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Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 1 st February 10.45am	4RB	Thursday 2 nd February 2.45pm	2NT
Wednesday 8 th February 10.45am	3LW		
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 22 nd February 10.45am	6BH		
Wednesday 1 st March 10.45am	5LO	Thursday 2 nd March 2.45pm	1BR
Wednesday 8 th March 10.45am	4KE/RK	Thursday 9 th March 2.45pm	1SH
Wednesday 15 th March at 10.45am	3AM/NR		

School Target Awards

For pushing themselves to do the best they can: Grace Sayers 6JM, Brooke Mulley 6BH, Belsia Miller 6BH, Alfie Read 5TH, Matilda Haines 4KE/RK, Ethan Lethaby 3AM/NR, Emily Vint 2LH, Jasper Munson 2NT, Ava Barton 1SH

For showing respect: Jack Strutt 1BR, William Pledge 3LW

For challenging themselves to learn new words: Quinn Deakin-Faux RLB, Ruby Gaunt 4RB, Molly Hasler 5LO

For Parents whose children attend before and after school club

We are changing our before and after school club provider. Oliver's Lodge are a well established organisation and run before and after school clubs in Saffron Walden, Newport and many other local villages and towns. They would like to meet with any parents who are available and who wish to find out more about them at 6.30pm on Monday 30th January in school.

School Bell at the end of the day

Teachers have been asked to keep children in the classrooms at the end of the day until they hear the bell. This is in case any parents ring with urgent messages – we need to make sure that messages get to the children before the bell goes. Please bear with us in these situations.

St. Mary's Church Riverbank Family Big Bird Watch

St. Mary's Riverbank are holding a Family Big Bird Watch Breakfast tomorrow, Saturday 28th January 7.45am to 9.00am. Join them on a bird watch and then enjoy a tasty breakfast of bacon rolls or croissants and tea/coffee. Meet at the Church car park. Bring your own binoculars and dress for outdoors. This is a free event, but donations for breakfast welcome. All proceeds towards future St. Mary's Riverbank Family Days. For further information contact Catherine Mummery on 01371 859767.

For the parents of Y5 boys who are considering 11+

In March KEGS are holding the first of their twice yearly opportunities for prospective students and their parents/carers to view KEGS in action. The dates are:- Monday 13 March (afternoon), Tuesday 14 March (morning), Wednesday 15 March (morning), Thursday 16 March (afternoon), Friday 17 March (morning), Monday 20 March (morning). Please see the flyer which is alongside this newsletter. You can register your children for the Consortium of Selective School in Essex 11+ exam from 4th May and tests will take place on the 23rd September.

This includes KEGS, Southend, Westcliffe and Colchester High School for Girls but not the girls' school in Chelmsford who have different arrangements. Remember, primary schools do not enter children for these tests, it is the responsibility of the parents.

Y5 11+ Club (boys and girls)

If your child attended the taster session for 11+ club this Wednesday then Mrs Wood will mark their work over the next few days. By mid week next week we will be in a position to let you know if your child would have the aptitude to attend the sessions and sit the test. We will write letters next week with our suggestions. After this, if your child is going to attend 11+ club, please will you then send in the permission slip and the payment.

YR,1,2 Disco Party

This will be held on Tuesday 31st January from 4.00 – 5.30pm. The cost is £3 per child and this includes a drink and a biscuit and a flashing necklace and bracelet. If you have not already done so, please return the slip at the bottom of the letter by Monday morning if your child is in Yr,1 or 2 and you would like them to attend. Please send the money in an envelope with your child's name and 'Disco Party' written on it.

KS2 Disco

This will be held on the 9th February from 6.00 – 7.30. You do not need to fill in a permission slip but your child will need to bring £2 for entry to the disco on the night. There will also be drinks on sale for 20p and crisps for 30p and a selection of flashing jewellery priced at £1. At the end of the disco at 7.30 parents should come into the dinner hall to collect the children.

Half Term Dates

Friday 10th February is a non pupil day which leads into half term. The last day of the half term for the children will be Thursday 9th February and we return to school on Monday 20th February.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

YR,1,2 Disco party Tuesday 31st January 4.00 – 5.30

I would like my child

Name: _____ class: _____

To attend the YR,1,2 Disco Party from 4.00 – 5.30pm on Tuesday 31st January.
I enclose £3 for the cost of the disco.

Signed _____



King Edward VI Grammar School

Prospective Student Tours – Spring Term 2017

We will shortly be holding the first of our twice yearly opportunities for prospective students and their parents to view King Edward VI Grammar School in action. The tours are for boys who will be starting secondary school in September 2018 ie. current Year 5 students, and their parents or carers.

The sessions are:

Monday 13 March – afternoon

Tuesday 14 March – morning

Wednesday 15 March - morning

Thursday 16 March – afternoon

Friday 17 March – afternoon

Monday 20 March – afternoon

The event will start with a presentation from the Headteacher, and will be followed by an opportunity to ask any questions. Families will then tour the school with our Year 8 tour guides. For the morning sessions, families should arrive for 9:30 am, for a 9:45 am start; and for afternoon sessions, families should arrive for 1:30 pm for a 1:45 pm start. Please allow 2 hours for your visit.

Please note that for the safety of our students there is no parking on the school premises. The nearest car park is opposite the school on Rectory Lane, accessed via Elms Drive. Please be aware that the car park is likely to be busy, and families are advised to allow sufficient time to park in an alternative location should the need arise. Visitors should also be aware that the car park is payable by credit or debit card or 'PaybyPhone' only, for which users need to register in advance. Further information, and details on how to register, is available from <http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/13-rectory-lane-west-long-stay-surface-car-park-cm1-1re>. Locations of alternative car parks can also be found on the www.chelmsford.gov.uk website.

As there is limited space on each tour, booking is essential. Please follow the link on the homepage of our website, www.kegs.org.uk, to book a place. Full details regarding our Admissions Criteria can also be found on our website.

**Thank you for your interest in our school
We look forward to meeting you!**