



Dear Parents,

Children in Need

Tomorrow we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for 'Children in Need'. If your child wishes to support this event please send a donation into school tomorrow morning. All money raised will go to 'Children in Need'. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Lunch Orders – Thursday 14th December

Christmas lunch orders have now closed. If you did not place an order, please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch on 14th December.



Year Group News

Year R Percy Day – Friday 24th November 2023

Reminder: We would love Year R children to dress as woodland animals. Please can the children come to school in their costume on Friday 24th November. If you have any questions please see your child's teacher.



Year R

This week Year R have enjoyed looking at the Festival of Diwali. They have been exploring Rangoli patterns and have been role playing having a Diwali feast. In Music they listened to The William Tell overture and explored the quiet and loud sounds. They are continuing to work hard learning their sounds and recognising their numbers. The children listened to stories this week about friendship and kindness.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been looking at the Zone of Relevance in English. They have been looking at words and sentences in relation to whether the tiger was polite in the story, and listening to each other's views and opinions. In Maths, the children have continued solving halving problems. During RE they were looking at the significance of the Christmas wreath and candle light. The children really enjoyed making Diva pots and designing Rangoli patterns.

Year 2

This week year 2 have enjoyed learning about Queen Victoria and have compared hospitals in Victorian times to hospitals now. They ordered events in Queen Victoria's life and made a class timeline. In English, the children have been using adjectives and adverbs to describe a setting and have rewritten the beginning of 'Where the Wild Things Are' in their own words. In Maths, they have continued to work on multiplication and have solved problems using drawings and mental strategies. The children also had a good time testing materials to see which was the most absorbent to clean up spilt water. They planned the fair test in Science and predicted which material might be the most absorbent.

K.S.A. News

Please take a look at the K.S.A. news which is attached to today's newsletter. This contains news on the K.S.A. events leading up to Christmas, including the Christmas card order deadline, raffle tickets, Christmas pop-up market and letters from the North Pole.

Christmas Holiday Clubs

The Junior School are now taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. This is running from Monday 18 December to Thursday 21 December. 9.00 – 4.00pm and costs £30 per child, £27 for siblings. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact **the Junior school office on 01256 326713** or email adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Parking around the School

We have received another complaint from a resident in Merrileas Gardens and we need to make you aware that they are contacting the Council. The parking is making it difficult for children to cross the road safely, this is clearly an accident waiting to happen. Please park safely, considerately and within the rules of the Highway Code. Thank you!

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 first Nurturing Neurodiversity Support Group of the year. 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 so that I can ensure we have enough chairs...and biscuits! The session will be held in school at 2pm. Please come in to the office to sign in. 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><u>This week:</u> Children in Need Non-Uniform day Deadline to order Christmas card artwork</p>	<p>Friday 17th November Friday 17th November New date ←</p>
<p><u>Next week:</u> Year R 2024 Parent Tours Year R Percy Day</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd November Friday 24th November</p>

Other Autumn 2 Term dates:

Year R/Year 3 September 2024 Intake Applications Opened	1 st November
Nurturing Neurodiversity Group with Mrs Clarke	Monday 27 th November
Last Year 1 & 2 Clubs	Tuesday 28 th November
PE for Year R Today (Amendment)	Wednesday 29 th November
Year R 2024 Parent Tours	Thursday 30 th November
Last Sports Xtra Dance	Thursday 30 th November
Deadline to return raffle ticket slips and payment	Thursday 30th November ←
Rocksteady Concert for their Parents	Friday 1 st December
KSA Christmas Pop-Up Market	Friday 1 st December
Raffle Draw	Friday 1st December ←
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
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
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 2 nd 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

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Head Teacher