



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 26 – Friday 24 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have taken part in some great activities this week. We were incredibly proud of the 68 children from Key Stage 2, who took part in the Newbury Showground Cross Country event and ran 1.25 miles in a cross country competition. Every single pupil participated with enthusiasm and resilience, modelling our school values and we congratulate each child who took part – well done indeed! Thank you also to all the parents, carers and governors who helped staff supervise the children at this event. There was something quite unnerving about groups of children dashing off into the far distances of the Newbury Showground, despite the high number of stewards! Fortunately they all returned to the finish line with great pride, a smile and lots of mud - fabulous effort children!

Thank you for your kind donations to Comic Relief and to Mrs Verney for organising the day's events. Together we raised £522 for a great cause! Winners of the Comic Relief competition will be announced next Friday!

On Wednesday, all year groups participated in Grounds Day and many of the outdoor learning opportunities linked to the children's enquiry learning. Year 3 and 4 went for a walk around the village of Kingsclere, comparing the landscape with that of Cormicy – our twinned village in France. This supported the children's geographical learning as well as providing a super opportunity for children to explore their local environment.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Easter cantata performance on 31st March at 14:00 at St. Mary's church – all parents/carers, family members and friends are warmly invited to enjoy the children's performance of 'Roll Back the Stone'.

Have a brilliant weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher

Notices and Diary Dates

FKS need your children's outgrown or unwanted fancy dress!

Do you dread school fancy dress days?! Well, fret no more! Friends of Kingsclere School (FKS) will be launching a Fancy Dress Hire service. For a donation to FKS, you will be able to borrow one of our costumes in time for World Book Day / Dress to Impress / other themed days. We are aiming to launch this next academic year. In the meantime, we need your donations of any old or outgrown fancy dress items so we can put together and catalogue our costume library. Please bring to school in a bag labelled "FKS Fancy Dress", and keep an eye out for the launch!



EASTER TRAIL - 3rd APRIL 10am - 1pm

All parents/carers and children are welcome to an Easter Trail in Aid of Busy Bees Kingsclere Preschool, on Monday 3rd April from 10:00 – 13:00, for children aged 3 – 7 years. The event will be taking place at Frith Farm. There will be:

- **FREE** tractor rides for all from parking to the Easter trail
- Bug hunts - aimed at the younger of the children through a wooded footpath but the older ones will love finding bugs too
- Wildlife Trail - everyone can enjoy running about a huge open field finding the wild animals hidden throughout
- Easter Lambs - come and have a hold - photos can be taken by parents and carers
- We have a locally supported tea and cake stand for all to enjoy
- Straw bales and cover for those who want to bring a pack lunch and enjoy the open spaces before a tractor ride or a walk back to parking
- Gates close at 1pm

To purchase tickets you can go to, 'Kingsclere Busy Bees Pre School Easter Egg Trail' on Eventbrite or use the following link: <https://frithfarmeaster.eventbrite.co.uk/> Please book tickets before the day to use the discount code: **Siblings5** Donations welcome on the day too.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day
From Busy Bees fundraising committee

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

Date	Event
Friday 31 March	Easter Cantata Performance Whole School 14:00 at St. Mary's church – all welcome! Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 19 April	Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip for Year 1 and 2
Monday 22 April – 16 April	Walk to School Week
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 May – Friday 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 12 May	Bag2School
Monday 22 May – 26 May	Walk to School Week
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
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
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 th July	FKS Kingfest – 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 after Easter.
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	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15