



King Henry VIII 3-19 School
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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalwyr,

Staff training day – school closed

School is closed for all pupils on Monday 4th December. This includes both the primary and secondary sites.

Christmas accessory day and Christmas dinner

We invite all Primary Phase pupils to wear a Christmas accessory on Wednesday 6th December. This could be a Christmas jumper, jewellery, scarf or other accessory.

On this day Primary Phase pupils are invited to have Christmas dinner. Please let us know by Monday 27th November if you would like your child to have Christmas dinner (kinghenryviii319@schoolsedu.org.uk). Pupils can still order a jacket potato, or bring a packed lunch, on the day, if you wish.

We invite all Secondary Phase pupils to wear a Christmas accessory on Wednesday 20th December. Christmas dinner will also be served on this day. There is no requirement to order this dinner in advance. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day.

Years 1 and 2 concert

Years 1 and 2 are performing their Christmas concert on Wednesday 13th December at 10am on the primary site. We invite all Years 1 and 2 families to join us for the concert.

Years 3 - 6 Christingle

Our Years 3 – 6 Christingle service is taking place at St Mary's Church on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. We invite all our families to join us for the service involving all our Years 3-6 pupils.

Nursery and Reception Nativity play

Nursery and Reception pupils are performing their Nativity play on Friday 15th December at 10am. We invite Nursery and Reception families to join us for the performance.

Year 7 Festive Celebration

Our Year 7 Festive Celebration is taking place on Wednesday 20th December at 9am. This is organised by Year 7 pupils and involves all Year 7 pupils. We invite all our Year 7 families to attend.

Christmas concert

Our Christmas concert is taking place on Thursday 21st December in our School Hall at the secondary site. There is a matinee performance at 3.30pm and an evening performance at 7.00pm.



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The performances include our Secondary Phase pupils. The event will also include a performance from the Primary Phase choir and a performance from our through-school choir.

Please contact our school office (kinghenryviii319@schoolsedu.org.uk) to book tickets. Tickets are free of charge. Tickets are available from Tuesday 5th December.

End of term

The final day of term is Friday 22nd December. School will finish at 1.00pm on this day for all pupils on both the primary and secondary sites. The final day of term for Nursery pupils is Thursday 21st December.

Start of term

The first day of term for all pupils is Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Reception Open Evening

We are delighted to invite all prospective pupils and their families to our Reception Open Evening on Thursday 7th December at 4.30pm. Please could you pass this message on to your friends and members of your communities who are organising their children to start Reception and their new school in September 2024. Thank you for helping us. There will be a presentation from the Headteacher and key staff, and an opportunity to visit our Reception classrooms and facilities.

SLT 'Open Door' session

It is extremely important to us that we work in close partnership with our families. We understand that excellent communication between home and school is key to success. It underpins positive wellbeing for all. In addition to our communication procedures, we regularly run Senior Leadership Team 'Open Door' sessions. These are an opportunity for you to discuss any suggestions you may have, on aspects of school life, with a member of the Senior Team.

The next 'Open Door' session will take place on Thursday 30th November. [Please book a slot by following this link](#). The deadline to book a slot is the close of Tuesday 28th November.

Please use our normal channels of communications if you would like to discuss your child's progress or any pastoral matters.

Reverse Advent Calendar and Christmas Wishes

The school is taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar scheme this year in their form classes (secondary) and teaching classes (primary). Pupils and staff are invited to bring in one essential item of food or toiletries during the 22 days we are in school in December. This will then be donated to the local foodbank in Abergavenny in time for Christmas. More information will be shared by form tutors and class teachers at the end of November.

Alternatively, parents and carers are invited to donate a small gift to the Christmas Wishes project; a charity enterprise run by Monmouthshire County Council that organises Christmas presents for vulnerable and looked after children within our local community, who may not



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otherwise receive a gift at Christmas. Wrapped gifts can be placed in the 'sleighs' in Reception on both primary and secondary sites. The sleighs will be available from Monday 27th November. Please mark each gift with the age the gift is appropriate for, e.g. "11-14" or "5-8". Thank you.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Watson'.

Mr J. Watson
Headteacher
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