



Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

Edition 6 – February 2025



Dear Parents and Carer,

I hope you had a good half term, and the children had a good break. As we move into the second half of the Spring Term we hope to see the sun a little more and for the weather to begin to warm up.



Valentines Disco!

Just before half term, children enjoyed the Valentines Disco. A huge thank you to all who volunteered as Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School to set up and run the event.

The disco raised just over £600 to further support resources for the children including the running of the swimming pool in the second half of the summer term.



Phonics Workshop

Our Phonics Leader, Miss Hollie Randall, gave a Phonics presentation for Year R and Year 1 parents and carers on 4th February. The presentation shared details linked to how our phonics programme – Phonics Shed - is taught. The presentation PowerPoint has been sent to all parents/carers of children in Year R and 1 and details how to support your child's phonics learning at home. Please do speak to Miss Randall if you have any questions linked to how best to support your child's phonics learning.



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Barbara Boyden as our temporary Administration Assistant during Mrs Austen's absence. Mrs Boyden is not unfamiliar to the running of a school office as she has spent many years working in the role in other schools. The school office will be open from 08:30 – 15:30 each day. Mrs Boyden will be working from Monday to Thursday each week and Mrs Dudman will cover the office each Friday. We say thank you to Mrs Sue Saunders and Mrs Dudman who have been helping to cover the office prior to Mrs Boyden joining us.



Sports News



Well done to our Football team who took part in a competition against St Martins East Woodhay CE Primary. Kingsclere won 3 – 1 and we are immensely proud of the team. Everyone got very wet but worked well together to achieve their best.

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Our Netball team have also been taking part in competitions against St Martins East Woodhay and Burghclere. Mrs Verney was particularly proud of the children's skills and teamwork in both matches. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Mrs Scott and Mrs Verney for organising the competitions.

Maths Challenge Success!

Well done to our Year 5 children - Eliza, Jenny, Milo and Oliver - who took part against 32 schools in a Maths Challenge at St. Gabriels. The winners scored 14/20, second place scored 11/20 and our team scored 10/20. We were thrilled to see how well the children worked together to complete the maths challenges and applied their knowledge, reasoning and problem-solving skills to answer the wide variety of maths questions they had to complete. Well done children!



Kind regards,
Jo Messenger

Notices.

E-Safety Week

In addition to our regular E-Safety learning in Computing and Personal, Social, Health, and Education (PSHE) lessons, we dedicated the week commencing 10th February to celebrating Safer Internet Week. Throughout the week, the whole school participated in various activities centred around this year's national theme: *'Protecting Yourself and Others from Online Scams'*.

The following link provides valuable information for parents and carers on how to keep children safe online whether using Phones, Laptops, Smart Speakers, Game Consoles, Tablets, Smart TVs or Social Media. We strongly encourage you to look into this, if you have not already, to safeguard your child. Thank you.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Children's Mental Health Week

During the week commencing 3rd February we focussed on National Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Week and held a whole-school assembly, and lessons centred around its theme, *'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.'* This provided a valuable opportunity to further embed the Zones of Regulation in each classroom, while also continuing our journey through the My Happy Mind program and PSHE lessons to support children's resilience and support children's positive mental health.

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Spring Activities Out and About

Hampshire County Council have provided resources for families linked to activities you may wish to take part in during early March 2025. Please click on the link below to find out more. Thank you. [Spring into Action | My Journey Hampshire](#)

Advice and a Slice for all parents and carers – all welcome!

Come and join Mrs Attiya Khawaja, our school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer from 09:00 – 10:00 on either of the following days:

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 3rd June

The sessions provide an opportunity for a tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about anything linked to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and/or Emotional Wellbeing and a chance to chat with other parents and carers.

Family Support

Please click on the link below which provides family support through web links, downloadable resources, and online videos on various issues and topics that may be able to provide you with the support that you need, or answer questions that you may have.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=2>

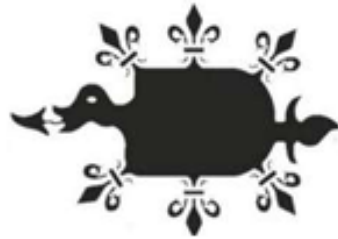
Cross Country Competition

Please do look out for the Cross-Country Competition details sent out to all pupils in Key Stage 2. The Cross-Country event is free of charge for children to attend. Children will leave school on a coach at 11:45 and return to school by 17:00 on Tuesday 25th March. We have 60 places available. This is a great event at Newbury Showground. Please see the details sent out via Weduc earlier this week.

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Kingsclere's Annual Parish Meeting details:



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To be held in Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street on
Monday 17th March 2025 at 7:30pm

**Local Clubs, Organisations are all invited to speak and update on
their events and achievements during 2024.
Along with publicising any plans for 2025**

Come and meet the people that run your community organisations.
Come along and get involved.

**Kingsclere Residents you are warmly invited
and encouraged to attend**

There will be an opportunity for you to raise any matters of concern with the invited
Parish, Borough, and County Councillors. Although this isn't a Parish Council meeting, and the
matters raised may not be resolved or answered fully on the night.

Kingsclere Parish Council is hosting the event and hope you will stay on for
light refreshments and socialising after the meeting.

Please RSVP to clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk (for catering numbers)

Please see further details sent out via Weduc earlier this week about the school competition below:



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Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Dress as a book character for the day!
Friday 7 th March to Friday 14 th March	Science Week	
Wednesday 12 th March	Whole School Grounds Day	Non uniform with outdoor clothes, wet weather gear and wellies. Bring a change of shoes for indoors please.
Friday 28 th March	Year R Mother's Day Tea	Save this date! More details to follow.
Monday 24 th March to Friday 28 th March	Last week of School/Teacher led clubs	
Friday 4 th April	Break the Rules Day	FKS PTA event
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school	
Friday 2 nd May	Deadline for Year 5/6 final residential payment	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	Whole Class Photo Day	School Uniform (no need for PE kit for any year groups on this day – thank you)
Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS	
Monday 12 th May to Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd to 4 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
Monday 30 th June	INSET Day	
Wednesday 23 rd July	First day of the Summer Holiday	

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