



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 11 – 24.11.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to our two new governors Mr Scott Duff and Mr Daniel Jackson. We are delighted that they have joined our governing body to further support the school.

At the start of last academic year, we collected parents, carers, children's, governors and staff views to create a new vision and mission statement and a strapline to encapsulate these statements. Please see the outcome below which captures our shared goal for the children of Kingsclere CE Primary School.

'Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.'

VISION: Our vision is for our children to be confident and thoughtful individuals with a love for learning.

MISSION: We create a nurturing, inclusive environment with high expectations where children thrive and reach their full potential.

We achieve this through:

- the dedication and passion of our team
- excellence in teaching and learning
- strong partnerships between staff, families and the wider community
- through instilling our core values of Love, Courage and Respect

VALUES: Love, Courage and Respect

We would be so very grateful for any feedback linked to the vision, mission and strapline shared above. The wording will drive our school improvements and ethos.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre next Friday starting at 15:30. Father Christmas will be visiting too! We would be so very grateful for any donations to our raffle food and drink hampers (see attached details about the fayre) and in return children are able to wear non-school uniform on Thursday.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger
Acting Head



Notices

Advice and a Slice

Thank you so much to all who attended 'Advice and a Slice' on Thursday. It was a really valuable session looking at the Wellness Journal and sharing further examples of support and resources that have worked well. Please see the information, recommendations and links below:

Time was also spent looking at the SEN Policy and discussing this. Thank you for your feedback.

Books:

The Rabbit Who Wants To Fall Asleep - to support bedtime routines
Sitting Still like a Frog - mindfulness for children

Cooking Inspiration:

<https://www.tamingtwins.com/>

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/recipes>

Christmas visit ideas:

Burghclere Miniature Railway Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 12.00pm

Christmas Tractor Run Saturday 16th December around Woolton Hill, Highclere, Penwood and Burghclere - more information can be found on social media

Tadley Tractor Run on 17th December - more information can be found on social media

New Year R Tours and Visits for children starting school in September 2024

We have our final group tour on Tuesday 12th December at 13:30 for new or existing parents/carers who have a child starting school in September 2024. Alternatively, parents/carers may prefer to book an individual tour with the acting headteacher – please do not hesitate to call us. Please do support us in encouraging new families in and out of catchment to join our lovely school. Any parents/carers of children due to start school next academic year can contact the school via email: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit.

Thank you again to all our pupil school ambassadors from years 4 to 6, who have done a magnificent job promoting our school when showing our visitors around the school.

Attendance

This week's best attendance was Willow Class with 94% and Holly Class with 93%. If you are ever unsure whether to send your child to school, please read the following government guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Thank you for your support.

Maths Parent/Carer Workshop on Tuesday 16th January

Following the success of the parent/carer workshop last year focussing on addition and subtraction, we are delighted to extend an invitation to all parents, carers and family members who would like to see some Maths in action around the school. The session will begin with a short talk by Mrs Bentall and our new (pupil) Maths ambassadors about the methods we use here at Kingsclere CE Primary school and some ideas about how you might be able to support your child at home. This will be followed by a chance to walk around the school and join in some fun activities in each of the classrooms. We hope to see lots of you again this year and encourage you to RSVP to our Weduc message about this, that will be sent out nearer the time, so we can make sure we have enough chairs set out and the kettle boiled to accommodate everyone!

Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club

Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club have a few spaces in their Bluefins Skills Academy. They are looking for budding swimmers who are:

- Aged 8-10
- Reached level 7 in lessons
- Ready to try competitive swimming

Please get in touch at admin@bbfsc.org or visit www.bbfsc.org if your child may be interested in this.

The Artist of the week this week is...

Artist of the Week: Sophia Oshodin

Nigerian-British Painter



**Untitled III,
For All That
We Have,
2021**



Interesting Fact:

Sophia lives and works in London.

A Farewell to my Problem Days, 2022



Best Known For:

Her paintings are notable for their bold colours and patterns that engage the viewer.



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

Date	Event
Thursday 30 November	Children are welcome to attend school on this day in non-school uniform in return for a donation for the Christmas Fayre. Donations are for the raffle prize food hampers, e.g., drinks, chocolate, sweets, biscuits, pickle onions, etc.
Friday 1 December	School FKS Christmas Fayre 15:30
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 and 4 Rivers Showcase event 14:00 – 15:00
Thursday 7 December	FKS Movie Night 15:15 – 17:30
Tuesday 12 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30am New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 1:30 – 3:00pm
Wed 13 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30
Thurs 14 December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 January	Maths Parent Workshop – school hall 9 – 10am
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 5 February	E safety week and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week + National Road Safety Week
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 20 May	Y5 and Y6 residential to Calshot Walk to school week.
Monday 27 May – 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	INSET Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins