



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Let your light shine**

**“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16**

**Let your light shine** on our vision:

*As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.*

Our Christian value for this half-term is **FORGIVENESS**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

## Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

Welcome to the summer term! This is the time when children’s progress from the start of the school year appears very evident, as well as the development in their key skills such as resilience, self-motivation, confidence and problem solving. We thank parents for your support in assisting the children’s learning – please do continue to help them with their learning ... reading every day, fluency development of basic mathematical facts such as times tables and number bonds, and oral articulation of their ideas and thoughts. The summer term sees children of different ages undertaking national assessments – phonics screening, Y4 Multiplication Check, and KS2 SATs ... further opportunities for the children to ‘Let their lights shine’!



**PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

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### Dates for your diary

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 visit to Leominster places of worship
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 national assessment week
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
WB 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
WB 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check (Y1)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	iSingPop concerts in Kingsland Church 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' Service in Hereford Cathedral
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports' Day: KS1 9.30am; KS2 1.15pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 high school transition day; class swap morning
11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 at Oaker Wood
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End-of-year service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm; last day of term

Term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

**Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:**

**Ava, Poppy, Pixie, Hattie, Hugh, Myla and Scarlett** for super art work on their clay space aliens – well done!

### Big Question

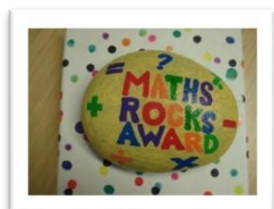
We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

**What does 'Let your light shine' mean to you?**



### This week's attendance – well done Class 3!

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
95.53%	96.42%	96.88%	95.49%	95.07%	95.93%



Every Friday, a child is awarded with "The Maths Rock" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Jasmine** ... Well done!

# Safeguarding

For safeguarding reasons, please ensure, when dropping children off at school (particularly at the front gate), that parents ensure their child is safely through the green gates before leaving. Once children are through the green gates, the school becomes responsible for the children. Thank you for your understanding of this.

# Parking

Please note these reminders about parking when dropping-off / picking-up children:

- Parking and dropping off on the yellow zig zag lines at the front of school is prohibited
- It is requested that parents do not park at The Corners Inn car park, and avoid parking across residents' driveways
- Parents are encouraged to use the Coronation Hall car park, or the church car park

House Tokens			
Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!			
Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Henry India	Ben Finn Bella Harriet	Theodore Isabelle Arthur Robyn	Gilbert Alfie



**This Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am Eardisland Church for about 45 minutes**

## Jesus Raises Lazarus

iSingPOP is an interactive all-age Church service. Come and join us!

*Our service includes lots of singing using I Sing Pop songs, a Bible story, prayers, games, craft and interesting discussion points.*

Next I Sing Pop service is 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact Wendy Maddocks for more information:

[wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.com](mailto:wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.com)



# Attendance

Below is a copy of the letter sent out on 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding the importance of school attendance. A copy of the revised and updated Attendance Policy can be found on the school website [here](#), and the new Attendance webpage can be found [here](#). Currently a third of all children in the school have attendance which is less than 95%. Over the course of the summer term, we are aiming to reduce this number significantly. Please remember, **holidays should not be booked during school time**.

Thank you for your support with this.

Dear families,

I am writing to ask for your full support with ensuring all our children have excellent school attendance.

Kingsland CE Primary School promotes a culture in which children enjoy coming to school. We are committed to providing a full and efficient education to all pupils and embrace the concept of equal opportunities for all. We will endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome.

Kingsland CE Primary School has high expectations for attendance. **Every child should attend every day that they are required to attend. Good attendance for each child means 'attending school for every session of every day the school is open to them'**. We are committed to providing an education of the highest standard for all pupils and recognise this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent school attendance. This is based on the belief that only by attending school regularly and punctually will pupils be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. High attainment and good progress depend on good attendance.

You may well have heard in the national media that school attendance nationally has seen a significant decline since 2019 and the Covid pandemic. School absence has risen from 4.9% to over 7% nationally between 2019 and 2024. Persistent absence (where children have attendance less than 90%) has risen dramatically nationally from 13.1% to 20.7% - this means over a fifth of all children are persistently absent from school.

Although our school attendance at Kingsland continues to be above national levels, we have seen a noticeable increase in absence since 2019. We are very keen to address any issues with attendance and ensure all children attend school for every session of every day the school is open to them, returning to pre-Covid levels of absence, or better.

Attendance is very high on the agendas of the DfE and Herefordshire Local Authority. Every school in Herefordshire has now been allocated an Attendance Officer who meets with schools each term to analyse overall attendance data and strategies for improving attendance, as well as looking into individual cases of children whose attendance is of concern.

This diagram breaks down the percentages of attendance and how many days/hours are lost in just one academic year. When it comes to attendance, anything below 96% begins to cause concern in the number of hours in lost learning.

Being late regularly also affects lost learning time. The diagram below equally shows how the number of minutes late can affect the number of hours lost in learning. Simply being 5 minutes late every day of the academic year means 15 hours lost. Every minute in school is utilised, and this is from the very moment the children enter the school site.



We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/child-when-to-call-the-doctor/) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

We also know that pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At Kingsland CE Primary

School, we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

We also know that you can have a significant effect on your child's absences this academic year and we would really appreciate your help and support ensuring that your child comes to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this – please call or come in and meet your child's class teacher if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We appreciate that every family's situation is unique.

The DfE has published new attendance guidance for schools which can be found [here](#). The school has also reviewed its Attendance Policy, which can be found [here](#), which has been scrutinised by Herefordshire Local Authority and ratified by the school governors. The school website also has a new Attendance webpage, which can be found [here](#).

In line with the national and county increase in attendance expectations and responsibilities, I would like to particularly highlight the most significant alterations to policy and procedures:

- The school opens at 8.45am, and gates close at 8.55am. Children who arrive between 8.55am and 9.05am will be marked as L (Late) in the school register. Children who arrive after the registers close at 9.05am will be marked as U (Arrived in school after registration closed – please note this is unauthorised absence for the morning session).
- Separate half termly letters will be sent out to parents of children whose attendance is less than 95%, 93% and 90%.

- Referrals to Herefordshire Council will be considered if 10 sessions or more (5 whole school days) of unauthorised absences in a 13 week period are incurred. **It is important to note here that the school greatly values the long-standing levels of trust that have been built between school and parents, and that the school would distinctly wish to avoid having to make any attendance referrals to Herefordshire Council.**

If absence is required for exceptional circumstances, parents / carers must apply in writing using the school's Leave of Absence Form for that absence. This must be done at least four weeks in advance of the planned absence and include the reasons for absence. **Holidays should not be taken in term time.** The Leave of Absence form can be found at the bottom of the new Attendance webpage on the school website and a direct link is [here](#).

We thank you for your support in ensuring excellent school attendance.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,**

**ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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# SECURING THE SHIRE

A CIVIL WAR BATTLE FOR THE ROUTES THROUGH HEREFORDSHIRE

RYE MEADOWS, MUCH MARCLE

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 2024

ENTRY ONLY £15 PER FAMILY

PRICE INCLUDES 2 ADULTS AND 3 CHILDREN

USUAL PRICE £5 PER ADULT, £3 CONCESSIONS

OPEN 10<sup>AM</sup> TIL 4<sup>PM</sup>

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INTERACTIVE **LIVING HISTORY**

AND 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CAMP

BEER TENT AND STALLS

BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT

# Joining our LEARN TO SWIM Programme and get your **First 2 sessions FREE** at Leominster Leisure Centre

Halo's learn to swim lessons are fun and interactive sessions for adults and children alike.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?



**BUILDING CONFIDENCE** - Work to build confidence in the water and gain new life saving skills.



**DEVELOPING SKILLS** - Use equipment to help with confidence and strength, using gross and fine motor skill coordination.



**FUN & ENGAGING** - Our classes are fun and promotes interaction, social skills and basic swimming fundamentals.



**GUIDANCE** - Halo Swim Coaches will offer guidance and support at every step of the way.



**REWARDING** - Enjoy those proud moments when you witness progress on the learn to swim journey with Halo.

Offer currently available for our:

- Adult Swim Classes
- Children Swim Classes
- Parent and Child Classes

SIGN UP during April 2024 and get your **FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE!**

Claim now by filling out our expression of interest form on social media, speak to Reception or call us on 01432 842075

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## Book *now* for Stagecoach Summer term places!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're now taking bookings for our Summer term at **Stagecoach Hereford** which is based locally at St Mary's RC School, Lugwardine, Hereford and, as a parent of a child at a local school, we wanted to let you know about our classes. Stagecoach is open to boys and girls aged from 4-to-16 of all abilities. Siblings are welcome and enjoy a half-rate fee. Children from 4-to-6 are welcome to enrol in our 90-minute Early Stages classes.

Over a year, your child will enjoy **professional training in all aspects of theatre performance**. Working in a small group of students with supportive specialist teachers, each week this term your child will enjoy:

- an hour of **singing** from shows, films and a variety of popular music,
- an hour of **dance** using elements of modern, jazz and other styles,
- and an hour of **drama** covering a wide range of work and improvisation skills.

The variety within the sessions keeps them focused and enthused and after three hours of active, stimulating classes they are alert and stretched mentally and physically. Our Summer term ends with our annual theatre show in front of friends and family.

Stagecoach Hereford has won a national award for excellence from amongst the entire Stagecoach network, and it's amazing to see how our students have developed. Many parents tell us how their children have benefited – for some it's a new passion for the performing arts, for others it's an increase in confidence which shows in both their school and social life, for many it's the new friends they see each weekend.

Main School (6 – 18 yrs)	Time
Saturday AM	10:00am – 1:00pm

Early Stages (4 – 6 yrs)	Time
Saturday AM	9:30am – 11:00am

To book your **two-week trial** place, visit [www.stagecoach.co.uk/hereford](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/hereford) or call me for more details on **01432 820818**.

**Jonathan Legg**  
Principal  
Stagecoach Hereford

**Book your two week trial place !!!**

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SINGING  
DANCE  
VOICE PROJECTION  
MEMORY  
BREATH CONTROL  
STAGE CRAFT  
IMPROVISATION  
RHYTHM  
CO-ORDINATION  
CHOREOGRAPHY  
CREATIVE WORK  
PRESENTATION SKILLS  
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
FLEXIBILITY  
STYLE  
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT  
DRAMA STUDY  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCES  
AWARD SCHEMES  
PROGRESS REPORTS

Filled with Singing, Acting, Dancing, Crafts, Games, Team challenges, Quizzes & Competitions...  
You are in for a fun and energetic week!



## Summer School

Immerse yourself in a warm and encouraging environment, designed for personal growth, confidence, teamwork, friendships, and endless enjoyment!

**Monday 5th August -  
Friday 9th August 2024**

**£105 per student - £85 per sibling  
£25 Single Day**

**For ages 5 - 13 years 8.45am - 3pm**

[www.onevisionsoa.co.uk](http://www.onevisionsoa.co.uk)



Disney

# THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

**CRAZY, MAN — CRAZY!**

This jazzy, charming and adventurous stage adaptation is based on the 1970 Disney film and performed by our youngest students ages 5+

**Saturday 22nd June 2pm - 4pm - 6pm**

**Leominster Community Centre  
School Road, HR6 8NJ**

**Music & Lyrics by**

**Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman,  
Al Rinker, Floyd Huddleston and Terry Gilkyson**

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Disney's The Aristocats KIDS is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com

# Leominster Priory Holiday Club



## INCREDIBLE FEAST 2024

22nd-26th July  
9.30am until 3pm

This summer holiday join us for a week of fun in the Priory Church

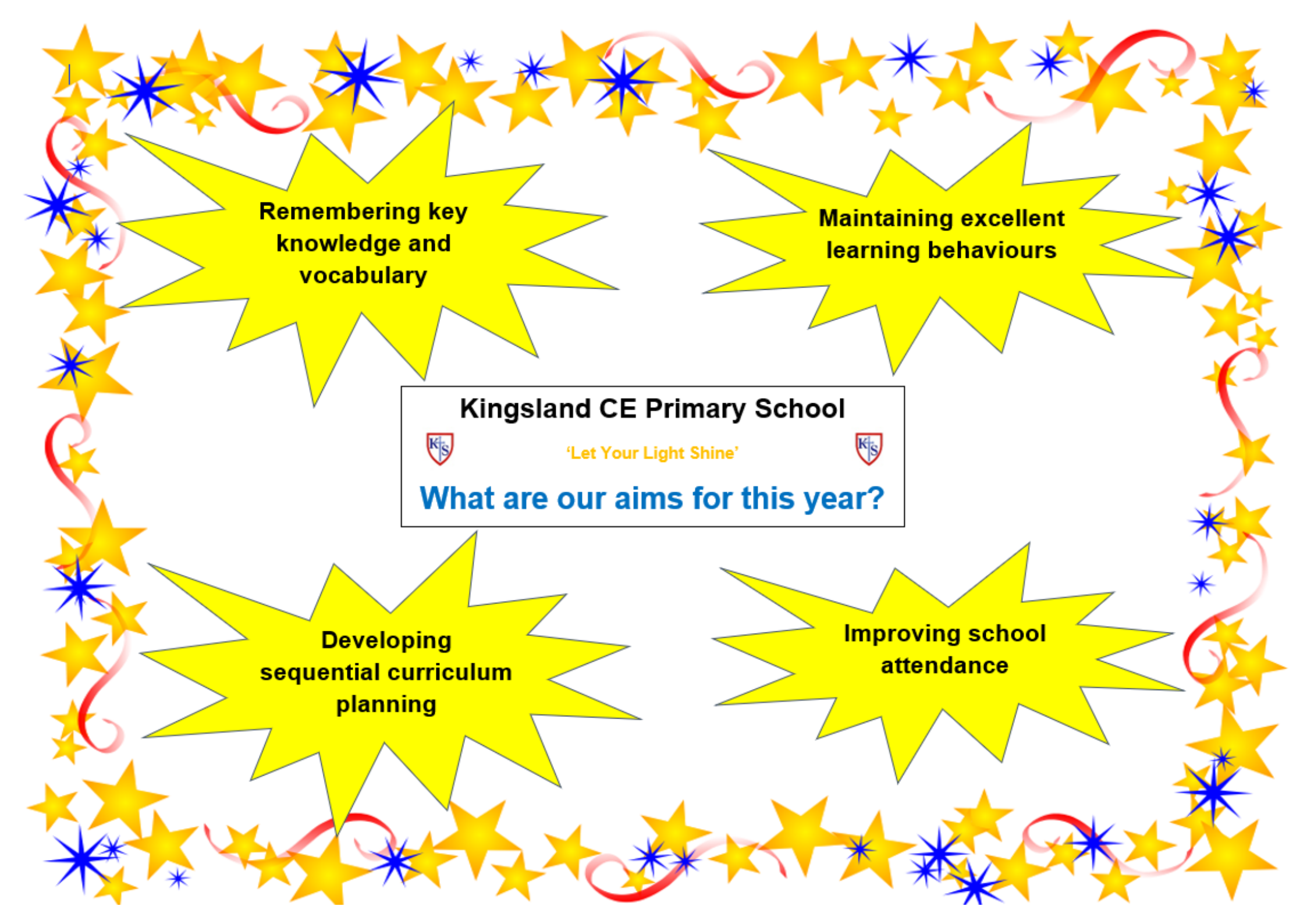
Prices for children in the same family:-

- One Child £60
- Second Child £45
- Additional children £35 each

Price includes all activities, drinks, fruit and t-shirt.

(We are able to offer a limited number of half price places  
for families in receipt of certain Benefits  
- phone for more detail

For a Booking Form contact Anna  
07766 004673 or email [anna@quelch2003.f9.co.uk](mailto:anna@quelch2003.f9.co.uk)



**Remembering key  
knowledge and  
vocabulary**

**Maintaining excellent  
learning behaviours**

**Kingsland CE Primary School**



*'Let Your Light Shine'*



**What are our aims for this year?**

**Developing  
sequential curriculum  
planning**

**Improving school  
attendance**



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(Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

## FORGIVENESS

Educating for Community and  
Living Well Together



### A prayer for FORGIVENESS

The things I ought not to have done, dear Lord,  
I bring to the river of your forgiveness. I throw  
them into the torrent of your love and wait for  
them to be carried far from sight. Amen

### Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **FORGIVENESS**

#### A reflection on FORGIVENESS by Helen Webb, Chair of Governors

Forgiveness is one of the easiest and hardest of our Christian values. 'Sorry' can be easy to say but often we do not really mean it. Sometimes we cannot say it when we should because deep down inside, we are not sorry. By saying we are sorry we hope that we will be forgiven for something we have done wrong.

Someone bumps into you in the playground, 'sorry' they say and then run off. The next day the same person collides with you again and this time knocks you over, 'sorry' they say and run off again. Are they sorry? How many times should you forgive them? Can we forgive someone for hurting us when they are not really sorry?

We should all say sorry for things we have done wrong, or if we have hurt or upset someone. We all like to be forgiven.

I like cooking chocolate cakes. My children loved them. One day I baked a delicious chocolate cake but when I came to decorate it, all the flakes and the chocolate buttons in my pantry had disappeared. 'Why haven't you decorated the cake?' my family asked at teatime. I explained that the decorations had vanished. Silence from around the table; everyone looked guilty. Later, as I was washing up, my oldest daughter, Rachel, came into the kitchen; she was very sorry she had eaten the sweets with her friends when they had come around to play. 'That's OK, but next time ask first' I said and forgave her.

Easter usually means a lot of chocolate eggs! I had an 'Easter egg' cupboard where they were kept and eaten on the days following Easter. After the chocolate decorations' incident, Rachel's final Easter egg disappeared. She had saved it until last as it was an extra special one. Everyone else had finished theirs. She insisted someone had eaten her egg and was very cross. Eventually, after a heated family conference, her little sister, Ruth, admitted eating it and said sorry. Rachel was furious and refused to talk to her for a whole week. She would not forgive her little sister even though I had forgiven her for eating the decorations.

Sometimes it can be very hard to forgive, even someone you love. Ruth could not give the chocolate back to her sister because she had eaten it. Just saying sorry does not always make it right, but we still like to be forgiven.

There is a story in your Lion Storyteller Bible on pages 108 and 109 about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how many times you can forgive someone. Jesus tells a story about someone who is forgiven but cannot forgive when someone hurts them. When Jesus was dying on the cross, he cried out to God for forgiveness, not for himself, but for all of us, not just for those who had crucified him, but for all of us to be forgiven for our sins: 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing' (Luke Chapter 23, verse 34).

I have said 'sorry' to God many, many times. I hope he is not counting how many times I have asked for forgiveness!

How do you feel inside when you forgive someone who has hurt you?