



Dear Parents,

Present Room

Next week we would love to receive donations of new, unwanted (and unused) good quality gifts to donate to our Present Room. Alternately if you are able, a small brought gift or £1 donation for us to source extra gifts would be very much appreciated. All gifts should be suitable for adults, no alcohol please, although chocolate would be welcome!



The children will visit the Present Room on the 7th and 8th December during the day with their class, where they will be able to buy a gift for £2 for either a male or female adult loved one.

Children in Need



Our recent non-uniform day raised a fantastic **£390.55** for 'Children in Need'. Thank you all so much for your donations.

Year Group News



Year R



Year 1



Year 2

Year R

Year R have been learning their Christmas songs this week! The children have been exploring one more and one less in Maths and have been working hard to learn their numbers. In the shared area they have been working on creating patterns and at the craft table the children have been busy making Percy's friend Fox. In PSEd Year R have been talking about their feelings.

Year 1

This week the children have been looking at plurals in English, creating a shopping list and adding 's' and 'es'. They have also been looking at the features of a letter and writing their own letter, pretending to be Sophie explaining what the tiger has been up to when coming for tea. In Maths, the children have been focusing on place value of numbers in a sequence and partitioning numbers into groups of ten and ones. In Art they have been painting their Diva Pots.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy week. In Maths they have been learning to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Some children have begun to learn how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In English the children were given a set of words from a book. They had to try and predict what the story might be about, where it might be set and who might be in it just by reading a few words from the story e.g. London, soldier, whooshed, lost and strong. They then listened to the story and wrote a book review.

In History, they have enjoyed learning about Victorian children and the jobs they did as well as inventions from the Victorian times.

Gardening Club

Year 1 and Year 2 Gardening Club have been busy this term Designing and decorating flower pots. These are on display outside each classroom. Why not have a walk around the grounds and see if you can spot them all.



Christmas Events at School

Please see below some of our exciting plans for Christmas activities for the children.

- **Christmas Post box** - Please see below
- **KSA Festive pop-up Event** – Friday 1st December
Please note this is now not a non-uniform day
- **Film Club** – Tuesday 5th December
- **Year 1 Christmas Story at St Mark’s Church** – Wednesday 6th December
- **Present Room** – Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December
- **Year R Nativity** – Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December
- **Festive Songs in the playground** – Wednesday 13th December 2.40pm
- **Visit to St Marks Church** on Thursday 14th December
- **Festive non-uniform day and Christmas lunch** on Thursday 14th December



Please look out for more event information soon.

Christmas Card Post Box



From Friday 1st December there will be a Christmas post box at School. This will be located outside of Mrs Potter’s office. Children may place cards for pupils and staff at Kempshott Infant School in the box. Please check and make certain the **child’s full name and class** is on the envelope. This will ensure that the card reaches the correct child.

Reminders:

- Year R children will be performing their nativity ‘The Twinkly Nativity’ on **Tuesday 12th December** and **Wednesday 13th December** at 10am.
Please remember to login to SchoolMoney and buy your tickets. There is currently a **maximum of 2 seats per family** (this can be 2 seats for one show or 1 seat at each performance).
- **Film Clubs**
Our film clubs take place on **Tuesday 5th December** and bookings will close on Friday 1st December at midday. Children attending can be collected from their usual classroom after their film.
Year R 3.15pm – 4.30pm (Please note: Mickey’s Magical Christmas is now fully booked!).
Year 1 & 2 3.15pm – 5.00pm
To book; please click on this link [SchoolMoney](#) and navigate to the Shop function.
- **Rocksteady Concert - Friday 1st December at 2.30pm**
Children who attend Rocksteady music lessons at School will be performing a concert to their parents on Friday 1st December 2023 at 2.30pm.
- **Nurturing Neurodiversity Group – A message from Mrs Clarke**
Monday 27th November is our Nurturing Neurodiversity Support Group. This group is an informal support group open to all parents of neurodivergent children (autistic, ADHD, dyslexic etc.), diagnosed or just suspected. If you would like to attend, please drop me an email at s.clarke@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk Hope to see some of you there.



- **Applying for Year R & Year 3 Places**

Applications opened on **1st November 2023**. Applications can be made online www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Please visit our website <https://www.kempshottinfants.com/new-parents/> for visit dates for tours for Year R places for 2024, this includes information on the online booking system.

15th January 2024 is the deadline to submit Year R and Year 3 applications.

Dates for your diaries

<p>Next week:</p> <p>Present Room Donations</p> <p>Nurturing Neurodiversity Group Last Year 1 & 2 Clubs PE for Year R Today Year R 2024 Parent Tours Last Sports Xtra Dance Deadline for raffle ticket slips and payment Rocksteady Concert for their Parents KSA Festive Pop-Up Event Raffle Draw</p> <p>Christmas Card Post Box Opens</p>	<p>w/c 27th November New date</p> <p>Monday 27th November Tuesday 28th November Wednesday 29th November Thursday 30th November Thursday 30th November Thursday 30th November Friday 1st December Friday 1st December Friday 1st December</p> <p>Friday 1st December New date</p>
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More Autumn 2 Term dates:

Year R/Year 3 September 2024 Intake Applications Opened 1st November

Last Sports Xtra Football Club	Monday 4 th December
Film Club	Tuesday 5 th December
No PE for Year R Today (See Fri 8/12)	Wednesday 6 th December
Year 1 Christmas Journey at St Marks Church	Wednesday 6 th December
Present Room	Thursday 7th December New date
Present Room	Friday 8th December New date
Year R PE Today	Friday 8 th December
Year R Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 10am
Year R Nativity	Weds 13 th December 10am
No PE for Year R Today	Wednesday 13 th December
Festive songs in the Playground 2.40pm	Wednesday 13th December New date
Christmas Church Service at St Marks Church	Thursday 14 th December
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 14 th December
Last Day of Autumn 2 Term	Thursday 14 th December
School Closed for staff training	Friday 15 th December
Christmas Holiday	18 th Dec – 29 th December

First day of Spring 1 Term Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Inset days for 2023/2024

The school will be closed for staff training on:

December 15th, March 28th, June 3rd

Yours sincerely

N. Potter

**Mrs N Potter
Head Teacher**