

KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 3 – Friday 22nd September 2023

HARVEST FESTIVAL INVITE TO ALL PARENTS and CARERS

We warmly welcome all our parents, carers and their families to our Harvest Festival celebrations at St. Marys Church on Friday 29th September at 09:30.



The event will involve Harvest songs and a short presentation from Year 1 to 6.

All children are invited to bring in a donation of dried or tinned goods as part of our Harvest celebration. Children will carry their item to the church on the day of our Harvest Festival and all contributions will be donated to our local community Kingsclere larder to support local families.

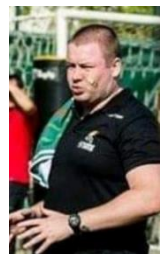
- If you are DBS checked and would be willing to help supervise the children walking to and from St Mary's church, we would be very grateful for your support. Please contact the school office via Weduc or speak to Mrs Messenger if you can support. We will leave school at 09:10.
- As mentioned at our 'Meet the Teacher Year R' event this week, our Year R children will remain at school during the Harvest Festival at St. Marys. They will be joining us at the church at Christmas though when they are more used to being involved in whole school activities.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see lots of children involved in the many clubs available at lunchtime and afterschool this week allowing children to pursue their interests and develop further skills in addition to their day-to-day curriculum learning.

Our Year 6 children had a visit from the Head Boy and Girl and prefects from The Clere school this week. The secondary school pupils spoke so eloquently to the children about secondary school and Year 6 asked some great questions about the transition ahead! There are many Open Days available for local secondary schools at present which may be helpful for our Year 6 and parents/carers to make choices regarding which secondary school to attend. The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for Year 6 pupils is 31 October 2023.

At the end of last week, in our Celebration Collective Worship, Mr Sylvester (our new ActiveMe 360 PE coach) gave an incredibly inspiring speech to the children about our school values and how these were key values in guiding him through his sporting career. Mr Sylvester has been a coach at national and international Rugby sevens events for Brazil and also Malta for u20, u18, u16 teams as well as Harlequins! Mr Sylvester spoke about challenges he faced and how the values of love, courage and respect enabled him to achieve his goals. We are very lucky to have Mr Sylvester teaching our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils each Friday afternoon.



A huge thank you to our school choir and the Kingsclere singers who performed at the Fieldgate at the end of the Summer Term. This week we received a check for £125 for a third of the donations made at the concert which we will put towards future music activities.

Have a really great weekend and let's hope it does not rain quite so much this weekend as it has over the last few days!

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher

Notices and Diary Dates

Young Voices

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and has not yet joined our Young Voices choir please contact the Admin. Office. There will be a trip to the O2 in London on Friday 19th January to perform at this amazing venue in the largest children's choir in the world! There are also incredible live performances from popular musicians. Last year this included, Heather Small, Urban Stride and Bebop performers. Mrs Bowden and Mrs Messenger are looking forward to supporting the children at this event and we know that this will be an incredible experience for all involved!





Firewood and Straw Wanted Please!

If you have any logs or straw that we would be able to use for activities at our Outdoor Learning Club, we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office and we are happy to collect!

Healthy snacks at breaktime please

If you would like to send your child to school with a snack at breaktime, please send in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables to support us in being a healthy school. Please do not send packs of sweets into schools as we aim to encourage healthy eating where possible. Thank you for your support.

New Year R Tours and Visits for children starting school in September 2024

We would love for parents/carers of children, who will be starting school in September 2024, to visit Kingsclere CE Primary School and meet the staff team and see the school in action. Any parents/carers of children due to start school next academic year can contact the school via email: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit. **The following open mornings or afternoons are available this Autumn Term:**

Friday 13th October at 09:30
Friday 3rd November at 09:30
Tuesday 12th December at 13:30

Attendance

EYFS & KS1 winners for the Attendance Ted: Ash Class with 99.49%

KS2 winners for Attendance Ted: Holly Class with 98.55%

Thank you to everyone for being punctual to school in the morning at 08:45. We are grateful for your support.

Fidget Toys

Many children have been bringing in soft toys or fidget toys to school recently. Unless there is a prior arrangement with your child's class teacher about this, we kindly request that these items are left at home, so they do not get lost. If we feel a child needs a fidget toy as a strategy to support a child's nervousness, anxiety, or restlessness we will contact you. Fidget toys (including chair bands, handheld spinners/buttons, stress balls, putty etc.) can help improve concentration and therefore improve results. We do use these sparingly though and monitor to see if they are having an impact.

Kingsclere Singers present - 'Harvest Hallelujah'.

Kingsclere Singers will be performing at St Mary's church, Kingsclere from 15:00 – 16:00 on Sunday 1st October for a celebration of the harvest season. Join them for a sing-along followed by tea and cake. This is a FREE community event for everyone!

Job Opportunity – Cleaner Needed Please!

We have a School Cleaner role available at our school. The hours are Monday – Friday 16:00 – 18:00 – 52 weeks of the year with annual holiday entitlement. Please see our school website for further details: <https://kingsclereprimary.com/about-us/staff-vacancies/>

Pilates @ Fieldgate

Come and join a Pilates class in Kingsclere after the school drop off

Monday – 9.30

Tuesday - 9.00

Friday - 9.00

Suitable for all levels of fitness and alternatives will be given if required

Email today to find out about joining in



Joanna Lewis Pilates Nordic Walking
Joanna@PoloFarm.co.uk

Artist of the Week

Next week we will be looking at the following artist:

Artist of the Week: George Seurat
French Painter
1859 – 1891



GEORGES SEURAT

Interesting Fact:
 It took George two years to complete this famous painting!



Best Known For:
 The creation of a new painting technique called pointillism.

A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, 1886

Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates

Date	Event
Friday 29 September	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30 – all parents/carers welcome to join us!
Friday 6 October	INSET DAY
Friday 13 October	New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am
Wednesday 18 October	Year 5 and 6 Outcome Event 2:30pm
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October	Half Term
Friday 3 November	New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am
Tuesday 7 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Thursday 9 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Thurs 16 November	Football Festival Year 2 – Cheam 2:00 – 4:00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 29 November	Grounds Day or Half Day – all year groups
Tuesday 12 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30am New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 1:30 – 3:00pm
Wed 13 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30



Thurs 14 December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 5 February	E safety week and Children's 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
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
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