



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 24 – Friday 10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The snow was a surprise this week and we were unable to open due to insufficient staff being able to reach the school to provide the correct child:adult ratio and due to the school site being unsafe following a risk assessment.

Next week we will face further challenges as there are another two National Education Union strike action days on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. I will inform you again in the morning before 07:30 on each day regarding which year groups or children the school will be open to. Following union and government guidance I am unable to redeploy teachers to cover for striking colleagues or require teachers to provide home learning or prepare lessons for a colleague's class. I apologise in advance for the inconvenience school closures are causing.

We met a new colleague this week – Bobby – a four-legged friend! Bobby, a Labrador, is a registered, temperament-tested pet. He has had health, temperament, suitability and stability examinations through the Pets As Therapy (PAT) charity to be able to support in our school. He is supported by his owner Chryssie Green who is a PAT volunteer. Bobby's primary role at our school is to help children build confidence in reading and he has already made a fine start! Eight children each half term will have the opportunity to read with Bobby and we hope that we can continue to provide more children with this opportunity each term. We will always ask for parental/carers permission if we can offer your child an opportunity to read with Bobby.

We had a school property meeting this week with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and we are delighted that at the end of April 2023 all the school window frames and external painted walls will be receiving a fresh coat of paint which is paid for by HCC. This will help to smarten the school exterior later in the year.

Congratulations to Adriel, Mia, Eden and Kyan who will receive a book prize for winning the World Book Day Story Jar competition. Although we send special congratulations to these four children, we also congratulate all children that made an entry. We were so impressed with the efforts that had been put in to each jar and thank you for supporting your child with this.

Today we began British Science Week – see further details below. Mrs Taylor (our Science Lead) has organised some live lessons next week, virtually hosted by NFU education linking to farming. Mrs Taylor also spoke to the children in Collective Worship today about the British Science Week poster competition linked to the theme, 'Connections'.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher



Notices and Diary Dates

Weduc

Whoops! We seem to have been over excited by Weduc in the last couple of weeks. We have duplicated a number of posts. We hope we have not inconvenienced you too much because of this. Please accept our sincere apologies.

British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science week from 10 - 19th March. The theme this year is 'Connections', and there is a British Science Week poster competition linked to this theme that all children are invited to participate in. The children may wish to explore how their body parts are all connected, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, or even how internet connections have changed the world. Please see Seesaw for further details. All poster entries should be submitted to your child's class teacher by 20th March.

Easter Performance - All Parents/Carers Welcome to attend

We warmly invite parents, carers and family members to attend our Easter Cantata, 'Roll Back the Stone', at St. Mary's Church on Friday 31st March at 14:00. The whole school are involved in telling the Easter story through songs and spoken words. Please join us for our Easter celebration which will be a super end to our Spring Term. All parents, carers and family members will be seated in the pews in the church and all the children will be performing from the altar and choir stalls. Each key stage and the school choir have been working so hard in their singing practices to learn the songs.

Neurodiversity

There are some super free webinars available as well as information about neurodiversity for parents/carers. Please click on the link below to find out what is available. The resources have been shared as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week and are well worth a look.

[2023 Events Schedule | Neurodiversity Celebration Week \(neurodiversityweek.com\)](https://neurodiversityweek.com)

Bedbug Drive - All family member's welcome!

Please join The Beetle Drive, with a Kingsclere twist, on Saturday 18th March at Kingsclere Primary School. Doors open at 18:30. There will be fun for all the family including a two course hot supper. Tickets are available from Sue Watson 01635 298940 or email kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk

Mothering Sunday Service

St Mary's will be holding a Mothering Sunday service at 10.30 on 19th March. It will be an all-age service with an activity for the children, and a little gift for Mums. All are welcome to attend the service!

Do you work for a company who could support Kingsclere CE Primary School?

If you work for a company that supports local communities, e.g., Vodafone/Barclays and could support us in painting our Year R fencing area and our resources area, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Messenger or Mrs Dudman in the school office.



Schools Competition 2023 at the South of England Showground

Please find attached details about the Schools Competition 2023 on the 9th, 10th and 11th June 2023. The competition is free to enter for KS1, KS2 and KS3 children and prizes are available!

Kingsclere Singers

Please put the date in your diary for this special event. Musical entertainment will be provided with tea and cake! Tickets on the door at The Fieldgate Centre on Sunday 26th March 4 – 5.30pm: Adults £10, children FREE. All welcome!

Mental Health support

Please find below a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing.

- Visit [CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing
- [Help! I'm in crisis - CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis
- **Text SHOUT to 85258** - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing
- The Hampshire *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)* **AIM** card has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person
- [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](http://MentalWellbeingHampshire) has a directory of support for families in Hampshire
- www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk has official resources for Children's Mental Health Week

Calendar Dates

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

Date	Event
Friday 10 March – Friday 17 March	British Science Week begins
Tuesday 14 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Wednesday 15 March	Possible Strike Action Day
Thursday 16 March	Possible Strike Action Day
Friday 17 March	'Save the Date' for Ash Class Mummies 14:15
	Comic Relief – see Weduc message
Tuesday 21 March	Cross Country Event – KS2
Wednesday 22 March	Grounds Half Day/Day
Thursday 23 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Friday 31 March	Easter Cantata Performance Whole School 14:00 at St. Mary's church – all welcome!
	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
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
Thursday 15 June	Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15