

KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good break with family and friends. It has been lovely to hear about the children's Christmases and celebrations this week and, following our first Collective Worship of the year, children went on to reflect on their many New Year resolutions in place for 2024!

Calligraphy Gallery

Our Calligraphy Club children and Miss Williamson created a fabulous Calligraphy Gallery to showcase their creations in the hall after school yesterday. All children have developed super calligraphy skills and produced some lovely work which was shared with their family members. The Calligraphy Club has been so well attended and the children have enjoyed the club so much that the children have voted for the club to continue in the Spring Term. Details will follow shortly! Well done children for your super calligraphy work, and to all the adults who shared in yesterday's event – it was very enjoyable to see you all.

Art Competition

Today Mr John Price (Art Governor) and Mrs Voke (Art Subject Leader) shared the wonderful characters the children have created for our curriculum displays as part of our competition. Thank you, Mrs Voke, for setting this event up! **A special well done to every single child who entered a design – we are proud of you all.** Well done to our competition winners too: Alfie F, Maisie L, Kyan S, Phoebe M, Eden T, Kieran G, Janie D, Lucy J, Betsy E, Flo R-B and Flora F, who each received a small prize for their winning characters. Many of the designs will be displayed throughout the school and we intend to add details about each of the subject areas represented by the characters, to promote the importance of our foundation curriculum subjects including art, computing, design and technology, French, history, geography, music, physical education and Religious Education as well as our core subjects of reading, writing, maths and science.



Home Learning

In this week's Celebration Worship, we recognised the children who have produced outstanding Home Learning over the last half term – from models to cakes, family interviews to printing patterns – it is wonderful to see so many developing their learning at home. Many pieces are displayed in classrooms and in the Hall to reflect our school Values of Love Courage and Respect. In addition, we congratulated pupils who have achieved outstanding levels in Times Tables Rockstars – a Key Stage 2 programme - which allows children to improve their multiplication tables in a fun and engaging way. We will see this in action at our parent/carer Multiplication and Division workshop on Tuesday 16th January, when we hope you will be able to visit your children in classrooms showcasing their learning.

Farewells

As well as saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Melrose this week, we also say farewell to Mrs Dawn Titcomb, our caretaker, who is retiring today. Mrs Titcomb has worked at the school for an amazing 31 years. During this time, she has been outstanding in her caretaker role, carrying out her responsibilities with professionalism, enthusiasm, dedication and flexibility. Every week, in our Friday Celebration Worship, she awards a very large trophy called 'Mrs Titcomb's Tidiest Classroom Award' and provides the whole school with a 'top tidy tip' to help everyone keep their classrooms tidy. Many children look forward to seeing who has won each week and we all do our best to take on board the tidy tip! We will continue to share this award with classes as a way of remembering and showing our appreciation for all Mrs Titcomb has done for Kingsclere CE Primary School. We wish her all the very best in her early retirement so she can support her family. We are so very grateful to Mrs Titcomb for all she has achieved in her role and as a treasured member of our staff team she will be very much missed.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Head

Notices

New Year R Application

New Year R applications deadline is 15 January 2024. All parents/carers with a child starting in Year R in September 2024 are warmly invited to contact the school to arrange a visit and tour with the Acting Head to see Kingsclere CE Primary School in action. Please contact the office on: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit. 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 Rowan with 96.3% and in Key Stage 2 - Maple with 99.1% Thank you for sending your child to school punctually each day.


Artist of the week

Artist of the Week: Henri Rousseau
French Painter
1844 – 1910


Interesting Fact:
Despite his legacy being firmly rooted in his dreamlike jungle scenes, Rousseau never left France to see them for himself.



The Hungry Lion, 1905



The Hungry Lion, 1905



The Flamingos, 1907

Best known for his striking jungle paintings!

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 School Trip
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 29 January	School Led Clubs restart



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 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