



# KING'S ACADEMY COLLEGE PARK



## WINTER JUMPER SALE!

A little reminder of our winter jumper sale tomorrow (Tuesday 5th December) at 3.15pm. Come and grab a bargain and help battle landfill waste ready for our winter jumper day this Thursday!

**Did you know?** An astonishing 65 million Christmas jumpers are reported to be forgotten or unloved at the back of UK wardrobes, and hundreds of thousands of them end up in our waste streams.



## Attendance News

Our school target for attendance is 96%

Last week the following year groups met that target:

Year R  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5



Year 1 had the best overall attendance with 97.3%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Tuesday 19th December	Infants Party Day
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term (Lunchtime finish)
Monday 8th January	First day back at school
Friday 9th February	INSET - School Closed

## Infant Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year R	Hedgehog & Squirrel	96%
Year 1	Koala	97.3%
Year 2	Flamingo	97%

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

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# Message from Mrs Carlyle

Dear Parents and Carers,

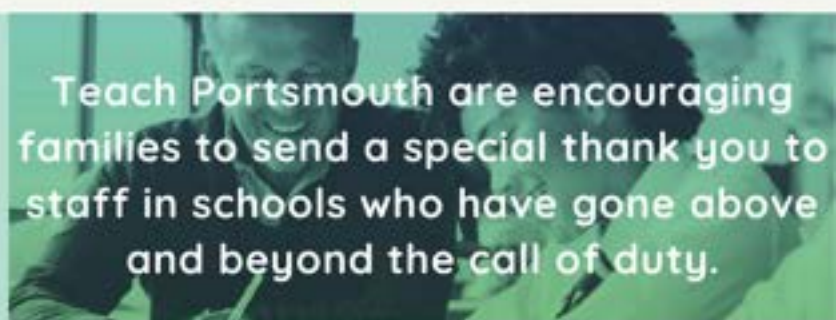
We are now moving into the final few weeks of term. The children are very excited and looking forward to all the wonderful activities ahead of them.

In the spring term we have several trips going ahead. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough children committing to the trips, we will not be able to offer the children these wonderful experiences.

As a school we have so much to look forward to in the new year.

We will also be welcoming new staff too;

- Flamingo Class will be having Mrs Stepek as their teacher
- 6CD will be having Mr Bullen
- 6AD will be having Mr Elverson-Webb



Teach Portsmouth are encouraging families to send a special thank you to staff in schools who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

There is no restriction on who can be thanked (as long as the individual still works at the school - so the message can reach them). To say thank you, please visit the Teach Portsmouth [website](#) and complete an online form where your message will be sent directly to the team. The deadline for thank you messages is Wednesday 14 February 2024.

Thank you messages will be shared with schools in June 2024, on a printed document alongside other goodies

# Junior Value Champions

3AB	Frankie	Teamwork	Lottie	Kindness
3HK/JC	Brax	Challenge	Amelia	Independence
3RW	Rehaan	Resilience	Indie	Responsibility
3FL	Luna	Kindness	Betsy	Teamwork
4ML	Isabelle	Kindness	Isla	Kindness
4CM	Daisy	Resilience	Oliver	Responsibility
4HT	Posy	Kindness	David	Responsibility
4SS	Amber	Teamwork	Belle	Challenge
5KM	Annira	Independence	Jaden	Independence
5JB	Maisie	Kindness	Dreyden	Independence
5AC	Eden	Challenge	Anna	Resilience
5HW	Reynami	Resilience	Dexter	Independence
6AD	Zoe	Challenge	Sai	Responsibility
6NC	Noah	Independence	Bahadir	Challenge
6BT	Myanna	Responsibility	Finley	Responsibility
6CD	Sophie	Teamwork	Tighe	Creativity

# Junior Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year 3	3AB/3RW	96.4% ↓
Year 4	4SS/4HT	96.2% =
Year 5	5JB/5AC	96.1% ↑
Year 6	6CD	92.2% ↓



# 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



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled - so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly - especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information - while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming - all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology - showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own - suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space - so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it - rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

## Meet Our Expert

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