



## KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 16 – Friday 6 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a very peaceful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year! The children have settled in school very well this week and it has been so lovely to hear about their Christmas'.

We began our week with INSET day where teachers explored assessment practices in foundation subjects, and further developed our enquiry curriculum planning. During this time our Learning Support Staff took part in First Aid training and at the end of the day staff reflected on the power of our words to support children as they develop self-control, build their sense of community and gain academic skills and knowledge.

This week we launched Times Tables RockStars in Year 3/4. This is a fun and engaging programme to support children in learning their times tables. The year groups, along with their teachers and Learning Support Assistants, dressed up for the day as RockStars and looked fabulous! Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to come along and support your child in dressing up for the day.

In our Celebration Collective Worship this afternoon we announced our new Year 6 Leaders, House Captains and Play Leaders. We are delighted to welcome the following children to their new roles this Spring Term.

**Play leaders:** Beatrice, Charlie, Immy, James, Kyle, Leyton, Makayla, Merryn, Molly, Tom, Tilli, Vanille

**School Leaders:** Amaia, Ethan, Olivia, William

**House Captains:** Amelia, Archie, Charlie, Freddie, Jax, Jacob, Molly, Theo

We look forward to seeing the children carry out responsibilities, acting as brilliant role models and supporting younger children within the school.

From feedback shared from parents/carers regarding our Home Learning, we will be setting different Deepening Understanding tasks, which will be printed rather than using the on-line platform. We hope that these will be more efficient in supporting the children's learning. Year 3/4 will however use RockStars for the next couple of weeks, so they can get used to the new programme.

Sadly, this week we say farewell to Mrs Mills, our Administration Officer, and thank her for her years of continued support to the school.

We are pleased to share the arrangements for Miss Tamlin's maternity leave starting 30 January 2023. Mrs Bowden will become our Year R, 1 and 2 Phase Leader. Mrs Bowden is currently our Year R teacher and has previously worked as a Phase Leader in a different school so takes on the role with a wealth of experience. Mrs Voke and Mrs Featherstone will be teaching Rowan Class and have worked together before at Kingsclere. Again, both have lot of experience teaching Year 1 and Year 2 and are looking forward to their new roles. Staff are working together to ensure a robust handover to enable the change in staffing to be as smooth as possible.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger



## Notices and Diary Dates

### School Uniform

A polite reminder that school uniform trousers, shorts, pinafores and skirts are grey. Please click on the link to the [school website](#) and/or [Skoolkit](#) for further details regarding Kingsclere CE Primary School Uniform.

### Attendance and Punctuality

This week our attendance teds were awarded to Rowan Class who had 94.82% attendance and Holly Class who had 95.77% attendance. Well done to both classes! Thank you to all parents/carers in ensuring your child(ren) arrive at school on time.

### Young Voices

Mrs Bowden and our O2 choir are looking forward to performing in Young Voices at the O2 on 16 January 2023. Reminder that our last rehearsal will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Keep practising children – not long now!

### Phonics and Reading afternoon

We welcome all parents/carers to our Phonics and Reading afternoon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 14:00 – 15:05. Tea and coffee will be available in the school hall from 14:00 and we will begin with a short presentation starting at 14:10 where we will look at how phonics and reading are taught in our school. We will also be joined by a member of the Hampshire School Library Service who will be contributing to the information we would like to share. We would then like to invite you to visit classrooms to share phonics and/or reading activities with your child(ren) and see a sample of what learning in school looks like.

### Calendar Dates

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

| Date                 | Event   |
|----------------------|---|
| Tuesday 3 January    | INSET DAY   |
| Wednesday 4 January  | Start of the Spring Term 2023                                   |
| Monday 9 January     | Last Young Voices rehearsal                                     |
| Thursday 12 January  | Non Uniform Day for Owls House (Red)                            |
| Monday 16 January    | Young Voices O2 Performance                                     |
| Wednesday 18 January | Year 5 and 6 Trip to Winchester Cathedral – Please pay by 3 Jan |
| Thursday 19 January  | Phonics and Reading afternoon whole school                      |
| Monday 23 January    | Meet the Teacher – Rowan class only                             |
| Monday 30 January    | St Gabriel's Maths Challenge                                    |
| Tuesday 31 January   | School Book Fair  |
| Wednesday 1 February | School Book Fair  |
| Thursday 2 February  | School Book Fair  |
| Friday 10 February   | St Gabriel's Maths Challenge                                    |
| Thursday 9 February  | Valentine's Disco for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (Times TBC)   |



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| Monday 13 February –<br>17 February | February Half term                                |
| Tuesday 14 March                    | Parent/Carer Consultation Evening                 |
| Thursday 16 March                   | Parent/Carer Consultation Evening                 |
| Friday 31 March                     | Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15         |
| Monday 3 April –<br>Friday 14 April | Easter Holiday                                    |
| Monday 1 May                        | May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils    |
| Monday 8 May                        | Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils |
| Friday 12 May                       | Bag2School  |
| Wed 24 – Friday 26 May              | Year 5/6 Residential                              |
| Monday 29 May –<br>Friday 2 June    | May Half term                                     |
| Monday 5 June                       | INSET DAY   |
| Friday 21 July                      | Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15     |