



King's College
TAUNTON

PREP SCHOOL

Pelican News

The Pre-Prep Newsletter

22 September 2023

Our Golden Rule focus this week has been, 'Do be Kind and Helpful' where we have explored the impact unkind words can have on our feelings and emotions. We listened to a story about a young mouse called Chrysanthemum who loved her beautiful name until she started school and was teased about it. Thankfully with the help of her supportive parents and a kind teacher she learns to appreciate her name once more. For each unkind word we heard, our Pre-Prep Ambassador was instructed to make a crinkle in a paper heart. When we unfolded the heart, we noticed that although it wasn't crinkled anymore, you could still see the marks of where the crinkles had been. We also squeezed some toothpaste out of a tube and decided it would be very hard to get it back in, just like not being able to take back unkind words once they have been spoken. We all agreed being kind is one of the most wonderful things we can be to each other and have tried very hard this week to not crinkle anybody's heart!

It was lovely to see those of you who attended the English and Maths presentation on Monday. I do hope you found it useful and not too much of an information-overload! We have produced booklets for both subjects which can be found on My School Portal by navigating the following route: School Information>School Documents>Curriculum.

As predicted back at our Welcome Afternoon presentation in June, the usual 'Week 3 Slump' has been visible this week with more yawns than we have seen in the previous 2 weeks of term and the annual 'back to school' bugs weaving their way through the classes. Thank you for following the sensible protocol of not sending your child to school if they are unwell or have required medicine to 'get them through the day'. Hopefully, we are now out the other side and will sail through the rest of the term on a wave of good health!

Christmas Cards!

Apologies for mentioning this word when we are still only in September but as in previous years, we are inviting your child to create a Christmas design which can be printed on to a variety of items; perfect for family and friends this coming festive season, as they will be truly unique! You can be confident that buying the cards won't mean harming the world's forests as the company only use responsibly sourced

FSC card. For every order, Pre-Prep will raise some funds towards our annual upgrade of our much loved (and well worn) Nativity costumes.

Your child will soon bring home their design which they have created in school and from which you can place your order by no later than Friday 13 October. The choice of products is as listed below and we will add the payment to your child's school bill.



Christmas Cards: Pack of 12 A6 Cards including envelopes: £6.99 per pack

Mugs: £7.49 each

Coasters: Set of 4 Coasters (same design) £12.99 / single coaster £3.99 each

Snow Dome: £10.99 each

Teddies with Printed T-shirt: £11.99 each

Tea Towel: £9.99 each

Fridge Magnet: £5.49 each

Large Xmas Bauble: £6.99 each

Santa Stocking: £9.49 each

Parent Information from County

Connect Somerset

NEW online offer for Parents, Carers and Grandparents

The offer is worth over **£100** per person, and we are giving fully funded access to all residents in Somerset!

The online offer covers lots of topics including:

1. Pregnancy, labour, birth, and your baby
2. Understanding your baby
3. A sick or preterm baby in hospital and at home
4. Understanding your child
5. Children with additional needs
6. Understanding your teenager's brain
7. Feelings and understanding your brain (for teenagers)
8. Understanding children's mental health and wellbeing
9. Relationships
10. Impact of the pandemic



This offer is part of Connect Somerset. It's universal in the truest sense, enabling anyone to *pick-a-mix* topics that are personally relevant to Parents, Stepparents, Carers, Grandparents and Parents to be. Our universal offer allows participants to complete these courses without providing any personal information, except an email address to enable participants to track their progress and login.

We want as many people as possible to use this new early help.

To access the courses, go to <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/> and put in Connect Somerset's unique access code "**dragon**". Or use the QR code on your phone. From here on in it's completely up to you which topics you choose to complete, based on whatever is helpful to you.

To find out more about the Solihull Approach visit: <https://solihullapproachparenting.com>.

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Speech and Drama Taster Sessions

Unfortunately, Mr Kirby hasn't been in school this week due to illness so was unable to offer the planned taster sessions. However, these will now take place next week on the same day and time as previously published.

Year 2: Tuesday at 12.30pm

Year 1: Wednesday at 12.30pm

Reception: Thursday at 12.30pm

Reception

Please can all Reception children have a swimming kit in school all week please. The weather looks as if we may have a few days of sunshine and we are hopeful, if warm enough, to take Reception swimming.

Year 1

Please can you double-check your child has all their wet weather gear in school for Forest School as quite a few children were missing either waterproof coats or trousers this week. Thank you.

Lunch Menu

Week 1

Merits and Achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved:

Purple Award: Ariana, Cecily, Charlotte, Emilia, Finn, Harry, Henry, Leo, Lettie, Logan, Lucy, Max AT,
Max B, Mia, Millie, Minnie, Olivia, Otto, Rose, Rufus, Talitha

Reception H: Finley, Isaac and Kitson

Year 1G: Lettie and Logan

Year 1K: Mia and Rose

Year 2B: Isabella, Otto and Rafe

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Rory

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery









