



## KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 14 – 15.12.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a festive week it has been! A huge well done to all our Year R, 1 and 2 children who performed in the nativity earlier in the week. The children sang the many songs beautifully, danced with smiling faces and knew when to head on and off stage providing a super performance for all to enjoy. Well done children we are so proud of all of you!

Thank you so much to all of the families who were able to join us at our Christmas Service today. Congratulations to all the children from across the school who read, sang and performed so well. A huge thank you also to Mrs Bowden, our music lead, for rehearsing so effectively with the children so they could put on such a super event. In addition, once again we extend our appreciation to the St. Mary's Church team for their continued partnership with our school – being able to celebrate in the church and build that support throughout the year is what makes a church school so special. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported in supervising the children walking to and from the church too. Finally, a huge thank you to Kings PA Carol Singers who performed on Monday in the playground – they brought many a smile to parents, carers, children and staff in our final week of the term!

Our Christmas jumper day and special lunch was enjoyed by everyone – take a look at our Facebook page to see photographs of the fun taking place. The food was delicious and the excitement with crackers, hats and Christmas songs was splendid.

Today we also invited the Lead Learning Partner from Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service into school, to review our foundation curriculum – that is the Enquiry learning covering foundation subjects which we have created here at Kingsclere. It was positive to have our hard work endorsed and to share our thinking around how we further develop our enquiry curriculum design. We can all be assured that the coverage of enquiry foundation subjects is good at Kingsclere and that children are given the opportunity to share these with you all at Outcome Events in school.

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff, governors and Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful start to the new year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 3 January 2024 at 08:45.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger

Acting Head

### Notices

#### New Year R Application

New Year R applications deadline is 15 January 2024. All parents/carers with a child starting in Year R in September 2024 are warmly invited to contact the school to arrange a visit and tour with the Acting Head to see Kingsclere CE Primary School in action. Please contact the office on: [adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk) or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit. Please use the below admissions online address to make your application for a place at Kingsclere CE Primary School in September 2024:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

*'Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.'*  
Kingsclere CE Primary School



### **School Dinner Costs**

As a school we have been working hard to keep school dinner costs to a minimum, however in the current climate and with increased food prices, it has been necessary for our catering company to raise the cost of meals. Therefore, with effect from Monday 1st January 2024, Year 3-6 pupil school dinner meal prices will increase to £2.70 per meal. Children in Years R, 1 & 2 will continue to receive a universal free school lunch, as will children in Years 3-6 who are entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM). If you would like to check your eligibility for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to please complete the checker via this link – Free School Meal Eligibility Checker <https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>

### **Attendance**

This week’s best attendance was Rowan with 97% and Maple with 98%. Thank you for your support in getting your child to school over the last term.

### **Hampshire Parent/Carer Network**

Please see attached guidance linked to Hampshire’s Parent/Carer Network for children with SEND in their family.

### **Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 January	Children return to school at 08:45
Thursday 4 January	Calligraphy Club Art Gallery at 16:15
Tuesday 16 January	Maths Parent/Carer Workshop for all parents/carers (whole school) in the school hall and then classrooms 09:00 – 10:00
Wednesday 17 January	Year 5 and Year 6 School Trip
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 31st January Thursday 1st February Friday 2nd February.	School Book Fair – 15:30 – 16:00
Monday 5 February	E-safety week and Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 6 February	Year 3 and Year 4 trip - Stonehenge
Wednesday 7 February	Year 5 and 6 Showcase Event – all Year 5 and 6 parents/carers welcome at 14:30
Friday 9 February	Dress To Impress Day support 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 SATS Week (Year 6)
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