



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Edition 9 – 10.11.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all who were able to attend Parents/Carers Consultations this week. We hope you found the meeting(s) with your child(ren)'s class teacher informative - discussing our aspirations for your child(ren), finding out about your child's achievements and the progress your child is making at school.

Last weekend, it was great to see so many people attend the school fireworks display. A huge thank you again to Mrs Verney, the Firework Team and FKS (our PTA) for facilitating such a big event to raise funds for our school and bring the community together in a fun and safe setting. Thank you also to all the companies who supported this event (please see the list below in Notices). We do not know the exact figure raised yet, but it is believed to be around the £10,000 mark - which I'm sure you will agree is fantastic. We will be sharing details of the projects we have planned at our Annual General Meeting with our PTA – Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School - on **Wednesday 15th November at 19:00** in the school hall. Cheese and wine will be available and a prize draw to win a tour for two at the Bombay Sapphire Distillery! Please do join us if you are able to.



This week I was lucky enough to join Year 3 and 4 when they visited the river at Gailey Mill. Children carried out a variety of tasks such as investigating changes in river flow, drawing a map of the landscape and carrying out water sample tests. The children talked with great clarity about their enquiry geography learning and their behaviour was great. Thanks, as ever, to the adult volunteers who helped with the trip – these things could not happen without you so we are very grateful for your support.

This morning the whole school came together, in our school hall, for our annual Remembrance service. Emma Rivers and John Price joined us from St. Marys, Kingsclere and Mr Jason Hart (Royal British Legion Chairman). Each shared stories and information regarding Remembrance and an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice's men, women and animals from around the world made during the World Wars. Thank you also to all the children who contributed to the service through singing, poems and art work.

Thank you in advance to all of our children and families who will be representing the school on Sunday in the Remembrance Parade. All are welcome. We will meet you at Swan Street car park at 10:40 and we will have crosses for the children to place at the Kingsclere memorial.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Acting Headteacher



Notices

Next week is anti-bullying week: 'Let's Make A Noise About Bullying' - starting 13th November

Next week is anti-bullying week. **Children can wear odd socks on Monday 13th** to celebrate everyone's individuality. We will also be joining in a live assembly for World Kindness Day on Monday 13th November and we will be using our PSHE sessions next week (and at other intervals in the year) to discuss friendships and bullying.

We actively encourage children to not be silent when they see bullying take place, not be silent about the hurt bullying causes, and not be silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. We support children in choosing respect and unity and showing kindness to all. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

If you are ever aware that your child is being bullied, please talk to a staff member immediately or encourage your child to do this so we can take decisive action to prevent bullying. If you ever felt that the situation was not getting better, we do encourage you to keep in contact with us so we can support and manage the situation quickly and effectively.

Pupils' Choice Change of Lunch Menu

Each School Council member have met with their class to vote for their preferred menu choice for each third Monday, starting on the 13th November. The children have voted for Chicken Goujons and chips (with ketchup!). All children in Year R, 1 and 2 can receive a free school lunch. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be charged £2.50 for a meal (unless eligible for Free School Meals).

Grounds Day

Grounds Day is taking place on Wednesday 15th November. Children should wear casual (non-uniform) clothes and wellies or outdoor shoes suitable for outdoor learning. A change of shoes is advisable, such as a pair of trainers too please. Please also send your child to school with wet weather gear and plenty of layers so they can keep warm.

Children In Need

Children in Need Day is on Friday 17th November. We will be taking part in the 'Bear-Pee Challenge', which is an activity led across the nation by Jo Wicks. Each class will compete against one another throughout the week to see which class has totalled the most burpees by Friday's Celebration Worship! We have sent out a link via Weduc if you would like to donate towards Children In Need.

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

We have our final group tour 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. Please do support us in encouraging new families in and out of catchment to join our lovely school. 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.

Attendance

This week's best attendance in Year R and KS1 was 98% for Willow Class and in KS2 was 96% for Holly Class. Thank you for supporting your child in attending school each day and on time.



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Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

| Date | Event |
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| Sunday 12 November | Remembrance in the village |
| Monday 13 November | Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day |
| Wednesday 15 November | Grounds 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 |



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| 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 |