



## KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 28 – Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a good Easter and it has been lovely to see the sun out this week. As a result, the children have been able to spend some time on the field at lunchtime taking part in various pursuits including badminton, football, balance boards and much more!



Rowan, Willow and Oak visited Sir Harold Hillier's Garden on Wednesday. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers and governors who supported on the trip. The children had a brilliant day learning about the difficulties seeds can have in growing, comparing flower colours, walking the rope bridge and exploring the gardens. The following day each Year 1 and 2 child wrote recounts about their visits and their work showed they were truly inspired by the trip. Well done Year 1 and 2!



On Monday, we were visited by Mrs Ingram from the United Kingdom space agency who spoke to the children about a probe called JUICE which was launched last Friday to explore life on Jupiter. The probe will reach Jupiter in 8 years' time and following her presentation the children had lots of questions to ask. Thank you, Mrs Ingram – we really enjoyed learning more about rockets and space. If you are interested in providing a presentation to whole school linked to your job, which you feel could be suitable and beneficial to support children's understanding of the wider world we would love to hear from you. Whether you are a paramedic, a physician, musician, artist or scientist or have specialist knowledge about a particular part of the world please do get in touch with us so we can inspire our children to learn about the world around them and open their eyes to new opportunities.

We would like to invite all our parents/carers, their families and friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School to a **Coronation Celebration on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 14:30 on the school field**. We will be planting some fruit trees, burying a time capsule, singing some songs and coming together to commemorate King Charles III coronation.

Have a super weekend. **Remember school photos on Monday** – all children to wear school uniform. No PE kit needed this day!

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

**Notices and Diary Dates**



## **Strike Action – Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May**

Next week there is likely to be further strike action. We are doing our very best to minimise the disruption to the children and we will inform you as soon as possible by 07:30 on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May regarding which classes may need to be closed. Thank you for your ongoing support and we are sorry in advance for any inconvenience caused.

## **School Clubs**

All children who have applied to be in a school led club have a place and clubs begin next week. There are many free school led clubs on offer including: Choir, Netball, Gardening, Reading and later in the term Thinking Club. We also have some paid clubs available provided by external agencies including Athletics, Tennis, Dance, Karate and Football. Please contact the school for further details if your child is not yet involved in a club and may be interested.

## **Cutlery**

If your child brings in a packed lunch and requires cutlery for their salad or pasta etc. we have school cutlery available in the school hall, at lunchtime, which they are free to use. We ask that the cutlery is popped in the cutlery bucket by the kitchen once they have finished. Thank you.

## **Hampshire Health Information for parents/carers**

We have been asked by Hampshire Healthy Families who are working in partnership with the Southern Health Foundation Trust and Barnardo's to support the health and wellbeing of families, parents and carers of children aged 0-19. **Please see guidance below for expert health support, courses and workshops for parents and carers below:**

### **Support for families:**

- **ChatHealth 0-5:** Parents of 0-5-year-olds can text questions to an expert health visitor on hand for guidance on topics like sleep and behaviour on 07520 615720, Mon-Fri 9:00-16:00
- **ChatHealth 5-19:** Parents and carers of 5-19-year-olds can text school nurses with questions on topics like emotional wellbeing and health conditions on 07507 332417, Mon-Fri 8:30-16:30
- **Parent Information Portal (PIP):** a digital platform for parents and carers to access and control their child's health information e.g., vaccination history, School Nurse appointments. Parents and carers can email their child's NHS number and full name to [pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk).
- **Health4Kids** is a website created especially for children to learn about staying healthy and looking after themselves, with a separate section for parents and teachers.
- **Free courses and workshops for families** including Family Food, Fun & Fitness, Toddler Talk, and School Readiness - click [here](#) to book
- **Healthier Together** provides information on common childhood illnesses, 'red flag' signs and when to seek help, and how to manage children's symptoms at home



Find more guidance, information, and signposting for [primary school](#) settings on the [Hampshire Health in Education](#) website, as well as [free brief e-learning](#) for all school staff on topics like Oral Health and Healthy Weight.

### **Singing with the Kingsclere Singers!**

We have been invited to take part in a concert in July with the Kingsclere Singers. The event will take place at the Fieldgate Centre from 11:30 on Sunday 16 July, with families encouraged to bring a picnic and tea and coffee available throughout. We will perform as a school but also as part of a larger choir with the Kingsclere Singers. If your child would like to be part of this event then please contact the school. The choir is open to all age groups, but regular attendance is required to ensure that we are performance ready for the event! More details regarding the event will come in due course. Many thanks, Mrs Bowden

### **FKS Bag4school Collection – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Just a reminder that we have a bags4school collection on Friday 12 May. Please only donate clothes and no bedding. With the money raised we will be purchasing Skip2BeFit skipping ropes to provide children with short active breaks between lessons to help support fitness.

### **Readathon – Message from Busy Bee’s Fundraising Committee:**

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to enjoy the children reading, being read to or reading to each other. We are aware of everyone’s support for the Readathon and would be grateful if you are able to rally your sponsors and drop any funds you managed to raise into the school by the Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April or Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We can then collect it and do a count up and let everyone know what funds have been raised by your amazing efforts! Many thanks again for your support

### **Tick Awareness**

Please see the attached flyer and poster linked to Tick awareness. Hampshire County Council have asked schools to share this information with parents and carers to help reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of Lyme disease.

### **Calendar Dates**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 May	Possible Strike Action – please check Weduc at 07:30
Thursday 4 May	Year 5 and 6 Runway’s End Meeting for parents, carers and children at 15:30 in the school hall
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 May – Friday 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 12 May	Coronation Event for whole school, parents, carers, families and friends at 14:30 on the school field
	Bag2School – Friends of Kingsclere Primary School
Monday 15 May	Year 4 parents/carers and children Multiplication Tables Check information event at 15:30 in the school hall



Monday 22 May – 26 May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 23 May	New Year R Meeting for parents/carers of children starting Year R in September 2023
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R trip Thatcham Discovery Centre
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 6 June	Sports Week Activities
Friday 9 June	Sports Day Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45 Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers KS2: 13:15 – 15:00
Tuesday June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year R visit to the Fieldgate Senior Citizens' club
Thursday 15 June	Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip
Tuesday 4 July	iSingPOP event at St. Mary's – all year groups. Further details to be sent out after Easter
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	FKS Kingsfest – This is a live music event for families of Kingsclere CE Primary School with an option of camping on the school field. Food is included in the price of the tickets – dancing and stalls will be available to entertain the children. Further details about this event will be sent out shortly.
Wednesday 12 July	13:15 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Monday 17 July	Swimming Gala Year 3/4: 09:15 – 10:15 Year 5/6: 10:45 – 11:45
Tuesday 18 July	Grounds Day
Wednesday 19 July	Whole School Walk
Friday 21 July	Leavers' Service 09:20 at St. Mary's – All Year 6 parents/carers and families invited
	14:00 final Collective Worship for Year 6s for all parents/carers
	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15