

KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 2 – Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all who were able to join us at our Meet the Teacher events this week. We hope you found these meetings useful to hear about the year ahead for your children - finding out about what they will be learning this academic year, how we ensure high expectations are in place across the school and the support we have in place to enable each child to achieve their full potential. The slides will be shared on Weduc shortly.

We had a few unexpected surprises this week. Chestnut Class had to uproot to our Nurture Classroom due to problems with their ceiling and later in the week there was a water leak in the infant's corridor. Thankfully things have been quickly repaired by Hampshire contractors and all the children are now able to use these spaces again - which is a relief! Thank you, children, for being patient and adapting to the changes so sensibly!

In Collective Worship on Monday, we focused on our school value of Love, reflecting on the popular book 'Guess How Much I Love You' by Sam McBratney and the poem 'A Red, Red Rose' by Robert Burns. We considered how we can show love at school to others by being truthful, hardworking and caring. The children certainly had lots of superb examples to share.

One of the aspects we mentioned in our introductions to meet the teacher were the roles of leaders within the school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or any of our Senior Leaders, if you require any advice or support linked to your child(ren)'s schooling or have something important to discuss with us. Our Senior Leaders, pictured below, are also our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who support safeguarding across the school. They also carry out other responsibilities in the school. Mrs Bentall is a Senior Leader with responsibility for Pupil Premium, Greater Depth opportunities and Maths, Mrs Bowden is our Year R and Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, Music and Outdoor Lead, Mrs Dudman is our Senior Finance Manager and Miss Williamson is our Key Stage 2 Phase Leader and Enquiry Curriculum Lead. Please contact any of us via the school office or catch us on the playground if you feel we can be of any support.



Mrs Bentall



Mrs Bowden



Mrs Dudman



Miss Williamson

Mrs Anna Wickham Smith will be joining us each Thursday to support me in carrying out SENDco responsibilities across the school. Mrs Anna Wickham Smith has been a class teacher, a SENDco and a SEND manager and we are very grateful for her expertise.

Our afterschool teacher led clubs will begin next week. We have a range of exciting clubs including Calligraphy Club, Thinking Club, Outdoor Adventures, Italian Club, Netball, French Club, Young Voices Choir, Lunchtime Homework Club, Girls Football, as well as our Year R and KS1 Choir. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff team to provide these free opportunities for the children. If your child has not yet signed up to a club, please encourage them to do so – these are super opportunities for children to make friendships with other children they might not normally mix with but also an opportunity to participate in fun activities and learn new skills. Speak to the class teacher if you would like more details or if your child might like to try a club out for a week.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger

Acting Headteacher



Notices and Diary Dates

Attendance

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

KS2 winners for Attendance Ted: Holly 99.5%

We kindly ask that holidays are not booked during term time. Being in school is important to all children's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Department for Education research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

Government guidance outlines that there are only a small number of circumstances where missing a school day is permitted – see below. The guidance below is taken from the DfE Education Hub May 2023:

Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- *Your child is too ill to attend*
- *You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on a specific day due to exceptional circumstances*
- *Your child cannot go to school on a specific day because they are observing a religious event*
- *Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it's not available or has not been provided yet*
- *Your child does not have a permanent address and you are required to travel for work. This exception only applies if your child attends their usual school or another school where you are staying as often as possible. This must be 200 half days or more a year if they are aged 6 or older.*

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent.

Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

Parent/Carer Governor details about our recent vacancy have been sent out this week. We have a super governing body who would be delighted to receive any applications from our parent/carers community. The governing body help to plan the strategic direction of the school, oversee the financial performance of the school ensuring money is well spent and hold the headteacher or school leadership to account. The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governor's support and challenge the leadership team to drive school improvement. They are also a very friendly and welcoming group too!

New Year R Tours and Visits for children starting school in September 2024

We would love for parents/carers of children, who will be starting school in September 2024, to visit Kingsclere CE Primary School and meet the staff team and see the school in action. Any parents/carers of children due to start school next academic year can contact the school via email: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit. **The following open mornings or afternoons are available this Autumn Term:**

Friday 13th October at 09:30
Friday 3rd October at 09:30
Tuesday 12th December at 13:30

Job Opportunity – Cleaner Needed 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/>

Year 6 Parents/Carers - Secondary School Applications for September 2024

Secondary school place applications for September 2024 opened on Monday 11 September and will remain open until Tuesday 31 October. Parents and carers with children due to move to secondary school next year can now apply for their child's school place for September 2024. Secondary school applications are open until 31 October 2023. Please follow the guidance on the link below to make an application:

[Applying for a secondary school place \(Year 7\) | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/secondary-school-applications)

Marwell Zoo Competition

Please see the details attached regarding a Marwell Zoo Competition.

Mini's Rugby

Please see the poster attached about a local Kingsclere community weekend rugby club. Thank you.


Artist of the Week

Next week we will be looking at the following artist:

Artist of the Week: Bridget Riley

British Painter

1931 – 1891



Interesting Fact:
Riley is one of the top ten most expensive living British artists.

Nataraja, 1993



Movement in Squares, 1961



Best Known For:
She is famous for a style of painting known as Op Art, a type of abstract art that uses geometric shapes and patterns, often in black and white.

Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates

Date	Event
Monday 18 September	Teacher Led Clubs Start
Wednesday 20 September	Year R meet the teacher 3:30 – 4:00pm in Ash classroom
Friday 29 September	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30 – all parents/carers welcome to join us!
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.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30



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