



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 17 – 12.1.24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Maths Workshop – All Welcome!

We look forward to welcoming you to our Maths Multiplication and Division parent/carer and pupil workshop from 09:00 – 10:00 on Tuesday 16th January. We will meet in the hall at 09:00 for a quick introduction to how we approach teaching multiplication and division through the school and an opportunity to talk to our Maths Lead, Mrs Bentall, about any aspects of Maths at Kingsclere. Then there will be time to visit your child(ren)'s classroom to see (and try!) activities and games in place that you can use at home to support your child's multiplication and division knowledge and skills.

Good Luck to our Kingsclere CE Primary School Young Voices Choir!

Our Young Voices choir have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their O2 performance in the largest choir in the world next Friday. The children sound great and we are looking forward to seeing them perform!

Inclusion and Diversity

We are raising the profile of British Values with the children across our school curriculum and in children's day to day school life. Our British Values focus on: Individual Liberty, Democracy, Rule of Law and Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Beliefs and Faiths. Kingsclere CE Primary is part of the Basingstoke and Deane Inclusion and Diversity Partnership and there is further training next week for all staff to promote the importance of inclusion and diversity. The aim of the partnership is to develop the school's focus on equality and diversity so our school will progress further as a place where people genuinely feel that they belong and, as a result, will develop a strong and positive sense of self and an appreciation of their uniqueness and identity. Ultimately, this will impact on wider society as our children grow into tomorrow's adults, with shared values. The partnership aims to support staff in developing children's critical thinking, skilling children up to challenge and confront prejudice, discrimination, and racism, in order for our communities to become inclusive in the broadest sense.

We invite all our children to get involved in a club!

ActiveMe360 have begun their afterschool clubs this week, this includes two mixed gender football clubs for each key stage. Please do log onto the ActiveMe360 website if your child would be interested in taking part in either of these clubs: <https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/51100>

Please see the Weduc message sent out this afternoon regarding all clubs available. The clubs provide children with an opportunity to learn and develop new skills with their peers and many of our lunchtime and afterschool clubs are at no additional cost.

Moving forward our school newsletter will be sent out on a monthly basis and calendar dates sent out weekly. The next newsletter will be sent in February 2024.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher

Notices

Caretaker Vacancy

Following our Caretaker's retirement, we have a vacancy at our school for a Caretaker. If you wish to visit the school or find out more information, please contact Jo Messenger on 01635 298583 or you can email us on adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk

Treasurer PTA Vacancy Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to join our PTA as treasurer. Our PTA (who are called 'Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School') are a friendly group who carry out events in school for the children, families and community as well as raising funds for school projects. If you are interested in the role, please contact our school office on 01635 298583 or you can email adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk for a chat about the role.

New Year R Application

The new Year R application deadline is on Monday – 15 January 2024. Please use the below admissions online address to make your application for a place at Kingsclere CE Primary School in September 2024: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Attendance

This week's best attendance in Year R and KS1 was Willow Class (96%) and in Key Stage 2 - Chestnut (95%). Attendance Ted is looking forward to spending time with these classes this week!

Artist of the week

Artist of the Week: Clementine Hunter
American Painter
1887 – 1988



Interesting Fact:
Hunter never learned to read or write but began painting on plates and discarded fabric. She is now one of the most celebrated black female painters in history.

The Wash



Picking Cotton



Best known for her paintings which depict daily life on the plantations where she lived and worked.

Online Safety

Please see the online e-safety advice from National Online Safety with top tips for managing children's screen time.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

[@natonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety)

[/NationalOnlineSafety](https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety)

[@nationalonlinesafety](https://www.instagram.com/nationalonlinesafety)

[@national_online_safety](https://www.tiktok.com/@national_online_safety)

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 03.01.2023



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2024

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 January	Maths Parent/Carer Workshop – Multiplication and Division – for all parents/carers (whole school) in the school hall and then classrooms 09:00 – 10:00
Wednesday 17 January	Year 3/4 Stone Age/Iron Age visitor Day
Wednesday 17 January	Year 5 and Year 6 Winchester Science Centre School Trip
From week commencing 15 th January	After School Led Clubs run by teachers and Learning Support Assistants restart including the following: Netball, Italian and Calligraphy
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
From week commencing 29 th January	After School Led Clubs run by teachers and Learning Support Assistants restart including: French, KS2 Choir, Year 5/6 Girls' Football
Tuesday 30 th January	SATS Parents Meeting afterschool
Wednesday 31 January Thursday 1 February Friday 2 February	School Book Fair – 15:30 – 16:00
Monday 5 February	E-safety week and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Wednesday 7 February	Year 5 and 6 Showcase Event – all Year 5 and 6 parents/carers welcome at 14:30
Friday 9 February	Dress To Impress Day support 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
Wednesday 28 February	Grounds Day
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Monday 11 March	Science Week
Monday 25 th March	School Led Clubs stop
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter Service at St. Mary's at 09:30. All parents/carers, friends and family members invited!
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week SATS Week (Year 6)
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 10 th July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 13:15
Thursday 11 th July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 18:30
Monday 15 th July	Y3 and Y4 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 16 th July	School Grounds Day
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5 and Y6 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am Y5 and Y6 Oscars Evening 6.30 pm
Monday 22 nd July	Whole School Walk with picnic lunch
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term. Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.30 am. All Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome to attend Year 6 lap of honour in the school playground 15:00 – all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins