



## KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 27 – Friday 30 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our Easter celebration and cantata performance today at St. Mary's Church. A huge well done to all the pupils who performed their roles with such enthusiasm in today's event. A special thank you also goes out to all the parents/carers who helped us supervise the children walking to and from the church. Thank you also to Mrs O' Leary for playing the organ, Emma Rivers and John Price for their valued contribution to the service and Mrs Bowden for teaching the children the songs and organising our readers. What a treat it was for us all!

Today, we have sent out the list of clubs that will be available in the summer term for your child(ren). Some of the clubs are run by staff and some by outside agencies. There are lots of opportunities for children including: Gardening Club, Thinking Club, Reading Club, Sports Clubs including – tennis, athletics, netball, dance, girls' football, karate, Choir and Outdoor Adventures. We also provide small group instrumental lessons in electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar and drum kit in the afternoons – please contact the school office for further details about the instrumental lessons if your child would like to learn an instrument. We are very lucky to have so many staff who are keen to deliver clubs and are also always keen to hear about any additional club ideas that you think your child or other children may enjoy. Please do get in touch if you have any suggestions or contacts who could provide an extra-curricular activity at the end of the school day or even lunchtime.

Today we said goodbye to Miss Jones and wish her all the very best with the completion of her Early Career Teacher Training in a different school. We welcome Mrs Katrina Stephenson, who will be joining our teaching team from 17<sup>th</sup> April in Holly Class. Mrs Stephenson comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to her joining the Kingsclere team. This week we also welcomed Mrs Lucy Taylor to our team. Mrs Taylor is a new Learning Support Assistant and will be supporting in Year 1 and 2 - not to be confused with Mrs Lauren Taylor our Elm Class teacher! At the end of May, Mrs Melrose will be returning to her role as Headteacher, following her Maternity Leave. You may see her at the school between now and then as she will have ten Keep In Touch (KIT) days prior to returning so she can get back into the swing of things. We wish Miss Roker many congratulations as she is getting married over the Easter holiday and on her return will be Mrs Bayliss. It was also lovely this week to meet Miss Tamlin's baby when she popped in, and we wish her and her partner many congratulations!

Thank you for your ongoing support this term and we look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. I hope you have a very wonderful Easter and enjoy some quality family time. Fingers crossed that the weather picks up!

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher



## Notices and Diary Dates

### Singing with the Kingsclere Singers!

We have been invited to take part in a concert in July with the Kingsclere Singers. The event will take place at the Fieldgate Centre from **11:30 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, with families encouraged to bring a picnic and tea and coffee will be available throughout. We will perform as a school but also as part of a larger choir with the Kingsclere Singers. If your child would like to be part of this event then please sign up for choir afterschool on Tuesday, on the clubs list. The choir is open to all age groups, but regular attendance is required to ensure that we are performance ready for the event! More details regarding the event will come in due course. Many thanks, Mrs Bowden

### FKS Bag4school Collection - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

If any parents/carers have some free time during the Easter holidays to sort outgrown clothes, just a reminder that we have a bags4school collection on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Please only donate clothes and no bedding. Last time, with your support, we raised £157 and we are hoping to make just as much next month. With the money raised we will be purchasing Skip2BeFit skipping ropes to provide children with short active breaks between lessons to help support fitness.

### Readathon

We would be so grateful if you could encourage your child to read over the holiday. Reading has a huge impact on children's learning, including improving literacy skills, developing children's vocabulary, imagination, creativity and empathy and developing children's concentration. We would love for your child(ren) to take part in the Readathon challenge. We would be so grateful for any donations raised from £1 to £100 to go towards supporting the refurbishment of the Kingsclere CE Primary School library and the "Save Busy Bees" fund to support our local preschool. Details were sent to parents/carers via Weduc and paper copies of sponsor forms were sent home yesterday. Thank you for any support with this fundraising activity.

### FKS need your children's outgrown or unwanted fancy dress!

Do you dread school fancy dress days?! Well, fret no more! Friends of Kingsclere School (FKS) will be launching a Fancy Dress Hire service. For a donation to FKS, you will be able to borrow one of our costumes in time for World Book Day / Dress to Impress / other themed days. We are aiming to launch this next academic year. In the meantime, we need your donations of any old or outgrown fancy dress items so we can put together and catalogue our costume library. Please bring to school in a bag labelled "FKS Fancy Dress", and keep an eye out for the launch!

### EASTER TRAIL - 3rd APRIL 10am - 1pm

All parents/carers and children are welcome to an Easter Trail in Aid of Busy Bees Kingsclere Preschool, on **Monday 3rd April from 10:00 - 13:00**, for children aged 3 - 7 years. The event will be taking place at Frith Farm. There will be:



- **FREE** tractor rides for all from parking to the Easter trail. We have two tractors. The first tractor ride will be at 10 am and then the next collection will be 10.30 am.
- Bug hunts - aimed at the younger of the children through a wooded footpath but the older ones will love finding bugs too
- Wildlife Trail - everyone can enjoy running about a huge open field finding the wild animals hidden throughout
- Easter Lambs - come and have a hold - photos can be taken by parents and carers
- We have a locally supported tea and cake stand for all to enjoy
- Straw bales and cover for those who want to bring a pack lunch and enjoy the open spaces before a tractor ride or a walk back to parking
- Gates close at 1pm

To purchase tickets you can go to, 'Kingsclere Busy Bees Pre School Easter Egg Trail' on Eventbrite or use the following link: <https://frithfarmeaster.eventbrite.co.uk/> Please book tickets before the day to use the discount code: **Siblings5**  
Donations welcome on the day too.

The Busy Bees fundraising committee look forward to seeing you all on the day.

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

Date	Event
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 17 April	First Day Back at School
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 – Friend's of Kingsclere Primary School
Monday 22 May – 26 May	Walk to School Week
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
Thursday 15 June	Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip
Tuesday 4 July	iSingPOP event at St. Mary's – all year groups. Further details to be sent out after Easter
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	FKS Kingfest – This is a live music event for families of Kingsclere CE Primary School with an option of camping



	on the school field. Food is included in the price of the tickets – dancing and stalls will be available to entertain the children. Further details about this event will be sent out after Easter.
Wednesday 12 July	13:15 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Monday 17 July	Swimming Gala Year 3/4: 09:15 – 10:15 Year 5/6: 10:45 – 11:45
Tuesday 18 July	Grounds Day
Wednesday 19 July	Whole School Walk
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15