



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 32 – Friday 19 May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Football Congratulations

A huge well done to our football squads that competed in the Thatcham and Newbury Town Girls Junior Schools Tournament yesterday. Mrs Verney and I were so very proud of the children's teamwork and support for one another. Our Year 1 and 2 children collaborated with our Year 4 children and played absolutely brilliantly, playing against Year 3 and 4 teams. The Year 1 and 2 children in this team tackled and chased down Year 3 and 4 oppositions brilliantly and our Year 4 goal keeper and our striker played some spectacular moves! The Year 5 and 6 teams also played really well with one group making it through to the quarter finals and only lost in this game to penalties. A district coach also picked out one of our Year 6 girls as exceptional – watch this space! A huge thank you to all the parents/carers for supporting the children at the event. A very special thank you to Mrs Randall-Bird and Mrs Dalton for coaching our Year 5 and 6 teams over the last four weeks. Another big thank you to Mr Randall Bird for refereeing the Year 3 and 4 matches and to Mrs Ingram for coaching one of our Year 5 and 6 teams during the event. We are very grateful to each of you for your support!



Early Years Foundation Stage Success

Today we invited in the District Advisory Teacher for Early Years who joined us for an Early Year Foundation Stage Profile Moderation Visit. The visit recognised the excellent practice in place for our EYFS children. The moderation showed that our staff practitioners knowledge of what children know, understand and can do and understanding of the early learning goals was a real strength. A huge well done to Mrs Bowden and the team for the excellent practice in place.

Walk to School Week

Well done to all our children who have walked, scooted or biked to school this week as part of our Walk to School Week. We were so impressed how far many children were prepared to go, including Rydal who walked all the way from Echinswell to Kingsclere CE Primary School with his dad! For some of our families, it is not always possible to walk to school due to time constraints and the distance they live from school so many of our children took to completing laps of the playground at lunchtime to support in being fit and healthy! Well done all!

Next week Year 5 and 6 are off to Runways End residential and fingers crossed for good weather! Please also look out for a letter about iSingPOP - a great opportunity for whole school!

This is my final newsletter and next week Mrs Melrose will be taking over providing news for the week! We look forward to welcoming Mrs Melrose back to Kingsclere CE Primary School. Thank you to all parents and carers once again for all your support during my time as Acting Head.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher



Notices and Diary Dates

Sports Week – 6th June – 9th June

We have lots of sports opportunities for all our year groups during the first week back after half term as we will be running a Sports Week from 6th June to 9th June. Children should wear their PE kit all week please. We have swimming lessons and cricket sessions led by specialist coaches taking place and dance sessions led by Kingsclere Performing Arts College (Kings PA). On Friday 9th June we will be holding Sports Day and parents/carers and family members are warmly welcome to attend. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Sports Day timings on Friday 9th June:

Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45

Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers 12:00 – 13:00

KS2: 13:15 – 15:00

Swimming Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to support the swimming sessions we would be very grateful. Please do let the office know if you are able to support in anyway and we will ensure you have completed the necessary DBS forms so you can volunteer in school – thank you.

Mental Health Support

Please find below some useful resources recommended by mental Wellbeing Hampshire for children, young people and families:

- [Kooth](#) is a free, safe, anonymous online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service for 11-25-year-olds in Hampshire with no referral needed. Pupils can sign up this week and access community discussions, content, and moderated live forums all about anxiety and coping
- [ChatHealth](#) free messaging service for parents and carers and children and young people aged 5-19 to text a School Nurse in Hampshire
- [SHOUT](#) provides free, 24/7 mental health support by text. Text HANTS to 85258
- [Self Harm Support Hub](#) provides information and peer support for parents/carers supporting a child or young person who self-harms
- Find more local and national support on [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](#)

INSET DAYS for 2023 – 2024

The INSET days for the next academic year have now been agreed with governors and are detailed below. Please also find an attached document for the holiday periods for 2023 – 2024.

1.9.23

4.9.23

6.10.23

2.1.23

3.6.23

Good Festival

Please see attached details about the Good Festival taking place at Dummer Down Farm on Sunday 25th June.

Calendar Dates

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 May	New Year R Meeting for parents/carers of children starting Year R in September 2023



Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Thursday 25 May	Year R trip Thatcham Discovery Centre
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 12:00 – 13:00 KS2: 13:15 – 15:00
Tuesday 13 June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral service. Children to arrive at school by 08:15 to leave at 08:30 this day please.
Thursday 15 June	Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip
Tuesday 20 June	Year R visit to the Fieldgate Senior Citizens' club
Tuesday 4 July	iSingPOP event at St. Mary's – all year groups. Further details to be sent out next week
Saturday 8 th July	FKS Kingsfest – 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 shortly.
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	Leavers' Service 09:20 at St. Mary's – All Year 6 parents/carers and families invited
	14:00 final Collective Worship for Year 6s for all Year 6 parents/carers
	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15