



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations to our KS2 O2 Young Voices Choir!

On Monday, our Young Voices choir set off to London to spend the day and night at the O2 rehearsing and performing with the biggest children's choir in the world! It was a day full of singing, dancing, beat boxing, but most importantly fun! The children represented our school impeccably and showed such joy and enthusiasm for the entire event.

Our children sang a variety of songs, including *Proud* with Heather Small from M People which was recorded and will be sold as a single to raise funds for charity. Children thoroughly enjoyed the electronic violinist's performance of Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* accompanied by beatboxers. We are so proud of all the children that performed at the event – a truly memorable night for all! Thank you to all parents/carers for picking up the children late Monday evening too and a special thank you to Mrs Bowden for rehearsing the choir and organising the event with the help of Mrs Dudman. Thank you also to the team of staff that supervised and supported the children with such care on the day.

Year 5/6 Winchester Visit

On Wednesday, the Year 5 and 6 children had a wonderful trip to Winchester Cathedral. We were given a very informative tour and found out lots about the history of the cathedral and its royal connections. The children participated in a workshop about the man who saved the cathedral from sinking – William Walker. Each class then had time to work on sketches inside the cathedral ready for our art project back at school. All of the staff and volunteers at the cathedral commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children. It was a fascinating day, for all involved, delving into Winchester's past.

Reading and Phonics Afternoon

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Reading and/or Phonics afternoon and visiting your child's classroom. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's learning in this area of the curriculum. Thank you also to Mrs Scott (our English Lead) and Mrs Wilder (our SENDco and Phonics Lead) for setting up the event. I am also very grateful to Mrs Watson (our Chair of Governors) who supported at the event in my absence.

Pupil Premium and Greater Depth Leadership role

We have recently introduced a new Pupil Premium and Greater Depth in Foundation Subjects Leadership role, which Mrs Bentall has taken on within the school. We aim to give every child in our care the very best support and Mrs Bentall will be overseeing the support in place for our Pupil Premium children and reviewing our practice for children working towards or at Greater Depth in Geography, Music, Art, Design Technology, History, Computing, Physical Education and French.

Attendance Award

This week we found out that our school has won an attendance award! The Fischer Family Trust (FFT) collects daily attendance data from over 10,500 schools and have compared our school attendance with similar schools. We have achieved the award because our school's attendance is in the top 25% of all FFT schools for the 2022 Autumn term.

Thank you to every parent/carers who has encouraged and supported their child in attending school each day, when well, and on time. We are very proud of this award. The government have been providing regular guidance to schools this academic year highlighting the importance of good attendance to ensure children make good progress academically and socially. As a school we aim to work together with families to support good attendance. Our aim is for each child's attendance to be 96% or above.

Hogan's Music

This morning the children watched and participated in a fabulous showcase of music performed by Hogan's Music. It was a great way to end the week and start our Friday morning with all the children and staff joining in the singing and dancing. Your child has been given a leaflet that has more information about the music lessons that are on offer from Hogan's music should your child be interested or the following email link: Hogan Music website <https://www.hoganmusic.co.uk/s/kingsclere-ce-primary-school>

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger (Acting Headteacher)



Notices and Diary Dates

School Uniform

Polite reminder regarding PE kit. Please ensure, when buying new jogging bottoms for PE that these need to be plain black with no logo. We thank you for your support.

Would you like to support in school and listen to children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 read?

If you are available to come into school in the afternoon or first thing in the morning to support staff and hearing children read, we would be so grateful. Please contact Mrs Messenger to find out more details of what this involves. If you are not DBS checked, we can arrange this with you, so you are able to volunteer in school. Any support you can offer would be very gratefully appreciated.

O2 Young Voices

We hope all children involved in Monday's event came away feeling truly inspired by the music they not only created but also were privileged enough to watch. A fabulous experience for all! If you were unable to be in the audience or you were there and want to relive the moments, you can purchase a professional video of the whole performance. For further information please go to yv23film.co.uk

Teacher Industrial Action

You may be aware of the planned NEU strike on Wednesday 1 February and further dates in March. I will inform you as soon as I have further information regarding the impact of the strike action at Kingsclere CE Primary School.

Winter Wheeze Webinar

We have been asked to promote a webinar - *It's not easy being wheezy* - that is being run on 27 January 2023 by Respiratory Paediatric Nurses. They welcome parents and carers of children who suffer from wheezing when they have coughs and colds or have an inhaler to use, along to the session. Note that on sign up, questions can be submitted to the team. See the attached flyer, 'Winter Wheeze' for further information.

Managing Winter Illnesses

The UK Health Security Agency have released an updated blog to raise awareness and promote the best ways to protect children and others. Please click on the link for further information:

[Back to School - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness](#) We have also been asked to share the link to the [Healthier Together website](#) that is a useful place for parents to get health advice and information.

Calendar Dates

(These dates can also be found on the Weduc calendar)

Date	Event
Monday 23 January	Meet the Teacher – Rowan class only due to Miss Tamlin's maternity leave beginning and Mrs Voke and Mrs Featherstone stepping in as class teachers
Monday 30 January	St Gabriel's Maths Challenge – Year 4 team
Tuesday 31 January	School Book Fair
Wednesday 1 February	School Book Fair
Thursday 2 February	School Book Fair
Friday 10 February	St Gabriel's Maths Challenge – Year 5 team
Thursday 9 February	Valentine's Disco Year R, Year 1 and Year 2: 17:00 – 18:00 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 18:15 – 19:15
Monday 13 February – 17 February	February Half term
Tuesday 14 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Thursday 16 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15



Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Friday 12 May	Bag2School
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15