



King's College
TAUNTON

PREP SCHOOL

Pelican News

8 September 2023

A new school year usually coincides with a distinct journey into Autumn, but it seems Summer got the memo a little late this year and decided to make an appearance just after the holidays! It has therefore been a hot and sticky start to the Michaelmas term which although uncomfortable at times has brought the benefits of swimming, playtimes on the field and the happy factor unique to sunny, blue-sky days. Thank you for your co-operation in digging back out the sun cream and sun hats and for responding to the uniform change to ensure the children could enjoy this week safely and comfortably.

Our first assembly of the term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 heard me telling the children I hoped they experienced lots of FAILs this year which may seem an odd thing to wish them and a direct contrast to what you might wish for them. However, I explained that FAIL is simply their **F**irst **A**tttempt **I**n **L**earning and that most things worth achieving rarely come with instant success. It is the perseverance, resilience and ability to find different ways to overcome problems that lead to the most rewarding learning. We will frequently remind children of this as we journey through this academic year and hope you do too.

Hobbies

All hobbies will begin next week and lists can be found on the noticeboards in classroom areas. Please note the following:

Forest Adventures: the children should bring Forest School type clothes to school each Monday in a named bag.

Ballet: the children will need the uniform specified by Mountway School of Dancing. Details of which can be viewed below. Please note there should not be any deviation from these lists.

Girls: <https://msd.mydancestore.co.uk/ballet-toddler-pre-primary-primary.html>

Boys: <https://msd.mydancestore.co.uk/boys-ballet-toddler-grade-2.html>

Fitness & Fun / Sports Club: Children taking part in either of these hobbies will need to bring their PE kit in a named bag to change into if it is not already in school.

Speech and Drama: Mr Kirby has sent an email explaining about what this lesson entails and should you wish your child to have a 'taster' session he is offering these on the dates below. Please email him directly to book a space akirby@kings-taunton.co.uk

Y2: Tuesday 19 September at 12.30pm

Y1: Wednesday 20 September at 12.30pm

Reception: Thursday 21 September at 12.30pm

Curriculum Presentations

A reminder that I will be delivering the first of these presentations on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm in the Bunting Room. This is intended for all parents new to Nursery/Reception at King's Hall or who may have missed it last year.

On Monday 18 September, I will be delivering a Maths/English presentation for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 who are new to King's Hall or who may have missed it last year.

Please do let me know if you are attending so I can cater for you accordingly.

Seesaw

I do hope all families are now connected to their child's Seesaw account, but if you have yet to do so I would encourage you to add it to your 'to do' list promptly in order you do not miss any information that may come from your child's class teacher. If you are unsure of how to do this, please speak to one of the team. If you now have more than one child with a Seesaw account, you should be able to access them both by toggling between their accounts. Details for setting this up can be viewed [here](#)

Uniform

Please could you ensure the name in your child's uniform matches the name of your child. We are finding items with names of children who are now in Prep which have clearly been passed on, but it is difficult to know to whom it now belongs.

Lunch Menu

Week 2

Merits and Achievements

Reception H: A Class Merit for a fantastic first week. Every child deserves recognition for what has been an exceptional first week at 'big school'. The children have settled each day with ease and have engaged well in all aspects of school life! Mrs. Coles and I are very proud of every child and would like to thank the children and their parents for making this week one to remember! Congratulations Reception!

Year 1: A Year Group Merit for a fantastic first week of learning in Year 1.

Year 1G: Charlotte and Olivia

Year 1K: Harry and Talitha

Year 2B: A Class Merit for a super start to their Y2 adventure. **Individual Merits:** Hugo S and Teddy

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Paul

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery: The Pre-Prep Classes of 2023

Nursery 1





Nursery 2



Reception



Reception Cont.



Year 1



Year 2

