



## **KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

### **Edition 21 – Friday 10 February 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week the children have taken part in extra activities linked to Children's Mental Health week and this year the theme was 'Let's Connect'. The children have looked at how connecting with others kindly and in a positive manner promotes good mental health.

In our mental health assembly children looked at how some people such as Malala Yousafzai, Anne Frank, Greta Thunberg and Louis Braille have helped people feel valued and connected. In each class, we continue to support children in using our zones of regulation to help children develop skills to self-regulate and help them identify which zone they are in and how to manage the associated feelings.

We ended our week with our 'Dress to Express' day. There were some fantastic outfits expressing children's individuality! Research shows that self-expression is important because having the confidence to fully express your identity boosts your mental well-being and when you are feeling like your best self, you can improve your relationships, do better work and inspire others. The donations raised today will be put towards purchasing resources for the children to use to support well-being. Our school council have recorded lots of great ideas in consultation with their peers.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join us at our Year 1 and 2 children's enquiry outcome. The children and parents were set a quiz to complete about 'How is life in Mityana compared to the UK?'

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Clarke, one of our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), soon after half term. Mrs Clarke has been a wonderful LSA and Lunchtime Supervisor in the time that she has been with us. We wish her well in her new career and we have all loved working with her. We are delighted to have appointed a new Administration Assistant - Jacqueline Austen - who will be joining us shortly. Jacqueline has a wealth of experience and will be a friendly face to support our families in the school office.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our FKS team who ran two great Valentine Disco's on Thursday evening. The children had a fabulous time and will also benefit a second time around as all donations raised will go towards refurbishing our school library area.

Well done to Felix, Alice, Kieran and Stanley for taking part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge at St Gabriel's this afternoon. The children represented the school impressively with their deep thinking as they completed a variety of maths challenges. Thank you again to Mrs Green for accompanying the children at this event and to our parents/carers for supporting us with transport arrangements.



Well done to Tom M for beating Basingstoke Bluefins club record for the 50 metres butterfly in a time of 34.86 seconds! Tom also won 8 medals at Hampshire County Championships. It is always great to hear about children's successes outside of school.

This week our four Junior Road Safety Officers: James, Leyton, Darcie and Mia took part in training and throughout the year they will support their peers in learning about road safety. Thank you to Ian Bowden our school Health and Safety governor who supported the children in their training.

Have a good half term week and we look forward to seeing your child(ren) back at school on Monday 20 February.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

### **Notices and Diary Dates**

#### **Year R, 1 and 2 Choir**

Choir for the KS1 and Early Years children will not run on the first week back after half term. It will pick up again on the 28th February.

#### **New Lunch Menu**

Please take a look at our new lunch menu that will start from 20 February. Please note that on Tuesdays and Thursdays the alternative option will be sandwiches in place of jacket potato.

#### **Car Parking**

Please support us in being good neighbours. We have had some complaints from residents recently that parents/carers are parking in front of some of our Ash Grove driveways so some of residents are unable to access and exit their driveway. We kindly ask all parents/carers to park considerately. Thank you for your support.

#### **Attendance**

This week our attendance winners were Ash Class who had a whole class attendance of 93.94% and Elm Class who had a whole class attendance of 97.79%. We ask that holidays are only taken during the school holiday periods please. Thank you for your support.

#### **Calendar Dates**

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

Date	Event
Monday 13 February - 17 February	February Half term



Friday 3 March (Please note we have changed the date to the 3 March from 2 March)	World Book Day – Dress up Day
Friday 10 March – Friday 17 March	British Science Week begins
Tuesday 21 February	15:30 – 16:00 SATS talk for Year 6 parents/carers
Tuesday 14 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Thursday 16 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Friday 17 March	'Save the Date' for Ash Class Mummies! 14:15 start
Tuesday 21 March	Cross Country Event – KS2
Wednesday 22 March	Grounds Half Day/Day
Friday 31 March	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
Thursday 27 April	Year 3 and 4 Trip – Watercress Line
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 KS2: 13:15 – 15:00
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15