



KING'S ACADEMY COLLEGE PARK



SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL?

Now the weather is beginning to worsen, we know that deciding whether your child is well enough for school is a difficult decision. Regular attendance at school helps your child to build skills and life-long friendships and prepares them for future success. It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill or too anxious to attend school. The advice [here](#) can support you in making a decision about when to send your child to school. Further health advice can be found on the [local NHS advice page](#).

Attendance News

Our school target for attendance is 96%

Last week the following year groups met that target:

- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4



Year 3 had the best overall attendance with 97.6%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1st December	INSET - School Closed
Thursday 7th December	Winter Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December	Year 4 Christmas Pantomime Performances
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December	Year R Christmas Nativity Performances
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunches
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term (Lunchtime finish)
Monday 8th January	First day back at school
Friday 9th February	INSET - School Closed

Dear parents and carers,

Apologies for not sending a newsletter last week, but as you know the infants had a visit from Ofsted.

Thank you to all parents who took time to complete the 'Parent Survey' and the supportive comments that were shared with us every morning afternoon on the playground.

Preparations for Christmas are well underway. Every year group will have a party, organised by the teachers and support staff. Year R is busy rehearsing for their Nativity Production. We are so looking forward to seeing it. Year 4 is also in the middle of rehearsals for the Pantomime. There is so much to look forward to.

Confirmation of Christmas dates were sent out on Friday, you will also find them on the school website.

As a school we also strive to improve lines of communication. The website has everything you need to know - dates, to learning that the children are experiencing!

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION!

[Take me there!](#)

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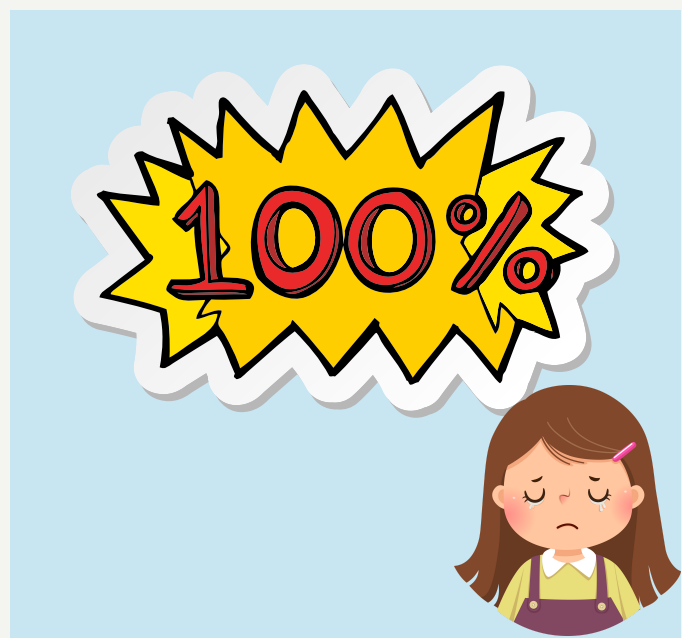


Infant Value Champions - Friday 17th November

Hedgehog Class	Hudson	Independence	Ramaria	Resilience
Squirrel Class	Maurice	Kindness	Jamie	Independence
Rabbit Class	Bertie	Kindness	Nabil	Challenge
Fox Class	Cooper	Challenge		
Koala Class	Paul	Creativity	Harriett	Kindness
Wombat Class	Rupert	Responsibility	AVa	Kindness
Emu Class	Emu Class	Kindness	Layla	Creativity
Dingo Class	Ewaogoo	Responsibility	Jake	Creativity
Lion Class	Farisa	Resilience	Phoebe	Creativity
Flamingo Class	Noah	Kindness	Noar	Resilience
Giraffe Class	Mila	Kindness	Aalyiah	Creativity
Zebra Class	Kelsey	Independence	Matilda	Creativity

Infant Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year R	Squirrell	95.8% ↓
Year 1	Emu	95.6% ↓
Year 2	Giraffe & Zebra	95.9% ↓



Infant Value Champions - Friday 24th November

Hedgehog Class	August	Challenge	Ruby	Independence
Squirrel Class	Gabriel	Kindness	Dottie	Responsibility
Rabbit Class	Tommy	Challenge	Bunnie	Independence
Fox Class	Reid	Independence	Ralph	Challenge
Koala Class	Harris	Challenge	Becky	Creativity
Wombat Class	Maya	Independence	George	Independence
Emu Class	Aada	Kindness	Thomas	Kindness
Dingo Class	Agata	Independence	Elsie	Challenge
Lion Class	Iris	Independence	Phoebe	Creativity
Flamingo Class	Cora	Challenge	Elsie	Kindness
Giraffe Class	Freddie	Independence	Alex	Challenge
Zebra Class	Olive	Kindness	Arlo	Challenge

Infant Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year R	Fox	95.8%
Year 1	Koala	95.6%
Year 2	Giraffe	96% 



Junior Value Champions - Friday 17th November

3AB	Heavenly	Independence	Hudson	Resilience
3HK/JC	Jacob	Independence	Riley	Challenge
3RW	S'Eth	Responsibility	Hama	Teamwork
3FL	Elena	Responsibility	Nelly	Independence
4ML	Esme	Challenge	Yasmina	Creativity
4CM	Chloe	Creativity	Isaac	Kindness
4HT	Kian	Resilience	Isabelle	Creativity
4SS	Theo	Teamwork	George	Resilience
5KM	Arthur	Teamwork	Joshua	Resilience
5JB	Teddy	Teamwork	Jazmine	Creativity
5AC	Kiana	Creativity	Azaria	Resilience
5HW	Kaylan	Teamwork	Beau	Teamwork
6AD	India	Responsibility	Keesha	Challenge
6NC	Fred	Resilience	Maia	Responsibility
6BT	Matvii	Creativity	Natalie	Challenge
6CD	Sofia	Creativity	David	Teamwork

Junior Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year 3	3RW	97.4% ↓
Year 4	4HT	93.5% ↓
Year 5	5HW	95.9% ↓
Year 6	6AD	94.4% ↑



Junior Value Champions - Friday 24th November

3AB	Nova	Resilience	Henry	Independence
3HK/JC	Eliza	Kindness	Joshua	Challenge
3RW	Florence	Responsibility	Sophia	Kindness
3FL	Delilah	Responsibility	Mason	Independence
4ML	Lukas	Responsibility	Zac	Resilience
4CM	Oliver	Independence	Evie	Challenge
4HT	Kunmi	Challenge	Freya	Kindness
4SS	Alice	Challenge	Olivia	Kindness
5KM	Renessa	Resilience	Alexandra	Resilience
5JB	Aleena	Responsibility	Lilly	Independence
5AC	Rosie	Resilience	Aaron	Responsibility
5HW	Dollie	Resilience	Sophia	Independence
6AD	Matheas	Kindness	Vihaan	Independence
6NC	Samuel	Creativity	Elsie	Creativity
6BT	Blake	Creativity	Ivy	Resilience
6CD	Teddy	Independence	Teigan	Creativity

Junior Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year 3	3HK/JC	97.6% 
Year 4	4CM	96.2% 
Year 5	5HW	95.5% 
Year 6	6CD	94.9% 



Merry CHRISTMAS DATES

PLEASE SEE A LIST OF ALL CHRISTMAS EVENTS WE WILL BE RUNNING. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENTS WHICH ARE HIGHLIGHTED WITH THIS SYMBOL 

YEAR R

**THE TWINKLY NATIVITY
JUNIOR HALL**

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 10AM: SQUIRRELS & HEDGEHOGS

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 10AM : FOXES & RABBITS

ONLY 2 SPECTATORS PER CHILD PLEASE

YEAR 4

**THE DRAGONS AND THE BEANSTALK
JUNIOR HALL**

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 9.30AM: 4CM & 4SS

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2.00PM: 4HT & 4ML

ONLY 2 SPECTATORS PER CHILD PLEASE

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

3.15PM - JUNIOR HALL

PLEASE DONATE ANY JUMPERS FOR THE SALE BY FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

KACP CHOIR CHRISTMAS SINGING

MEADOW HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME: MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

CASCADES SHOPPING CENTRE: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

DATES

FAMILIES' CAROL SERVICE
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

ARRIVE FROM 3.30PM, SERVICE AT 5PM



CHRISTMAS PARTIES:
CHILDREN CAN WEAR PARTY CLOTHES TO SCHOOL ON THEIR PARTY DATE

INFANT SCHOOL: TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

YEAR 3: MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

YEAR 4: TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

YEAR 5: TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

YEAR 6: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

HMNB CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ST ANN'S CHURCH
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
SERVICE CHILDREN ONLY

CHRISTMAS LUNCHESES
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER (INFANT & YEARS 3 & 5)
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER (YEARS 4 & 6)

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
INFANT 9.30AM
JUNIOR 11.00AM

SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 12.45PM (INFANTS) 1.00PM (JUNIORS)
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER.

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR
USUAL PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM DOOR.

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS KIDS CLUB THEY WILL BE SUPERVISED
IN THE AFTERNOON AND WILL GO TO KIDS CLUB.

KIDS CLUB WILL RUN UNTIL THE NORMAL TIME OF 5.30PM



Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

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