

## Message from Shona Pitcher

I would like to welcome you all back after the festive break and I hope that you all enjoyed a peaceful break with your families. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm for their learning. I also welcome any new families that have joined us this term and hope that your child/children settle into the new school routines well.

We are looking forward to another full and exciting term with trips, workshops and visitors to school. Next week is "Aspirations week" and we are looking forward to welcoming into school parent, carers and friends who are coming to talk to children from Nursery to Year 6 about their careers. Thank you in advance to everyone who is coming in to share their careers with us and to the team who organised this, particularly Miss Clift and Mr Carter.

Our clubs programme starts next week; we are so lucky to have a wide variety of clubs to choose from and I hope you have been able to register your child for the club of their choice. If you receive Free School Meals your child is entitled to access one paid club for free. Please speak to any member of the senior leadership team or the school office for guidance.

## Headteacher

Children in Year 1 had an exciting visit from PC Benbow to support their topic this term of "people who help us".

The children had composed their own questions which they then asked PC Benbow. They have learnt a lot about how the police help to keep us safe.



If you are a doctor or nurse and would be able to come in to speak to children in Year 1, to support our history topic of hospitals old and new, please could you let the School Office know.

We would like to remind you of the importance of road safety at drop off and pick up times.

There is a pedestrian crossing on Grand Avenue at the pedestrian gate access for the school. Please can you ensure that you are using this pedestrian crossing as you arrive at and leave school and that children are supervised whilst crossing the road and into the school gates.

At the top vehicle gate entrance, which is used by our children in Year 5 & 6, we ask that if you are bringing your child to the school gates for drop off that you supervise them to ensure that they are crossing the road safely.

As a reminder, please can we ask that you drive and park considerably and safely when parking around the school to ensure that the children are able to cross the road safely when arriving and leaving school.

We will be implementing road safety workshops for the younger children in school and would like us to work together to ensure a safe environment for everyone.



You may be interested in accessing this free learning app called ANTON to support your child's learning at home. <https://anton.app/>

ANTON is a free learning app (also available in browser!) dedicated to equitable access to education. With over **100,000 exercises** across over **15 subjects**, you can tailor ANTON to your child's specific needs. Our **200+ different interactive exercise types** also means that our lessons are dynamic, engaging and fun. After completing lessons, pupils earn coins to play games and customise their avatars. Basically, we want to make learning fun for the children!

### 10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Safety on Social Media

With social media's ever-growing popularity among children and young people, it's important for adults to keep themselves apprised of the associated risks and help youngsters to navigate these platforms in a safe, responsible manner.

However, it can be difficult to know exactly how to protect children and young people while they use these apps. The attached free guide offers you expert tips on supporting youngsters to enjoy the features of social media while avoiding the risks.



### Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **Foxes and 3W** who have had the highest attendance this week ( 97.1 %).

### **ADHD Embrace Drop-in Coffee Morning @ Kingston Library Tuesday 14 January @ 10.30am**

We would like to inform you of our upcoming Coffee Morning for parents taking place at Kingston Library on Tuesday, 14 January at 10.30am.

This coffee morning is a great opportunity to find out more about our services and meet members of our team. Join us for a cuppa and find out how we can support you, as well as meet and connect with other parents and carers.

Parents can book their free places [here](#). Please do not hesitate to get in contact with [Laura Ercolani](#) for more information.

### **Weekly House Points**

Here are this weeks house points. Well done to Kew.

Kew	93
Claremont	64
Painshill	52
Wisley	52
Norbury	51
Richmond	44

**Dates for your Diary**

w/c 13th January	ALL	Aspirations Week
Fri, 17th January	ALL	Aspirational Dress up day
Fri, 17th January	YR 2	Year 2 Cake Sale
Mon, 20th January	ALL	Bag2School—drop off by 9AM
Thurs, 23rd January	YR 2	Otters class assembly @10.30AM
Thurs, 23rd January	YR 5 & 6	Virtual Reality workshop (in school)
Fri, 24th January	YR 2	Maths afternoon @ 2.30PM
Fri, 24th January	YR 3	Year 3 Cake Sale
Thurs, 30th January	YR 2	Badgers class assembly @10.30AM
Fri, 31st January	YR 1	Year 1 Cake Sale
Weds, 5th February	YR 4	Egyptian Dress up day
Thurs, 6th February	YR 2	Foxes class assembly @10.30AM
Fri, 7th February	Reception	Reception Cake Sale
Fri, 14th February	YR 3	Maths afternoon @ 2.30PM
<b>Fri, 14th February</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Last day of Spring 1 term</b>
<b>Mon 17th– Fri 21st Feb</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon, 23rd February</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>INSET DAY—SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED ALL DAY</b>
<b>Tues, 24th February</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>First day of Spring 2 term</b>
Fri, 28th February	Nursery	Nursery Cake Sale
Thurs, 3rd April	YR 4	Thames Young Mariner trip

**Reception applications:**

The deadline for Reception applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Please make your applications via the website [Home | eAdmissions](#)