

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - No. 439

## A message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher.

Happy New Year!

We really hope that you have had a restful and peaceful break, celebrating Christmas and the beginning of a new year.

It has been wonderful to see all the children return, so keen and eager to engage in their learning. There has been a wonderful 'buzz' and positive atmosphere around the school this week. We hope that this continues and please see the year group newsletter emailed out earlier this week giving specific details for each year group on the learning for this term. The staff have been working very hard at ensuring we provide fantastic opportunities for learning. It has been great to see Year 5 and some of Year 6 swimming this week - such a wonderful opportunity.

We would like to remind you about some of our school expectations, about the correct school uniform, jewellery, PE kits and school bags. We have reminded children that they should use the red school book bags. The main reason for this on is on health and safety grounds, and that in some classes the bags are very large and with bulky winter coats taking up significant room where we have coat pegs inside the classroom. We appreciate the struggles this may cause but really urge you to support us in this. Health and Safety of all of our pupils is a priority for the school. Red book bags are available from the office at £4 should you need one.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate a huge achievement of the school at the end of last term. Miss Moore and her team worked really hard to secure our revalidation as an Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Flagship School – their highest award. This is a nationally recognised award and celebrates all the work we do to be as inclusive as we can. Thank you to all those who supported us in this.



*Flagship School*

## Things to Remember

Please send your child into school with a named coat each day so they have one to wear at break and lunch times. Please also provide a named water bottle daily.

Year 1 – It will be PE block week 09.01.23 – 13.01.23. They will be outdoors, so will need trainers, jogging bottoms and a fleece. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.

## Dates for the Diary

**20.01.23 - Young Voices @ O2**

**26.01.23 – 3S Class Assembly**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Learning Award

RB Tilly S, RCG Arthur L, 1A the whole class, 1M Penny R, 2H Olivia-Grace C, 2S Oliver J, 3G Callum R, 3T Alex C, 4K Blake H, 4M Henry N, 5F Daniel AJ, 5R the whole class, 6C Eliza C, 6N Ikem U & Menahem Z

### Value Award

RB Carter S, RCG Olive R, 1A Tegh R, 1M Yanny R, 2H Molly H, 2S Grace S, 3G Evie W, 3T Noah M, 4K Elliott D, 4M Riley V, 5F Oliver BG, 5R Amelia-Poppy L, 6C Ayla A, 6N Timmy M



## CLASS READING AWARD

**This will start next week**

### House Points

Beckett	1918
Dickens	1970
Churchill	1978
Harvey	1687
Holmes	1872
Shakespeare	1880

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO CHURCHILL**

**This week's winners**

## School News

The process to report your child/ren absent from school has changed. Please see the new process below:  
To report your child/ren absent from school please either email us on [absence@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk) stating your child's name, class and the reason for the absence. Alternatively please call the school and press option 0 to leave us a message stating your child's name, class and the reason for absence. This includes all absences, e.g. illness, medical appointments and request for leave in term time.

**Drop off Zone:** Please can we remind everyone that the drop off zone is only used for this purpose only. Please do not park here and walk your child into school, please use the parking bays provided for this. This includes breakfast club timings as well as throughout the day.

### **Moving into 2023 we would like to remind everyone about our School policies:**

- Children are only allowed Red book bags to school, no back packs please. This is due to restricted space in classrooms.
- PE kits to be brought into school in a drawstring bag.
- Fleece are to be worn for outdoor PE lessons only.
- NO jewellery is allowed except stud earrings and an analogue wrist watch (NO smart watches please)
- Long hair MUST be tied back for health and safety reasons with a plain red or black elastic band only.
- Make up or nail varnish are not be worn to school.
- NO Trainers are to be worn to school except for PE lessons. Children should wear black school shoes NO boots.
- Children in KS2 can bring in a snack for break time, but this MUST be a fruit or vegetable snack. Crisps, biscuits and sweets are not allowed.
- Children are only allowed water in their school bottles please, no flavoured/fruit water.
- Children should not be playing football on the playground before school starts.

**Any items brought into school MUST be clearly named please.**



Here is a picture of some non-uniform items in our lost property. If they belong to your child please collect from the office ASAP. Items not claimed by 20<sup>th</sup> January will be donated to charity.

### **School Prayer**

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend, give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings  
Amen

