



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 1 – Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was great to welcome your children to school on Tuesday. All the children looked so smart in their uniforms and PE kits and thank you for kitting them out ready for the year ahead as well as supporting them in returning to school after the long summer break.

A special warm welcome to our new Year R pupils and other children who have joined throughout the school. You have all been so brave beginning your first week at Kingsclere, especially when it still feels like the summer holiday with such sunny and warm weather! We also welcome Miss Maisie Bagshaw (our new Elm Class teacher) and Miss Megan Rogers (our new Year 3 and 4 Learning Support Assistant) to the staff team. It is great to have you with us!

Our first two INSET days were very productive. The first focussed on refreshing and developing our staff practices to ensure we successfully safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children and how to recognise if children are at risk or experiencing harm. We know that you will work with us to support our school in having an effective safeguarding culture so we can provide support to all our children and their families. Please do voice any safeguarding concerns or seek advice from our safeguarding team in relation to any safeguarding issues. Our safeguarding team include: Jo Messenger (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Karen Bental, Lindsey Bowden, Lesley Dudman and Caroline Williamson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads).

On the second INSET day, staff were developing their planning, teaching and learning linked to our enquiry curriculum and foundation subjects ensuring plans are in place to support all children to achieve high quality outcomes. We have high expectations for all our children in core subjects and our foundation subjects so all children experience a high-quality well-rounded education.

Our staff team have worked hard to develop their classroom spaces and make them as welcoming as possible for the children as well as inspiring, to support children's learning and wellbeing. We have introduced a new nurture classroom (where Hazel Class used to be) and have also worked hard to ensure there is consistency across the school, providing resources to support our children's wellbeing and positive mental health such as our Zones of Regulations resources and classroom reflection spaces. Each class also created their own Class Charter this week following our Collective Worship linked to the Conventions on the Right of the Child.

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who have taken on leadership roles within the school and thank you Year 6 for supporting your new Year R buddies this week. You have made the children feel welcome and supported during their lunch time. Our Year 6 leaders will be carrying out their new roles over the next half term to support younger year groups and the staff team in running aspects of school life.

Thank you to our Friends of Kingsclere Primary School (PTA) who set up tea and coffee on the playground this morning providing a chance for parents/carers to meet as well as fundraising for new school resources. There will be more tea and coffee mornings to come! Do come along to meet Kingsclere CE Primary School families.

We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our Meet the Teacher events next week – details are below. Teachers will provide a presentation about the year ahead and we really look forward to meeting you.

Wishing you a super weekend – enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger

Acting Head

Notices and Diary Dates

Attendance

EYFS & KS1 winners for the Attendance Ted: Willow 100%

KS2 winners for Attendance Ted: Holly 100%

Well done everyone! Thank you for ensuring your child arrives promptly each day at 08:45. When your child arrives at school punctually each day it makes sure that they do not miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day. It also helps them to learn about routines and commitment and gives your child time to greet their friends before class which reduces the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.

Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

If you would like to be a school governor, please do look out for details which will be shared shortly. We have a fantastic friendly and talented governing body and are in need of a parent/carers governor to join the team. Please do apply if this role would be of interest to you once the details are out.

Food Allergies

As you are aware, we are a nut free school and this includes nut-based chocolate spread. Please do not send your child to school with any foods containing nuts. Thank you for your support.

End of Day Arrangements

Please ensure that the adult collecting your child is aware of the password to share with your child's class teacher to enable your child to be dismissed from school with the collecting adult. Thank you for this – we appreciate your support.

Job Opportunity – Cleaner Wanted Please!

We have a School Cleaner role available at our school. The hours are Monday – Friday 16:00 – 18:00 – 52 weeks of the year with annual holiday entitlement. Please see our school website for further details: <https://kingsclereprimary.com/about-us/staff-vacancies/>

Artist of the Week

As well as providing an opportunity for children to hear Music of the Week, when they enter Collective Worship we are also sharing an Artist of the Week. Please see details below:

Artist of the Week: Anish Kapoor

British Indian Sculptor

1954 – Now



Cloud Gate, 2006

Known as "The Bean" This is one of the largest public artworks in existence. You can visit it in Millennium Park, Chicago!

Best known for...

creating abstract sculptures that reflect living, natural elements such as plants and the human body.

Interesting Fact:

In 1991, Kapoor was awarded the Turner Prize (the highest award given to a British artist).



Sky Mirror, 2001

This huge, five-meter mirror reflects the sky above it and turns it upside down



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 12 September | Meet the teachers for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers in the school hall at 5:00 - 6:00pm |
| Wednesday 13 September | Meet the teachers for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers in the school hall at 5:00 – 6:00pm |
| Thursday 14 September | Meet the teacher Year 1 and Year 2 in their classrooms 5:00 - 6:00pm |
| Monday 18 September | Clubs Start |
| Wednesday 20 September | Year R meet the teacher 3:30 – 4:00pm in Ash classroom |
| Friday 6 October | INSET DAY |
| Friday 13 October | New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am |
| Wednesday 18 October | Year 5 and 6 Outcome Event 2:30pm |
| Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October | Half Term |
| Friday 3 November | New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am |
| Tuesday 7 November | Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm |
| Thursday 9 November | Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm |
| Thurs 16 November | Football Festival Year 2 – Cheam 2:00 – 4:00pm |
| Friday 17 November | Children in Need Day |
| Wednesday 29 November | Grounds Day or Half Day – all year groups |
| 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. |
| 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 |

