



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week!

### **Remembrance**

It was a very special moment last Sunday, to see children from Kingsclere CE Primary participate in the remembrance parade through the village in the very heart of our Kingsclere community. Thank you to all the children who represented the school and placed a cross at the base of the memorial, in remembrance of those who lost their lives in military service in the First and Second World Wars.

### **Kindness and Anti-Bullying Week**

This week the children took part in 'Odd Socks Day' and have spent time in lessons and Collective Worship discussing the importance of celebrating our differences and being inclusive. Children have also been involved in deep discussions linked to anti-bullying reflecting on the meaning of their words and actions both on and offline. Pupils across the school also took part in a kindness workshop at the start of the week.

We have 'Tell Me' boxes in each classroom and also encourage children to talk to a trusted adult, and 'Make some Noise' (as detailed in the anti-bullying slogan this year) if they feel that they are being bullied or someone has been unkind to them. We have an Open-Door policy which means, please, please do come and talk to us if you have any concerns regarding your child and bullying. We are here to support your child in the best possible way that we can and if you feel that you are not being heard please do arrange to meet with me so we can find a way forward to support your child and do all we can to prevent bullying and unkindness between children.

### **Children In Need**

It was lovely to see the children dress up today in spots and the 'Bear Pee Challenge' was fierce! Some children achieved as many as 160 throughout their breaktimes this week! Mrs Taylor is calculating the totals to share next week. Thank you to everyone that supported this good cause.

### **Grounds Day**

Grounds Day was wonderful and helped by the weather! There were all manner of activities going on with all year groups making the very best of our fabulous school grounds. You will see we are having a big drive to share your children's learning with you so please do look on our Facebook page or Weduc News Feed to find out more about your child's learning.

### **Football Festival – Year 2**

Twelve of our Year 2 pupils volunteered to take part in a football festival at Cheam School with Miss Bagshaw and Mrs Dudman. Miss Bagshaw shared that the team played with respect and courage and we are all very proud of them. Thank you to parents/carers who supported at the event too.

### **Library Refurbishment**

This evening, following a meeting with the Robert Higham's in October we have just found out that the trust has unanimously voted to donate £1000 to our new library refurbishment. This is wonderful! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated through FKS events to enable us to refurbish our library and to the Robert Higham's Trust. The refurbishment will be taking place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and this will be a super space for our children to enjoy their love of reading. I am looking for an author or someone famous to open the library to make the occasion a special one! I am going to begin with asking Clare Balding but if you have any other contacts that could make our library opening extra special please do let me know!

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards, Jo Messenger (Acting Headteacher)

## Notices

The Artist of the week is...

**Artist of the Week: Joseph Beuys**  
*German artist, sculpture, teacher and performance artist*  
**1921 – 1986**



**Fat Chair, 1964**

*It is composed of an old, rather ordinary chair with fat placed on the seat.*

**Interesting Fact:**  
At the age of 22, Beuys joined the German air force. His plane was shot down in Crimea.



**The Pack, 1969**

Volkswagen bus and 24 sleighs, each equipped with fat, felt blankets, belts, and torchlight.

### Reading for Pleasure and Information

Our English Lead (Mrs Stephenson) will be sending out (soon) a list of books (lists are compiled for different age ranges) which your child may wish to read. This may be great for some stocking filler ideas... for Christmas!

If any parents/carers would like to volunteer to hear children read in the afternoons or first thing in the morning, please do get in touch with us. Reading has such a huge impact on children's vocabulary development, creativity, spelling and writing ability as well as providing good mindfulness so we are trying to provide children with many opportunities to read as much as possible throughout the week.

### Christmas Fayre – Friday 1 December

We hope you are all able to join us at our FKS Christmas Fair on Friday 1 December from 15:25 to 17:30 in the school hall and surrounding classrooms. There will be a variety of activities to enjoy including a Christmas cake competition, a raffle, Santa in his grotto, games, mulled wine and mince pies, face painting and live music provided by our children and members of the local community as well as this year.....a Christmas singalong!

**On Thursday 30 November, we would like to invite all children to wear non-school uniform in exchange for Christmas Fair donations so we can fill hampers with festive goodies.** We welcome alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, chocolates, candles, toiletries, new toys, a pack of Christmas cards, a Christmas cake/pudding or any other items suitable for a Christmas hamper! We will also have a cake stall and would be very grateful for any cake and/or biscuit donations. All donations should be brought in with your child to their classroom on Thursday 30 November. The more we raise the more we can put back into our next projects which will include, developing an outside reading area outside the library and a reflection space for the children at the front of the school outside Chestnut Classroom.



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

We have our final group tour on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk) or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit.

## **Attendance**

This week's best attendance was Ash Class with 97% and Chestnut also with 97% KS2. Thank you so much for getting your children into school on time so they can start the school day with their peers and accessing the early morning activities to allow them to have a good start to the school day.

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## Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

Date	Event
Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 November	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 30 November	Children are welcome to attend school on this day in <b>non-school uniform</b> 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 15:25
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 and 4 Rivers Showcase event 14:00 – 15:00
Thursday 7 December	FKS Movie Night 15:30 – 17:00
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
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