



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 8 – 3.11.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to our Fireworks Festival this weekend and hope that you can join us. I'm sure you'll join me in extending a huge thank you to Mrs Verney, FKS and the Fireworks team for putting this event together.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome Mr Duff as our new Parent Governor. He will join our governing body of volunteers. The team work as critical friends to support the strategic direction of the school to ensure the school runs as effectively as possible in order to achieve our school vision.

Science

Our science lead, Mrs Lauren Taylor, carried out a learning walk of science lessons across the whole school yesterday. Children were considering hazards and risk assessing their science topic, testing hypotheses through practical experiments and making links to the science they were learning and real-life jobs.

If you work in an area of science or engineering and would be able to talk to the children about this in one of our assemblies, we would be very interested to hear from you. It really does widen children's understanding about how science is used in different vocations and we certainly have lots of aspiring scientists at Kingsclere!

We have also been successful in gaining a place to take part in a 2-year Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Hampshire ENTHUSE project which will provide funding and support for staff professional development particularly in science and computing. Well done and thank you to Mrs Taylor for gaining us a place on this programme!

Home Learning

This afternoon, in our Collective Worship Assembly, we celebrated with the children all their achievements in their Home Learning. We are also extremely grateful to you, our parents and carers, for supporting your child's learning beyond the school gates. This includes every time you read with your child, ask them to spell words they are learning, provide a quiet space for them to work and any words of encouragement to support and value their learning. It was fabulous to hear about how creative everyone has been with their 'Take a Pick' tasks – making cakes, building models and even making posters about family trips. There are displays in the classrooms and around the school which you will be able to see when you next visit. Thank you so much for your support! The Education Endowment Foundation research show that children completing 'homework has a positive impact (on children's learning) on average of 5+ months' per year.

PTA Annual General Meeting

Please do join us for our Annual General Meeting with our PTA – Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School - on Wednesday 15th November at 19:00 in the school hall. There will be cheese and wine, a prize draw to win a tour for two at the Bombay Sapphire Distillery! It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and share thoughts regarding future projects and events in and around the school.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday at Kingsclere Fireworks!

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher

**Saturday
4th November**
Location: Kingsclere CE Primary School, Ash Grove

Tickets
Adults £6 Children £4
Preschool children - FOC

Gates open: 16:30

**Kingsclere
Fireworks**
for **FKSAM**

TICKET ONLY EVENT
All funds raised go to Kingsclere CE Primary School



Notices

Remembrance Sunday

We would be delighted if you and your child(ren) could join us for the Remembrance Parade and church service on Sunday 12th November in Kingsclere Village square at 10:40. Children who would like to represent the school will be given the opportunity to present a cross for each local soldier who fought in the First and Second World War. This is a very special occasion for children to participate in and this year we have ready-made crosses for the children to present.

Pantomime

A pantomime will be taking place at The Field Gate Centre. There are seven performances over the weekend of 24, 25th, 26th November, 2nd and 3rd December - four are during the daytime. The pantomime includes a cast of 41 all drawn from Kingsclere and the surrounding area so it will be a great community event. No need to travel for fun entertainment! Details of how to obtain tickets are on the attached poster. Please see the attached flyer for further details. Thank you.

Kingsclere Village Library

The library is currently open on Tuesday and Thursday - 1pm to 5.30pm and on Saturday - 10am to 1pm. It is managed by a committee and volunteer librarians from within the village community. Please do pop in to select a book for yourself and your child.

Polite request

A polite request that the fixed play equipment around the school i.e., ship, gym equipment, adventure trail, climbing wall are not to be used for health and safety reasons without the school's permission in the morning or afterschool please.

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. **We have another open afternoon on Tuesday 12th December at 13:30 for new or existing parents/carers who have a child starting school in September 2024. Alternatively, parents/carers may prefer to book an individual tour with the acting headteacher – please do not hesitate to call us.**

Attendance

This week's best attendance in Year R and KS1 was 99% for Ash Class and in KS2 was 96.5% for Chestnut Class. Thank you for bringing your child on time to school each day.



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

Date	Event
Saturday 4 November	FKS Fireworks Event – all families and community members welcome
Tuesday 7 November	Year 3 and 4 Brooke River Trip Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Thursday 9 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance in the village
Monday 13 November	Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 15 November	Grounds Day or Half Day AGM Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School Cheese and Wine Evening School Hall 19:00
Thurs 16 November	Football Festival Year 2 – Cheam 2:00 – 4:00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 November	Bikeability Year 6
Friday 1 December	School FKS Christmas Fayre 15:30
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 and 4 Rivers Showcase event 14:00 – 15:00
Thursday 7 December	FKS Movie Night 15:30 – 17:00
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