



## KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 16 – Friday 13 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed Emma Rivers, from St. Mary's in Kingsclere, to lead our Collective Worship. Emma, Chrissy Green and John Price will be leading Collective Worship at school on some Wednesday's each month. We are very grateful for their support to further our links with the wider community. In today's Collective Worship, children entered the hall hearing music that two of our children had mixed as part of their DJing lessons. Well done to Lulabella and Eleanor – we loved this!

Miss Tara Jansingh, who is in her final year of teacher training with Winchester University, joined us this week. Miss Jansingh will be teaching with Miss Randall in Willow Class over the next term.

Our School Council are working with Mrs Wyles to further develop aspects of our school curriculum. Recently they have been looking at creating an e-safety top tips bulletin and are talking to their classes to consider key features of this.

Today, we have sent out (via Weduc) details about the Administration Assistant role for our school office. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information if you might be interested in this position.

This week I carried out a learning walk looking at how the children are using learning behaviours in the classroom, which we adapt depending on the age of the pupils.

In Year R and KS1, the children are using the dinosaurs to develop their learning behaviours:

<p><b>Thinkadocus</b> Thinkadocus think carefully and reflect on their learning. They are able to talk about their thinking and learning.</p> 	<p><b>Askaraptors</b> Askaraptors are very talkative learners. They love to ask lots of questions which develop and deepen their knowledge and understanding.</p> 	<p><b>Solveosaurus Rex</b> Solveosaurus Rex works <u>really hard</u> to solve problems by making connections and finding new ways to do things.</p> 	<p><b>Stickasaurus</b> Stickasaurus have bags of perseverance and will persist, never giving up, even when the going gets tough. They are known for sticking at things.</p> 	<p><b>Tryatops</b> Tryatops are known for their ability to take risks and try their best in whatever they do. They love to 'have a go' at new things.</p> 	<p><b>Imagineosaurus</b> Imagineosaurus are excellent at exploring the unknown and thinking about unthought-of things. They love to share their imaginative ideas with others.</p> 
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In KS2 the children are learning to refer to: **Processes, Strategies, Showcasing, Reflection and Evaluation** with sentence stems linked to each of these areas to help develop their metacognitive thinking. It was evident to see learning behaviours were helping to improve children's academic achievement, cognitive ability and helping children to establish positive relationships with their peers. Please see the school website for further details linked to our [Year R/KS1 and KS2 Learning Behaviours](#).

Finally, have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you at our Phonics and Reading afternoon **next Thursday** – tea and coffee will be available on arrival! Please see further details about the event below.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher



## **Notices and Diary Dates**

### **Young Voices – O2**

We are looking forward to our KS2 choir performing at the O2 on Monday in the biggest children's choir in the world! Well done children for working so hard in preparation to learn words and sing with confidence and enthusiasm – we are so proud of you all! Ash Class will be taught by Mrs Willder on Monday as Mrs Bowden and other staff members are supervising the children at the Young Voices event.

### **School Led Clubs**

School led clubs will restart on Monday 16 January except KS2 Choir which will restart on Monday 23 January. Every child has been successful in obtaining a place in the clubs that they chose.

### **Phonics and Reading afternoon**

We welcome all parents/carers to our Phonics and Reading afternoon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 14:00 – 15:05. Tea and coffee will be available in the school hall from 14:00 and we will begin with a short presentation starting at 14:10 where we will look at how phonics and reading are taught in our school. We will also be joined by a member of the Hampshire School Library Service who will be contributing to the information we would like to share. We would then like to invite you to visit classrooms to share phonics and/or reading activities with your child(ren) and see a sample of what learning in school looks like.

### **Would you like to support in school and listen to children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 read?**

If you are available to come into school in the afternoon or first thing in the morning to support staff and hearing children read, we would be so grateful. Please contact Mrs Messenger to find out more details of what this involves. If you are not DBS checked, we can arrange this with you, so you are able to volunteer in school. Any support you can offer would be very gratefully appreciated.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

This week our attendance teds were awarded to Rowan Class who had 95.03% attendance and Chestnut Class who had 95.04% attendance. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time so they do not miss out on their learning. Thank you all for your support.

### **Let's Get Cooking!**

There are a couple of places left at the Field Gate Centre 'Let's Get Cooking' workshop. The event is completely free of charge and ingredients will be provided, as well as free food vouchers for those that would like to attend. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

### **Lights and Lanterns**

Please see the attached flyer to bring people together to brighten up January 2023!



## **Calendar Dates**

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



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 16 January	Young Voices O2 Performance
Wednesday 18 January	Year 5 and 6 Trip to Winchester Cathedral
Thursday 19 January	Phonics and Reading afternoon whole school
Monday 23 January	Meet the Teacher – Rowan class only
Monday 30 January	St Gabriel's Maths Challenge – Year 4 team
Tuesday 31 January	School Book Fair
Wednesday 1 February	School Book Fair
Thursday 2 February	School Book Fair
Friday 10 February	St Gabriel's Maths Challenge – Year 5 team
Thursday 9 February	Valentine's Disco for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (Times TBC)
Monday 13 February – 17 February	February Half term
Tuesday 14 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Thursday 16 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Friday 12 May	Bag2School
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15