



## KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 23 – Friday 3 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today we celebrated World Book Day and were visited by Newbury Weekly News who took photos of some of the children in their super costumes! Thank you to every parent/carers for supporting your child in dressing up as their favourite book character. The children took part in a variety of activities promoting reading and teachers swapped classes in the morning to read their favourite book to a different class. Well done to all children who brought in a story jar. They look incredible! We have the difficult challenge of selecting the winners early next week! If your child did not bring their story jar to school or wants to take part, please upload a photo of the jar to Seesaw. Thank you also to all who were able to donate books or buy books as part of the pre-loved book sale, to FKS for selling pre-loved uniform at the event and to Mrs Scott for organising events to celebrate World Book Day!

We thank you for your patience yesterday and I am sorry for any inconvenience caused due to the National Education Union strike action day. There are two more NEU strike action days on 15th and 16th March and I will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible regarding the impact that this will have on school opening.

We still have 8 more places available for any children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to take part in the Cross Country event at Newbury Showground on 21st March. Many children have begun practising already – running laps of the playground as part of active breaks throughout the day or at lunch or break time – well done children!

We will be saying farewell to Miss Naomi Jones, our Holly Class teacher, who will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term. We wish her all the very best in completing her Early Career Teaching (ECT) training and we have really enjoyed working with Miss Jones in the time she has been with us. Mrs Katrina Stephenson will become Holly Class's new teacher during the Summer Term and brings with her a wealth of experience having been English Lead, a mentor to ECTs and having taught all year groups throughout her teaching career.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS and  
FAMILY MEMBERS  
WELCOME!**



All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us on **Friday 31st March** at 14:00 at St. Mary's church for a performance of our Easter Cantata, 'Roll Back the Stone'.

Parents/Carers and family members will be seated in the pews in the main body of the church and the whole school will be performing from the choir stalls and altar area.

It would be really lovely if you could join our Easter Celebration!



## **Notices and Diary Dates**

### **Bedbug Drive – All family member’s welcome!**

Please join The Beetle Drive, with a Kingsclere twist, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Kingsclere Primary School. Doors open at 18:30. There will be fun for all the family including a two course hot supper. Tickets are available from Sue Watson 01635 298940 or email [kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk) Please see the attached poster including key details.

### **Mothering Sunday Service**

St Mary’s will be holding a Mothering Sunday service at 10.30 on 19th March. It will be an all-age service with an activity for the children, and a little gift for Mums. All are welcome to attend the service!

### **Cross Country Event for all Key Stage 2 children who would like to attend**

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, we would love for them to join us on our trip to Newbury Showground to take part in a super County Cross Country event. The event takes place on 21 March from 11:45 and we will return to school by 17:00. The event is free of charge to all our Key Stage 2 children and the school will provide free coach transport to and from this event. See the Weduc letter sent out on 6 February and click authorise if your child would like to take part.

### **Do you work for a company who could support Kingsclere CE Primary School?**

If you work for a company that supports local communities, e.g., Vodafone/Barclays and could support us in painting our Year R fencing area and our resources area, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Messenger or Mrs Dudman in the school office.

### **Schools Competition 2023 at the South of England Showground**

Please find attached details about the Schools Competition 2023 on the 9th, 10th and 11th June 2023. The competition is free to enter for KS1, KS2 and KS3 children and prizes are available!

### **Kingsclere Singers**

Please put the date in your diary for this special event. Musical entertainment will be provided with tea and cake! Tickets on the door at The Fieldgate Centre on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 4 – 5.30pm: Adults £10, children FREE. All welcome!

### **Mental Health support**

Please find below a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing.

- Visit [CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://camhs.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing
- [Help! I’m in crisis – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://camhs.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis



- **Text SHOUT to 85258** - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing
- The Hampshire *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)* **AIM** card has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person
- [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](http://MentalWellbeingHampshire) has a directory of support for families in Hampshire
- [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) has official resources for Children's Mental Health Week

## **Calendar Dates**

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

| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Event</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Friday 10 March – Friday 17 March | British Science Week begins   |
| Tuesday 14 March                  | Parent/Carer Consultation Evening   |
| Wednesday 15 March                | Possible Strike Action Day  |
| Thursday 16 March                 | Possible Strike Action Day  |
| Friday 17 March                   | 'Save the Date' for Ash Class Mummies 14:15                                       |
| Tuesday 21 March                  | Cross Country Event – KS2   |
| Wednesday 22 March                | Grounds Half Day/Day  |
| Thursday 23 March                 | Parent/Carer Consultation Evening   |
| Friday 31 March                   | Easter Cantata Performance Whole School 14:00 at St. Mary's church – all welcome! |
|                                   | Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15   |
| Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April  | Easter Holiday  |
| Wednesday 19 April                | Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip for Year 1 and 2                                  |
| Monday 22 April – 16 April        | Walk to School Week   |
| Monday 1 May                      | May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils                                    |
| Monday 8 May                      | Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils                                 |
| Tuesday 9 May – Friday 12 May     | Year 6 SATS week  |
| 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   |
| Tuesday 6 June                    | Sports Week Activities  |
| Friday 9 June                     | Sports Day  |
|                                   | Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45   |
|                                   | Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers<br>KS2: 13:15 – 15:00                            |
| Thursday 15 June                  | Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip   |
| Friday 21 July                    | Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15                                     |