



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 9th December 2022

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 **RESPECT**

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)

In the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph were very tired after their long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and longed to find a place to rest their weary bodies. There were no five-star hotels for the birth of a global superstar – Jesus – just a rather humble and smelly cattle shed! Christians believe that Jesus came to offer peace for our hearts, which are so often restless with the worries and distractions that we live with. It is important for our children to try to remember that Christmas time is not just about receiving, but also giving. At the time of Jesus’ birth, some of the most isolated and undervalued people in society would have been shepherds. This makes it even more amazing that they should be one of the select groups who were called to visit Jesus, their future king! The lives of those shepherds would have been changed forever. We can learn from this that God loves and values all kinds of people – rich and poor, tall and short, men and women, celebrities and ordinary working people.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Monday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity performance 2.15pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Y1 – Y6 visit to Birmingham theatre
Wednesday 14 th December	Class 1 visit to Santa Safari
Wednesday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity performance 5.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas dinner and parties
Monday 19 th December	Parents' Show and Tell 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Carol Service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm
Thursday 5 th January	Start of term
Wednesday 11 th January	Y5/6 to Young Voices
Tuesday 7 th February	Winter Concert 6pm
14 th and 15 th February	Parents' Evenings
Monday 6 th March	Whole school photograph

The full 2022 - 2023 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

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

This week's attendance – congratulations to Class 2!

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
90.63%	97.57%	88.06%	95.0%	89.71%	92.42%

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Harry	Zac	Jack	Austin
Olivia	Bethany	Amelia	Rosie
Madeline	Jasmine	Syd	Ella
Lucy	Flo	Pixie	Archie
Poppy	Lexi		
Arthur	Finn		
	Charlie		
	Eleanor		
	Hugh		
	Ava		
	Dilan		

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

Olivia and **Jack** for excellent contributions to the KS2 parents' maths meeting – well done!

Parents' Show and Tell

Once again, on Monday 19th December at 2.30pm, we invite parents to come into school. This will be an opportunity to sit with your child and look through their books together, discussing their learning and achievements. Parents will be able to take their child home from 3.00pm if attending.



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 **Flo** ... Well done!

Inclement weather

With the possibility of inclement weather on the horizon, a quick reminder of the school’s procedures in such an event ... a message will be sent via text / email as soon as possible if the school is unable to open. A message will also appear on the scrolling banner on the school website.

PTA Treat Friday

The final PTA Treat Friday will be held on Friday 16th December in the playground after school.

Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. In Worship Time on Thursday we heard the story of Jesus and the children ... so this week’s BIG QUESTION is:

Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?



An update from the school governors: this week, the **Learn to Love Committee** met on Tuesday to discuss the new SIAMS framework and to plan the Christmas carol service.

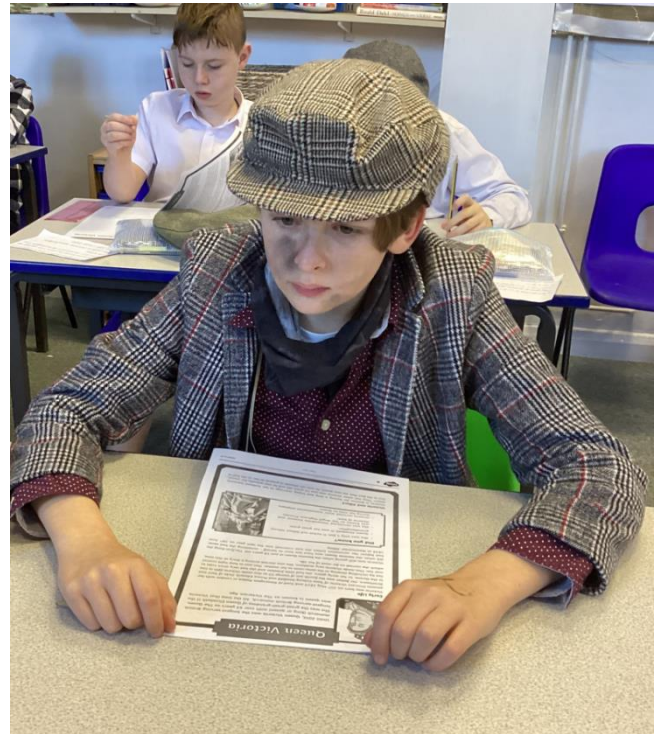
Message from Leominster Food Bank

Leominster Food Bank will be offering Christmas Holiday food bags to families this holiday to help anyone who might be finding things difficult. We are aware that families eligible for Free School Meals will be offered food vouchers from Herefordshire Council so these bags are particularly for people who might not access a voucher and who live in Leominster or its surrounding villages. Bags will include a range of food and will be given per family rather than for an individual child. Any family wishing to book a bag will need to do so by going to tiny.cc/holidaybag to book a slot or email leominsterfoodbank@gmail.com by December 2nd. Please think of others before booking a bag if you won't make use of it.

Pick up times are 1-1.30pm or 6-6.30pm on Friday December 16th at The Old Priory Rooms, Leominster HR6 8EQ next to Leominster YHA Youth Hostel (and behind the Priory Church). Please drive very slowly on approach to the building. Search 'Leominster Food Bank' on Google maps to find it.

Any bags not collected will be offered to other families. We aren't able to deliver. You can ask someone else to pick up on your behalf if you let us know.

Class 5 enjoyed a fabulous Victorian Day ...



Exciting activities this Christmas for Herefordshire children receiving free school meals



School aged children and young people in Herefordshire who receive benefits-related free school meals are invited to sign up to enjoy up to 16 hours of free activities between 17 – 23 December.

Herefordshire Council's Talk Community team are working in partnership with local organisations to deliver a range of exciting free indoor and outdoor activities for the festive break.

The Here for Herefordshire programme aims to get young people involved with new and exciting activities, from sport to crafts, dance, drama, martial arts and cooking. The programme helps to improve socialisation skills by encouraging children to have fun while making new friends.

There will also be a free healthy meal for children at each activity session.

This year the Talk Community team are also holding a family festive activity taster day on Saturday 17 December 2022, 10am - 2pm, at Whitecross High School in Hereford.

Eligible families can book their places through the holiday activities page on the Talk Community website **from Tuesday 29 November**: www.talkcommunity.org/holidayactivities

The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme is funded by the Department for Education. The scheme has provided free activities and meals to thousands of Herefordshire children and young people since it began.

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival

The HPAF is taking place again, 13th – 16th March 2023. At Kingsland, the children have traditionally taken a very active role in the festival, with many children each year learning and performing poems. In order to do this, a team of wonderful parent coaches have come into school to help the children learn their poems. We are always keen to hear from parents who might be able to offer some time and expertise to become a HPAF coach – if you are able to help out, please contact Mr Debenham for further details – thank you.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Advice

As children's mental health and wellbeing is increasingly under the microscope, the school continues to be extremely keen to support children and families in every way possible in order for us all to 'Let our lights shine'. Already, the school has instigated some new initiatives in order to support children's mental health - Miss Williams is currently working through Senior Mental Health Lead training; our new calm-down area has been created (see photo in last week's newsletter); and Kerry Jones, school counsellor, is a weekly feature in school.

Each week in the newsletter, we shall share a link to the Place2Be website which gives practical tips to support parents with their child's wellbeing and behaviour. This week's featured article is ['My child keeps getting angry and lashing out'](#).

Class 3 had a super visit to The Discovery Centre ...







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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

Developing a sense of passionate service and courageous advocacy.

Fulfilling our potential in maths and English.



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This half term's Christian value is:

RESPECT

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for RESPECT

Father God, Open our eyes to value and appreciate all people. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes each of us unique. 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: **RESPECT**

A reflection on RESPECT by Peter Greenfield (Kingsland Church) ...

'In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you' (Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew 7:12).

During this last half-term, our school has focused on the Christian value of love. But love is not merely a feeling or an attitude. It is to be applied through RESPECTING others: by doing to others as you would have them do to you.

When I was a schoolboy, students would fist-bump with their friends saying the word, 'Respect', as if respect were something cool and exclusive to one another's friends. When we have a friend, we will often respect them. The Christian value of respect is different, however. We are invited to show respect to all, because of God's love for us and ALL others.

God loves us and has made us to be like him. God has greater value than all creation, being the creator. It is therefore incredible that we, in a way, are like God. The fact that God loves us and made us to be like him means that we should love and respect OURSELVES. As God loves everyone, we are to respect EVERYONE, even the people that we find difficult to respect. But how do we do it? I have already given the answer: treat others as you would want to be treated yourself.

Let me give an example ... you may want that last piece of chocolate cake, but a friend (or another person) may also want it. By treating them as you would want to be treated, you offer them that last piece of cake before trying to take it yourself. The likelihood is that they will split it in half and share with you anyway!

During these difficult times of Covid-19, we have all had to show respect to others, and I want to encourage you to keep doing that by putting yourselves in the shoes of another person. Imagine if it were you who had to go into hospital because others were not obeying the rules. Many people have broken the rules because it has not hit them that other people might suffer and die because of them. But we have the opportunity, as Christians, to demonstrate a respectful way of living, and we hope that it may set an example so that all people may treat others as they would wish to be treated.

If such a level of respect could be achieved, this world would be like heaven!