

KINGSLCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Edition 4 – Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us today at our Harvest Festival celebrations – it is so lovely to see the school celebrating together. A huge thank you and also well done to all the children for their contributions of songs, presentations and prayers as well as all the very generous food donations. The gifts will be given to the Kingsclere St. Mary's foodbank and shared within our local community. We must also extend our thanks to Emma Rivers and John Price from the church, for once again supporting us at today's event.



On Thursday 5th October we will be holding our school census and for every child who orders a universal infant free school meal on this day our school will receive additional funding! We would be so very grateful if your child could order a meal on this day so that we can receive as much funding as possible for our school! In order to promote school dinners, we have worked with the school council to make sure everyone has had a say in the meal options for the day – please see the 'Kid's Menu Choice'. Who knew hot dogs would be such a popular choice!

Your children may have told you that this week we practised our first fire drill of the academic year. I'm delighted to report that all our children behaved brilliantly, and everyone was out of the building in under 2 minutes, which we're thinking is a record - well done children!

Please look out for the Weduc message to elect a new parent governor. We are so very grateful to Mr Duff and Mr Jackson for volunteering for this vital role and thank them for putting themselves forward for the election.

This week, we have also seen a great increase in the number of pupils in each club – which is super! As you will know, extra-curricular activities provide children with opportunities to not only learn new skills but also meet other children across the school with similar interests. We are delighted that children are recommending the clubs to their friends too, so if your child would like to pop along to try a new club, please let the office know and we'll do our very best to accommodate them. In fact, following requests this week many children have shown huge enthusiasm to introduce their own clubs. This has included a new sketching club, reading club, computer club, newsletter club and dance club. It has been great to see children taking an active part in the processes of advertising, organising and starting new activities at lunchtime.

Just a reminder that next week is a 4-day week for the children as we have an INSET day on 6.10.23.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger
Acting Head

Notices and Diary Dates

Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary

Please do support our Bag2School fundraiser on Friday 20 October 2023 by 9:00am. See the attached flyer for further details. There is no limit of bags that you can fill to help us fundraise for additional projects and resources at Kingsclere CE Primary School!

Please also look out for details, coming soon, regarding our Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School (Parent Teacher Association) Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will also be considering ideas for future events to not only fundraise but an opportunity to meet other families to help bring our school community together.

We are very close to refurbishing our new library area. This has been possible due to our wonderful FKS team who have worked hard to fundraise through running various events throughout the last year. We have some new ideas for future projects which we would love for you to hear about at our AGM and we would welcome any support (however



small) in helping put together fundraising activities for the children and school community. Please look out for further details and do get involved!

Young Voices

We have just 6 places available in our Young Voices choir. Please do contact the Admin. Office if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and would be interested in taking part. The trip to the O2 in London will take place on Friday 19th January and the children will have a fantastic opportunity to perform in the largest children's choir in the world! Mrs Bowden and Mrs Messenger can't wait to go and hear the choir sing in such a brilliant venue!

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

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!

Attendance

The government have introduced further guidance to support schools in improving whole school attendance. We have to follow county guidance to fine parents/carers if children are taken on holiday during the school term. We strongly encourage parents/carers to book holidays during non-term time only to ensure that their child(ren) does not fall behind their learning and miss out on social interactions with their peers.

Job Opportunity – Cleaner Needed Please!

We have a School Cleaner role available at our school. If you would be interested in some ad hoc hours to support cleaning at school we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Messenger for further details. Thank you.

Volunteer Readers

It is good to see members of our community around the school hearing readers this week. We know the value of regular reading with and to children of any age, but also that important time for you get involved with the school. We really do value this contribution. If any other adults are interested in finding out more about helping out in class, please let your child's class teacher know and they will let you have more details.

Emotional Health

Please see the attached flyer linked to supporting your child(ren)'s emotional health.

Artist of the Week

Next week we will be looking at the following artist:

Artist of the Week: Eva Hesse
 German-born American sculptor
1936 – 1970




Right After, 1969



Tomorrow's Apples (5 in white), 1965

Interesting Fact:
 Eva Hesse escaped Nazi Germany at age two with her older sister. She lived in America for most of her life and died when she was 34.

Best known for her pioneering work in materials such as latex, fiberglass, and plastics.

Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 - 2024

Date	Event
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
Friday 20 October	Bags to School Donations to school please
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October	Half Term
Friday 3 November	New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 9:30am
Saturday 4 November	FKS Fireworks Event – all families and community members welcome TIMINGS TBC
Tuesday 7 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Thursday 9 November	Parents consultations 3:45 – 6:45pm
Wednesday 15 November	Grounds Day or Half Day
Thurs 16 November	Football Festival Year 2 – Cheam 2:00 – 4:00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
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