



## KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Edition 22 – Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have celebrated additional E-Safety learning with the children this week recognising all the wonderful things about being online and also raising children's awareness of how to be safe in the digital world. The children have taken part in a variety of activities to support their understanding of E-Safety. Please see the attached link with lots of useful information for parents and carers regarding supporting your child in being safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

We will be welcoming Mrs Jacqueline Austen (Administration Assistant) to our school office and Mrs Amy Ambrose (Learning Support Assistant) to Year R, 1 and 2 on Monday 27 February. We are really pleased that they will be joining our staff team and are looking forward to working with them.

Next week there is likely to be another National Education Union strike action day on Thursday 2 March. We will inform all parents/carers before 07:30 on the morning of the strike regarding which year groups will be open. Please refer to the attached letter sent to parents/carers via Weduc on 31 January for further information.

Today we joined in the national one minute silence to pay tribute to the courage of the Ukrainian people and those who have lost their lives in the pursuit of freedom.

**We warmly welcome all our parents/carers and family members to join us in our Easter celebrations to hear the Easter story through words and music at St. Mary's Church on Friday 31 March at 14:00.** The children will perform an Easter Cantata, 'Roll Back the Stone'. For this event, the children will perform from the choir stalls and area around the altar area. Parents/Carers are invited to be seated in the pews in the centre of the church to enjoy the children's performance. We hope you can join us!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

### **Notices and Diary Dates**

#### **LSA role available at Kingsclere CE Primary School**

We are keen to recruit an LSA to work Monday - Friday in Year 1/2 from 08:30 – 12:00. Please contact Mrs Messenger to find out more details. Please see the link to the advertisement for this role: [Vacancy Detail: 105575 \(education-jobs.org.uk\)](#)

#### **Cross Country Event for all Key Stage 2 children who would like to attend**



If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, we would love for them to join us on our trip to Newbury Showground to take part in a super County Cross Country event. The event takes place on 21 March from 11:45 and we will return to school by 17:00. The event is free of charge to all our Key Stage 2 children and the school will provide free coach transport to and from this event. See the Weduc letter sent out on 6 February and click authorise if your child would like to take part.

### **Do you work for a company who could support Kingsclere CE Primary School?**

If you work for a company that supports local communities, e.g., Vodafone/Barclays and could support us in painting our Year R fencing area and our resources area, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Messenger or Mrs Dudman in the school office.

### **Congratulations to Olivia and Amelie!**

A huge well done to Amelie who came 3rd in the Under 12 girls indoor track cycling icebreaker event at the Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales. Amelie took part in three different races with some of the best riders in the country. Well done Amelie – we are very proud of you! Amelie came home with a lovely trophy too!

We also congratulate Olivia for winning an array of medals at an inter club competition while competing for her swimming club, Basingstoke Bluefins. Olivia won Gold in the 50m and 100m backstroke and three other medals. Well done Olivia – we are extremely impressed and proud of your achievements.

### **World Book Day Celebrations – Friday 3 March**

On Friday 3rd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day! This offers us a fantastic opportunity to highlight the joy that reading can bring. On World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as a book character or author for the day.

Children are also invited to create a story jar competition event! This can be a real jar filled with objects from a chosen story or one that has been drawn. Please can competition entries be brought in on the Friday 3 March and we will announce winners in Celebration Worship in the afternoon on this day

On Friday 3 March we will also be holding a pre-loved book sale on the junior playground after school. This is to continue to raise funds for our school library. If the weather is wet, we will move the book sale to the school hall. If you have any books that you could donate to the school for the sale, please can you bring them to the school office or send in with your child by Wednesday 1st March. Books can be for any age (child/teen/adult) so that there is something for everyone!

### **Attendance**

This week our attendance winners were Ash Class who had a whole class attendance of 95.12% and Holly Class who had a whole class attendance of 95.29%. We ask that holidays are only taken during the school holiday periods please. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## **Kingsclere Singers**

Please put the date in your diary for this special event. Musical entertainment will be provided with tea and cake! Tickets on the door at The Fieldgate Centre on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 4 – 5.30pm: Adults £10, children FREE. All welcome!

## **Spring into Action: Monday 27th February to Sunday 5th March 2023.**

We are pleased to be supporting Hampshire's Spring into Action 2023 event! The event runs from Monday 27th February to Sunday 5 March 2023. Please see the attached Spring into Action Toolkit for families: <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/springintoaction> The toolkit provides families with a daily activity to enjoy each day of the school week when you walk, wheel, scoot or cycle on your journey to and from school and during the weekend. You can follow the daily suggestions or mix them up to suit your family! Children will also be able to celebrate World Book Day with special book-themed activities for the journey to school on Friday 3 March 2023. The toolkit provides a fantastic opportunity for families to spend time talking and having fun together.

## **Mental Health support**

Please find below a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing.

- Visit [CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing
- [Help! I'm in crisis - CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis
- **Text SHOUT to 85258** - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing
- The Hampshire *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) AIM* card has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person
- [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](http://MentalWellbeingHampshire) has a directory of support for families in Hampshire
- [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) has official resources for Children's Mental Health Week

## **Car Parking**

Please continue to support us in being good neighbours. A few of our parents/carers are parking in front of Ash Grove driveways and the residents are unable to access and exit their driveway. We kindly ask all parents/carers to park considerately. Thank you for your support.

## **Calendar Dates**

(These dates can also be found on the Weduc calendar)

Date	Event
Thursday 2 March	Possible Strike Action – please check Weduc for information regarding school opening/closure which will be sent by 07:30 on the morning of the Strike Action



Friday 3 March (Please note we have changed the date to the 3 March from 2 March)	World Book Day – Dress up Day
Friday 10 March – Friday 17 March	British Science Week begins
Tuesday 14 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Thursday 23 March	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Friday 17 March	'Save the Date' for Ash Class Mummies 14:15
Tuesday 21 March	Cross Country Event – KS2
Wednesday 22 March	Grounds Half Day/Day
Friday 31 March	Easter Cantata Performance Whole School 14:00
	Last Day of Spring Term – finish at 15:15
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 19 April	Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip for Year 1 and 2
Monday 22 April – 16 April	Walk to School Week
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 May – Friday 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 12 May	Bag2School
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 June	Sports Week Activities
Friday 9 June	Sports Day
	Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45 Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers KS2: 13:15 – 15:00
Friday 21 July	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15