we go live. Here is a link to their website if you want to see more about them: <https://arbor-education.com/>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Corke

## **Looking Ahead**

Young Voices Year 5 and 6	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January until 10:30pm
Year 2 visit Florence Nightingale Museum	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Girls' and Boys' Football Team League matches vs Sheen Mount Primary School	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February-pm
Height and Weight Checks for Reception and Yr 6	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February

For further dates please see the school website:

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

### **SEN Parent Forum**

This week saw the launch of the SEN Parent Forum at a SEN Coffee Morning on Thursday. We heard from the SEN Parent Reps Asimina Vergou & Ruth Redding. It was wonderful to have so many parents there eager to be part of community that supports one another on their SEN journey. Any parents wishing to join the newly created SEN Parent Whatsapp group can email [senco@kings.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:senco@kings.richmond.sch.uk) to register.

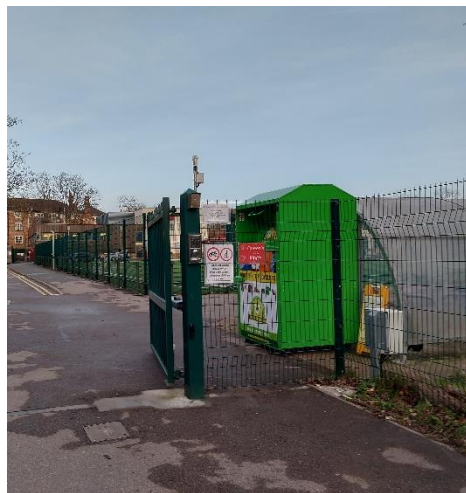
Ms Watkinson, SEND Co-ordinator



### **Local Textile Recycling & Fundraising Opportunity**

You may have noticed the arrival of a large green recycling bank for clothes and textiles. This has been supplied by Astra Recycling who work to promote textile recycling, reduce waste to landfill and also give people the opportunity to get something back for their unwanted textiles. We can recycle Clothes including uniform, Shoes, Bed Linen, Accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags and Soft Toys. If you are not sure, please check the information on the container or check at <https://astrarecycling.co.uk/>.

As a school we receive a proportion of the funds collected so please do consider us when you have items to recycle.



If the containers are full, please let us know via the school office. You will need to take your things home again and try another day.

### **Fabric Request for our Prayer Tables**

As we continue to enrich the spiritual environment within our school, we are reaching out to our wonderful community for support. Currently, our prayer tables lack the vibrant colours associated with the liturgical calendar. In an effort to enhance these sacred spaces, we are seeking donations of green, dark purple, and white cloth, each measuring at least 1 metre in length. We wanted to approach our parent community first. If you have any spare green, dark purple, or white cloth at home, or if you know of any companies that might be willing to contribute to our cause, we would be immensely grateful for your support. If you can contribute please contact Miss Ratcliffe via our [info@kings.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@kings.richmond.sch.uk) email as she will be arranging this for all of the classes. Thank you for all your support.



## **Attendance**

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

Attendance Ratings	w/e 26th January
Holly	96.28%
Willow	96.60%
Cherry	95.35%
Fir	96.05%
Maple	94.53%
Oak	97.61%
3JB	97.53%
3NB	94.72%
4ER	95.95%
4AC	94.09%
5SC	96.42%
5AM	95.63%
6GD	95.73%
6MS	94.50%

## **Reminders**

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to help manage the lunch hall on Mondays and Fridays. This is a paid role, working for an hour per day, ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly and happily. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact the office or email [jobs@kings.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:jobs@kings.richmond.sch.uk) We will follow our normal Safer Recruitment procedures for this vacancy, including a full career history, two references, and Enhanced DBS check.

### **Richmond Foodbank**

Richmond Foodbank provides families with long life food items such as canned goods, flour, washing, powder, hygiene and baby products such as nappies.

The Foodbank operates on a voucher referral system, where referral partners, such as Help Through Hardship (0808 208 2138) and Citizens Advice Richmond (0808 278 7873), issue guests with e-vouchers to use at their local foodbank. Each voucher is valid for one food parcel, so guests must receive a new voucher code for each visit. Food parcels can be received once a month. Our school is also a referral partner – please contact Mr Rooney for more information.

No time to obtain a voucher, no problem! Come and talk to us and we will help. Free Coffee, tea, refreshments and time to talk are available and plentiful on the day at the Mondays Parent Champions Cafe which runs at the Powerstation at the same time.

Every Monday except Bank Holidays from 1 to 2:30pm at The Powerstation Youth Centre, 121a Mortlake High St, Mortlake, SW14 8SN.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the Mondays Champions Cafe and Richmond Food Bank.

Sanya and the Team.

## Safer Internet Day

In preparation for Safer Internet Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February, please see attached the following resources to support parents with digital safety at home:

Digital safety at a glance – guidance for parents of 5-7 year olds

Digital safety at a glance – guidance for parents of 8-10 year olds

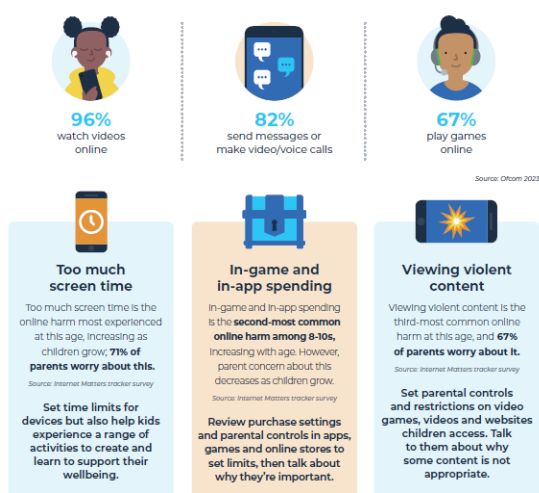
There are also several resources on our [Online Safety](#) page of the website.

Ms Demir



### Tech use, issues and tips

Learn about common experiences at this age and what you can do to keep your child safe online as they grow.

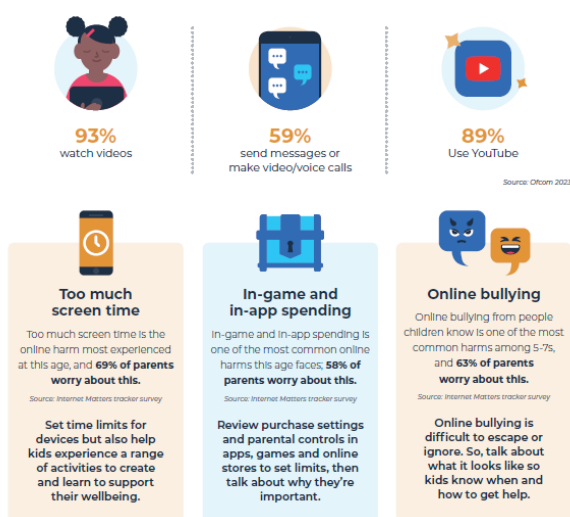


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### Practical tips to keep 8-10s safe online

Set parental controls on popular apps

- | YouTube  | NETFLIX  | WhatsApp   |
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| 1. Set up YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account.      | 1. Create a Kids Profile so they have access to age appropriate content. | 1. WhatsApp age minimum is 16 in the UK, so review privacy settings. |
| 2. Use timers to manage screen time.                 | 2. Customise their profile's maturity rating.                            | 2. Disable live location and who can contact your child.             |
| 3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos. | 3. Turn off autoplay on series to help manage screen time.               | 3. Familiarise yourself with all features.                           |

See all parental controls guides at [Internetmatters.org/controls](#)

**Are they gaming with others online?**

- Set up controls in-game and on consoles
- Talk about keeping personal information private
- Discuss positive behaviour online
- Search 'top Internet manners' for more

**Get personalised advice straight to your inbox**

Want support to stay on top of your kids' digital lives? Together, we've got this, with our free personalised family digital toolkit. By completing the form you'll get:

- Age-specific checklists and guides
- Safety information on the latest apps and platforms
- Resources to tackle online concerns by age
- Interactive tools to encourage discussions on key topics

Scan the QR code or go to [Internetmatters.org/toolkit](#)



### Make online safety a part of their everyday

#### Conversations to have

Talk about:

- What they're watching, what do they like about it?
- What apps/games they like, what would they like to try?
- How being online makes them feel, what signs tell them they need a break?

See more at [Internetmatters.org](#)

#### Tools to explore together

Build digital skills and play together with:

- The Online Together Project: an interactive quiz with discussion points to challenge stereotypes and hate online.
- Find the Fake: a series of quizzes to help teach children how to recognise and tackle misinformation online.
- Digital Matters: complete the interactive stories with your child to help them learn key online safety skills.

Go to [Internetmatters.org/advice](#) for more

### Practical tips to keep 5-7s safe online

Set parental controls on popular apps

- | YouTube  | ROBLOX  | Disney+  |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Set up YouTube Kids for under-13s.                | 1. Use the in-built parental controls feature with PIN. | 1. Create a child's profile.                                 |
| 2. Use timers to manage screen time.                 | 2. Customise who your child can talk to.                | 2. Set a parental controls PIN.                              |
| 3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos. | 3. Enable Account Restrictions for easy set up.         | 3. Customise maturity level of content your child can watch. |

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**Are they talking to others online?**

- Check your child meets age requirements
- Explore social media platforms for under-13s
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### RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

Do you have an hour to spare this Friday, Saturday or Sunday? Make that hour count by joining hundreds of thousands of people across the UK who'll be taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

[Download your free guide today](#), and you're good to go! Just remember to send us your results, as, whatever you see, whether it's one bird, 100 birds or even none at all, we want to know.



# Gymnastics at King's

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Every Thursday\* 4 - 5pm Year 1

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

5 - 6pm Year 2



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

You can register and create an account for free!



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