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Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a restful break and have come back feeling refreshed. We were so pleased to welcome back the children this week and we look forward to a fantastic term!

During this term, we will be focussing on our reading accuracy and fluency so do encourage your child to 'show off' their Book Bag Book at home and also take advantage of the Virtual Classroom videos, too. Please remember to enjoy the library book that your child takes home as this is one to share with you and to be read to them.

As you know, we ask that you donate a new book to our library when it is your child's birthday. We believe that not only is this a healthier option than giving out sweets, your child can donate a new book which is date stamped with their name in it meaning they leave a lasting legacy for years to come! After the success of our Book Nook Wish List, we wanted to make it even easier to donate a book when it's your child's birthday. Therefore, we have set up an Amazon Wish List. [You can find the link here.](#) Thank you as always for your kind and generous donations.

I hope you all have a great fortnight. Wrap up warm!

Warm regards,
Mr Plumb

THE POWER OF SHARING A STORY WITH YOUR CHILD

Listening to and talking about stories and non-fiction develops children's vocabulary, because they meet words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. Understanding vocabulary is vital for comprehension especially in the early stages of reading.

At school, we will be explaining to the children that books they have chosen from the school library area are to be taken home to share with their adults so they can be read to and enjoyed by the child. We encourage you to read the book as many times as you can as research shows, children love the predictability and knowledge that they know what's coming next. This also allows your child to begin joining in when they know the words of the book off by heart.

READING AT KINGSHILL

Instilling a love of reading early gives a child a head start on expanding their vocabulary and building independence and self-confidence. We want to give the children the opportunity to practice and enjoy reading at home.

Your child will bring home three books each week. Two are linked to their Read Write Inc Phonics learning. One of the Read Write Inc Phonics books is the book that they have been reading during Read Write Inc Phonics lessons. This book is a chance for them to show off their accuracy and fluency to you! The second book is the Read Write Inc Phonics 'Book Bag Book' which allows them to practice the focus sounds within a different book. Finally, they will bring home a library book.

Each class has an opportunity to borrow a book from our library once a week (Nursery select books from their own library of books). These are high quality books for you to share and enjoy with your child at home. Please ensure the book is returned on your child's library day. Library days are as follows:

Tuesday: Johnson Class
Wednesday: Rosen class and Nursery
Thursday : Scott class
Friday: Adepitan class and both Reception classes

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The weekly class attendance awards went to Rosen class with 97.7% . The whole school figure was 95.58%. Thank you for continuing to ensure your child comes to school and on time.

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a parent or carer of a pupil at Kingshill Infant School. If you no longer wish to receive them please contact the school office.



Respect

Hard-working

Teamwork

NEXT FORTNIGHT

17/01
Reception: Dinosaur Workshop

18/01
Burger Day menu for lunch

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/02
Valentines Disco—during school day

19/02-23/02
Half term holiday

These dates are also available on the Kingshill website calendar, you can subscribe to this calendar and it will automatically download them to your phone or device. **Please go to NEWS AND EVENTS > CALENDAR > SUBSCRIBE TO THIS CALENDAR**



Learning for the next fortnight

For more detail, please follow [this link](#) to our curriculum pages on the website.

NURSERY

New topic - Once upon a time
Story focus - Goldilocks and the 3 Bears
Maths - sizes, big, middle sized, small / number 3
Phonics - rhyming through songs
Making and tasting porridge

RECEPTION

Reception will be learning about:
maths: mass and capacity / exploring 6, 7 and 8
Topic: Teach Rex visit and introduction to dinosaurs / Mary Anning
Music: Exploring tempo and pitch
PE: Dance

YEAR 1

Maths: place value to 20, counting to 20, understanding the 10 in teen numbers
English: RWI
History: Different types of home
Geography: Why is Ware a town? Human and physical features
Music: Pulse and Rhythm
Art: Who is Patrick Heron? and Exploring his technique
RE: What happens at a baptism? Find out how Christians welcome someone new
Science: Seasons - what happens in Winter?
PE: learning new playground equipment and will be starting dance and gymnastics

YEAR 2

English: RWI
Maths: Subtracting, crossing a ten
Geography: Continents and Oceans
History: Transport and how have trains changed over time.
Art: Bridget Riley and optical illusions.
Science: Life Cycles
PE: learning new playground equipment and will be starting dance and gymnastics

Please discuss your child's learning with them throughout the week. By asking them questions, you help to reinforce what they have been taught, support the transfer from short to long term memory and help improve your child's retrieval strength. All these things will support them in becoming life

Read Write Inc Home Learning Virtual Classroom Videos

For groups A, B, C, Ditty and Red

Fred Games!	Learning to Blend	Set 1 Word Time!
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/x7UilV16/ks5BFPhS	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/H788KJvl/aKDLDT2a	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oBHvRhZP/m1kAp4yn
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wbKdfQo3/esLeOCXR	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oBHvRhZP/m1kAp4yn	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ilKbZCUO/1Yg2n2xe

If your child is in one of the colour groups below, their focus at home is to speed up their word reading:

Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IYBefQSh/RXb4J7jS	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ea8JEnlx/rpZsitQl	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/s9Ymi6K2/47Aat9Wo	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XdM5LwnH/Ly7BV5m1	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dVDxjKnd/gCpTG3G3	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SgNtsHgs/omjIksWF	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VjFoNBLn/VoWflc8U
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BVTnSC2m/yTg3IcgE	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JtoUfcS2/qgYckWWs	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TDZmsBRF/G8iM7OCl	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dVDxjKnd/gCpTG3G3	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OkBQJgAB/XWTQpHob	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/r6Mn7S3d/BTENef4T	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eV5zLzpU/ZTVCz4Om

Looking for another Storybook for your child to read online? Use our Oxford Owl eBook Library!

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Click 'Series' and choose 'Read Write Inc.' to find more home readers to enjoy at home.

Spring 2024 groups and workshops



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 25 January to 7 March 9.30am - 11.30am via MS Team

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 30 January 12 March 7pm - 9pm

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 7 Feb – 20 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 7pm - 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Wednesday 17 January 7pm - 9pm

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Reducing Conflict Workshops - Online

Thursday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 AND Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm

This workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families. Provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.



Within my Reach

An online programme for parents of neurodiverse children who are living together or apart

This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

Who should attend?

- Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



These 2 courses will be delivered by MS Teams, over 8 sessions, on the following dates/times:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 27th February to 21 March 2024, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Wednesdays & Saturdays from 28th February to 23 March 2024, (Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm & Saturday 10am -12pm)

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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Family Lives are delivering the below 5 online parenting groups, commissioned by Family & Health Services Commissioning, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

Parenting SEN Children when Separated

Parenting SEN Children when separated 6-week programme is specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

Thursdays 11, 18 & 25 January and 1, 8 & 15 February 2024

7.00pm – 9.00pm

MS Teams

Mondays, 29 January, 5, 12 & 26 February and 4 & 11 March 2024

7.00pm – 9.00pm

MS Teams

Monday and Wednesday 29, 31 January and 5, 7, 12, 14 February 2024

7.00pm – 9.00pm

MS Teams

Who can attend:

Separated parents raising children with SEND.

Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.

Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's development.

To book a place please click here for our online referral form Reducing Parental Conflict Parenting , or for further information please call 0204 522 8700 / 0204 522 8699 or email services@familylives.org.uk



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code





Supporting Neurodivergent Children/Young People, their Siblings, Families & wider Community

potentialkids.org.uk

ACTIVITIES

- Minecraft (Online and in person)
- Youth Groups (13+ & 16+)
- Trampolining & Family Football
- Horse riding / Therapeutic Ground Work
- Community Events
- Parent/Carers Social Events
- Volunteer Programme
- Community Warm & Cool Spaces
- School Holiday Activities

ACADEMIC OFFER

- Specialist Alternative Provision:
Tutoring; Mentoring; 1:1 Therapeutic Support
- STEAM Home Education
- Work Experience
- Duke of Edinburgh

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JANUARY 2024

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS:

www.potentialkids.org.uk/activities

Date	Sessions	Time
2nd Tue	Fun Zone	19.00 - 20.45
4th Thu	Trampolining 5 yrs+	16.45-18.00
9th Tue	CREATE Group 4-11yrs	16.30 - 18.00
10th Wed	Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
11th Thu	STEAM Home Education	10.30 - 12.00
12th Fri	Community Connect Drop In - Warm Spaces	11.00-13.00
12th Fri	Youth Group 16+	18.30-20.30
13th Sat	Family Football - Drop In	16.00-17.00
14th Sun	Minecraft On site & Remote	13.00-15.00
17th Wed	Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
18th Thu	Trampolining 5 yrs+	16.45-18.00
18th Thu	STEAM Home Education	10.30 - 12.00
19th Fri	Community Connect Drop In - Warm Spaces	11.00-13.00
19th Fri	Minecraft On site	18.30-20.30
20th Sat	Soft Archery 7yrs+	16.00-17.00
23rd Tue	Craft & Chat Social Group 12-16yrs	16.30-18.30
24th Wed	Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30
25th Thu	STEAM Home Education	10.30 - 12.00
26th Fri	Community Connect Drop In - Warm Spaces	11.00-13.00
27th Sat	Family Football - Drop In	16.00-17.00
31st Wed	Bushcraft 8 - 11 yrs Bushcraft 12 - 16 yrs	12.30 - 14.00 14.00 - 15.30



Approved Education Centre Delivering Nationally Accredited Qualifications



Opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh DoE and Work Experience

Learning, Social & Communicational Support for everyone through our inclusive programmes

PK Hub & Garden



PK Garden

Therapeutic Gardening 1:1 & Group Sessions

Contact us for details of our PK Offer

Tutoring
Teaching
Mentoring
Therapies
1:1 & Group Work
Alternative provision
EOTAS



Neurodivergent
PK TECH TEAM



Danecroft Stables

1:1 Horse Riding
Groundworks/Care
Equine Therapy
Sessions



Contact us for further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services at info@potentialkids.org



>>> NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS/CARERS

DSPL3

Delivering Specialist Provision Locally

DSPL 3 has links with many family support groups and services across Hertfordshire. Here you will find links to many of their websites containing contact lines, training, local support groups and more.

January 2024



DSPL3 covers East Herts – Bishops Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Buntingford, Ware, Hertford and all surrounding villages

>>> HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello and Happy New Year. We would like to introduce ourselves to you. Our names are Adrienne Viall and Laura Gilpin and we have temporarily taken on the DSPL3 managers role until March 31st 2024. We will provide monthly newsletters for you. You can contact Lisa Lee who is your SEND lead on llee@wormleyprimary.co.uk or us your DSPL3 managers on dspl3manager@gmail.com. Please note that these email will not be in use after the 31st March.



>>> HERTS PARENT CARERS

HPCI – Herts Parent Carer Involvement – is a parent carer forum recognised by the Department for Education, Hertfordshire County Council, Herts and West Essex ICB as the parent carer forum for Hertfordshire. Information, surveys and training can be found on their website. [https://hertsparentcarers.org.uk/about/..](https://hertsparentcarers.org.uk/about/)

>>> NEURODIVERSITY SUPPORT HUB

The Hub is staffed by experts by experience, they can answer any questions to do with Neurodiversity, however big or small, or just be a listening ear. Please note, no diagnosis is required to access the support and the helpline is open to parents, carers and professionals.

The Hub can be contacted by phone Mon-Fri 9-1pm on 01727 833963, with an answerphone facility for out of hours or by email at supporthub@add-vance.org



>>> HERTS LOCAL OFFER – WEBINAR

The Local Offer website lets parents, young people and professionals know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them. There is so much more than that, too. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer

Webinar Tuesday 16 January 8pm – 9pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

»» ADVICE AND GUIDANCE



<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx>



<https://www.kids.org.uk/east-hub>



SENDIASS

<https://www.hertssendiass.org.uk/home.aspx>



<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/>



<https://sossen.org.uk/>



<https://hertsparentcarers.org.uk/>

»» ISL SPECIALIST ADVICE LINES



Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)

01442 453 920

Thursday 9.30am - 12pm

Speech, Language, Communication and Autism Needs

01442 453 920

Tuesday and Wednesday 1.30pm - 4pm

Early years (0 - 5)

01442 453 920

Wednesday 9am - 12pm

and Thurs 1.30pm - 4pm

Physical and neurological impairment team (PNI)

01442 453 920 every Monday (term time only), 1.30pm - 4pm

Education Support for Medical Absence (ESMA)

01442 454 802

esmaenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Neurodiversity Hub

01727 833963

Monday to Friday 9am - 1pm



»» EHCP SUPPORT



EHCP - HERTS LOCAL OFFER

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/education-health-and-care-plans/education-health-and-care-plans-ehcp.aspx>

IPSEA - INDEPENDENT PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVICE

<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/pages/category/education-health-and-care-plans>

SENDIASS - HERTS SEND INDEPENDENT ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE

<https://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/EHCA-NA-Booklet.pdf>

»»» EARLY YEARS - BEST START HERTS



Hertfordshire County Council's Facebook page and website for parents/carers of children up to age 5.

- <https://www.facebook.com/beststartherts/>
- [hertfordshire.gov.uk/earlyyears](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/earlyyears)

»»» POST 16

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Mission EmployAble (training for young people aged 19-25 with a learning disability)

Mission EmployAble is a new charity based in Chorleywood which runs an 11-month supported internship programme for young people with an EHCP

Full details are available at: www.missionemployable.co.uk or by emailing training@missionemployable.co.uk

»»» SPEECH AND LANGUAGE »»» AUTISM AND ADHD »»» PARENTING AND HEALTH



To contact the children and young people's therapy (CYPT) service:

Call: 01923 470 680, choose option 3, then option 1 for children not known to the service or option 2 for children known to the service

Email: hct.cytherapies1@nhs.net

Twitter/X: [@Herts_CYPT](https://twitter.com/Herts_CYPT)

Facebook:

[facebook.com/HertsCYPT](https://www.facebook.com/HertsCYPT)

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people-speech-and-language-therapy-parents>



<http://www.spaceherts.org.uk/>



<https://www.add-vance.org/>



<https://www.autism.org.uk/>



<https://www.pdasociety.org.uk/>



<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/>



<https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/>



<https://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk/>



<https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/index.html>



School Nursing Duty Line

Tel: 0300 123 7572

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/school-nursing-56/>

Children and young people's therapy services

01923 470680 - Option 3

hct.cytherapies1@nhs.net

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people-occupational-therapy-parents>



»»» MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

CAMHS

<https://www.hgftcamhs.nhs.uk/>

EMWIE

<https://emwie.tfemagazine.co.uk/novemberdecember-2023>

SANDBOX

<https://sandbox.mindler.co.uk/>

»»» DSPL3 Interim Managers: Adrienne Viall and Laura Gilpin
DSPL3 Interim SEND Lead: Lisa Lee