



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 13 – 8.12.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's really not long until Christmas!

This week, nativity rehearsals and Christmas service arrangements have been underway in preparation for performances next week. I know the children are looking forward to sharing their songs and performances with you!

Thank you to all who joined us at the Christmas Fayre last week and a huge thank you to the FKS volunteers and staff as well as all the children who supported setting up, running stalls, tidying up, singing in the choir and Mrs Ellis' piano students. Thank you to Mrs Bowden and Mrs Ellis for preparing the music entertainment and also to everyone that contributed a gift towards the super hampers too! A special well done to the children's craft table that raised nearly £50! The Christmas Fayre raised £1400 in total, which will be put towards our next projects including a new reflection space outside of Chestnut classroom. 82% of parents/carers have also signed up to Class List to support in finding out and participating in PTA events. Thank you team FKS for all your hard work!

Well done to Year 3 and 4 who shared their learning with parents and carers at their Geography showcase event on Tuesday; it really was magnificent to see so many families sharing in the fun. The children have learnt so much and were able to demonstrate with great clarity their learning in their 'Rivers' enquiry. Thank you to our Year 3 and 4 staff team for all your hard work in facilitating this with the children too!

We are really enjoying seeing the children's entries to the Subject Characters Art Competition. Mr John Price, our Art Governor, will be selecting the winning entries in the first week back at school in the new year. Many of the entries will be displayed around the school with details about the skills of each subject area. The deadline is Friday 15th December. Keep sending in your super artwork children!

Have a brilliant weekend!

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger (Acting Head)

Christmas Service Celebration Invitation

All parents, carers, family members and friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School are warmly invited to join us at **St. Mary's** on **Friday 15th December 2023** from **09:30**.

There will be Christmas songs, sung by the children and this year some for our congregation! There will also be readings linked to the Christmas story.

We hope you can join us!

Tea and Coffee will be available at St. Mary's prior to the service too!



Notices

School Dinner Costs

As a school we have been working hard to keep school dinner costs to a minimum, however in the current climate and with increased food prices, it has been necessary for our catering company to raise the cost of meals. Therefore, with effect from Monday 1st January 2024, Year 3-6 pupil school dinner meal prices will increase to £2.70 per meal. Children in Years R, 1 & 2 will continue to receive a universal free school lunch, as will children in Years 3-6 who are entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM). If you would like to check your eligibility for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to please complete the checker via this link – Free School Meal Eligibility Checker <https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>

Christmas Church Service

If you are able to support us in supervising children walking to and from the church on Friday 15th December, we would be so very grateful. We will leave school at about 09:10. Please contact the school office. We reserve seating at the front of the church so you have somewhere to sit once you have walked to the church with us. Thank you for any support you can offer.

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

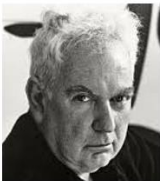
We have our final group tour on Tuesday 12th December at 13:30 for new or existing parents/carers who have a child starting school in September 2024. Alternatively, parents/carers may prefer to book an individual tour with the acting headteacher – please do not hesitate to call us. Please do support us in encouraging new families in and out of catchment to join our lovely school. 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.

Attendance


This week's best attendance was Chestnut and Rowan Class. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support in bringing your child to school punctually each day so they can settle into their learning with their peers through their Early Morning Task activity in the morning.

The Artist of the week this week is...

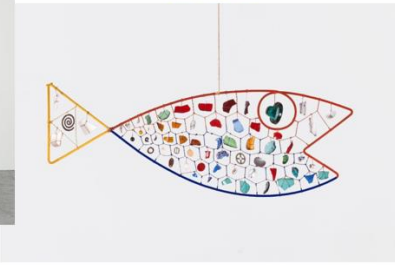
Artist of the Week: Alexander Calder
American Sculpture
1898 – 1976



Steel Fish, 1934



Fish, 1945



Interesting Fact:
Calder, known to his friends as 'Sandy', invented the mobile in 1931 when he decided to create a drawing in the air!

Best known for his innovative mobiles.



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

Date	Event
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 – all welcome!
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 January	Children return to school at 08:45
Thursday 4 January	Calligraphy Club Art Gallery at 16:15
Tuesday 16 January	Maths Parent/Carer Workshop for all parents/carers (whole school) in the school hall and then classrooms 09:00 – 10:00
Wednesday 17 January	Year 5 and Year 6 School Trip
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 31st January Thursday 1st February Friday 2nd February.	School Book Fair – 15:30 – 16:00
Monday 5 February	E-safety week and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 6 February	Year 3 and Year 4 trip - Stonehenge
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
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
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 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins