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**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

With only two (and a bit) weeks left of this term, we look forward to a number of festive activities ... Class 3’s visit to the Craven Arms Discovery Centre; the KS2 maths information session for parents on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm; Christmas Jumper Day on 8<sup>th</sup> December; the KS1 Nativity performances on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm; the Y1 – Y6 theatre visit to Birmingham on 13<sup>th</sup> December; the Class 1 visit to Santa Safari on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December; Christmas lunch and parties on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (children are invited to wear suitable party clothes); Parents’ Show and Tell on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm; Christmas carols service on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in Kingsland Church at 1.30pm. It’s a busy time! May we please take this opportunity to remind parents about the school’s policy and procedures regarding parents taking photographs at school events – for safeguarding reasons, parents must not take photographs at school events. We have a number of children in school where permission to take photographs has not been given – thank you for your cooperation with this.

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

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### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 (Y3 – Y6) maths parents' information session
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 2.15pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 – Y6 visit to Birmingham theatre
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 visit to Santa Safari
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 5.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and parties
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Show and Tell 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 to Young Voices
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Winter Concert
14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evenings
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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
94.38%	98.65%	91.94%	96.76%	92.35%	94.9%

### House Tokens

#### Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Ada	Eve	Hatty	Darcey
Jacob	Bonnie	Anna	Olivia
Henry	Helen		Teddy
Harry	Harper		Myla
Scarlett	Bella		Aidan
			Arthur
			Gilbert

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

**Hatty, Lilly, Jess, Max, Rockley, Chloe** and **Flo** for super work about Scrooge; **Ed** for excellent knowledge of nocturnal animals; **Darcy, Flo, Maximus, Vira, Connie** and **Joseph** for super story writing about Ariadne; **Riley** for super concentration and determination when making his labyrinth; **Aidan** and **Jasmine** for excellent effort in piano lessons – well done!

### Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for a £1 donation in support of Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Children should wear normal school trousers / skirts / shoes on this day.



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 **Pixie** ... Well done!

### KS2 Maths Parents’ Information Session

We will be holding a maths parents’ information session on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 4.30pm in Class 2 room. This is for all parents of Y3 – Y6 children (KS2). The session will cover expectations of the curriculum in maths, how you can support your child at home with maths, and national assessment expectations.

### 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:

**What ACTION are you going to take to be a change-maker?**



An update from the school governors: this week, the **Finance and Premises Committee** met on Tuesday to finalise plans for further building improvement work. On Wednesday, the **Love to Learn Committee** met to discuss reviews of the curriculum (music / DT) and to analyse school performance data.

### 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](http://tiny.cc/holidaybag) to book a slot or email [leominsterfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Messages from Kingsland Church:



# Messy Church!

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am



Come and make Christingles in this season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas. Join in more messy crafts before sharing a song, prayers and reminding ourselves that Jesus came as light to our world to help people who feel they are living in darkness. We finish with breakfast, sausages, cocoa pops and more!

All children with any members of their families welcome! Meet at Kingsland Church. Please let Julie know if you are coming so that we can cater for enough people, including any food preferences or intolerances!

[rev.julie@hotmail.com](mailto:rev.julie@hotmail.com)

# 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](http://www.talkcommunity.org/holidayactivities)

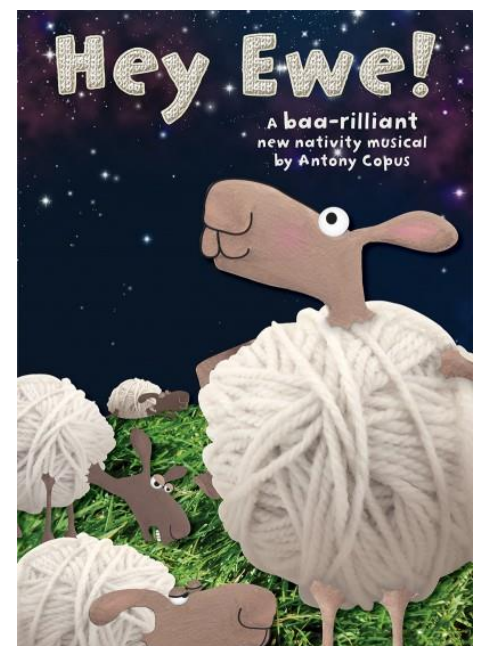
The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme is funded by the Department for Education. The scheme has provided free activities and meals to thousands of Herefordshire children and young people since it began.

## Setting up devices

With Christmas fast approaching, some children, no doubt, will be getting new or upgraded devices. This is an ideal time to remind parents about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child. Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides which you can find [HERE](#).

## KS1 Nativity Performances

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) parents are invited to attend one of our KS1 Nativity performances on either Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, or Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. There is NO charge for tickets but there will be a donation bucket at the end of each performance in aid of the school's music fund. Due to restricted hall space, tickets will initially be restricted to 2 tickets per family per performance. Further tickets can be obtained from the school office from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, on a first-come-first-served basis. Tickets must be collected in person from the school office; we are unable to set-aside tickets.

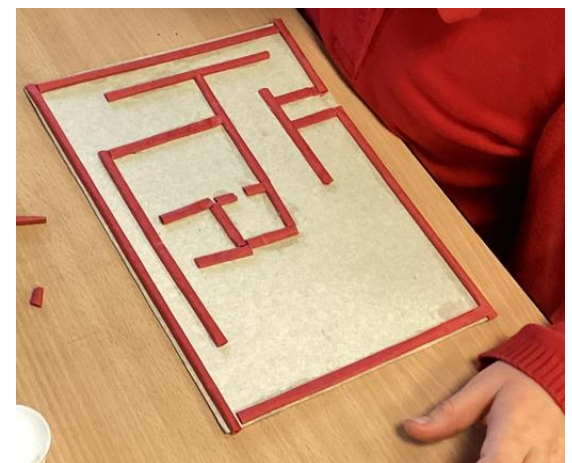
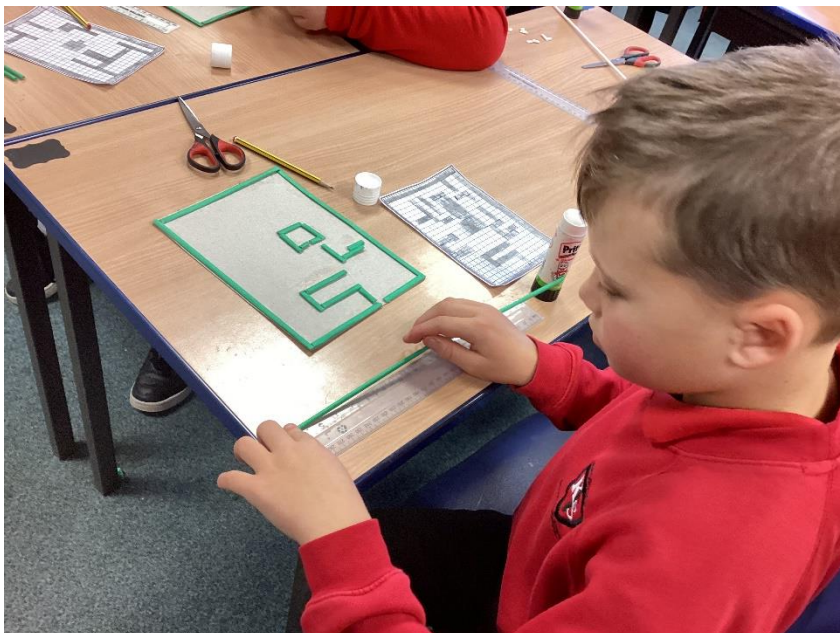
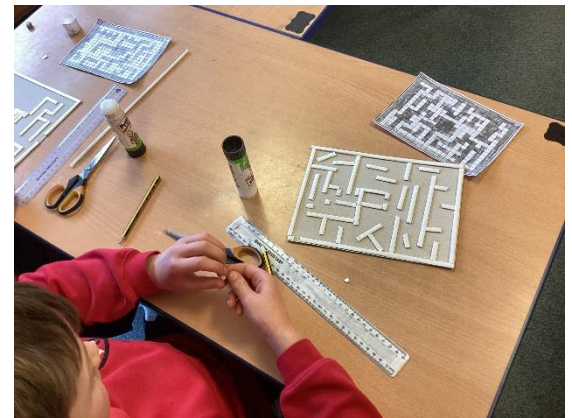
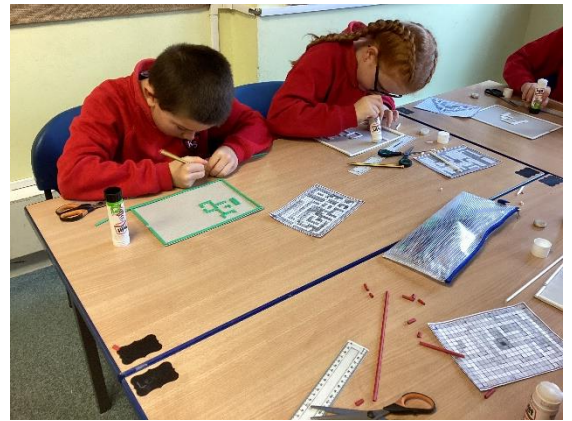
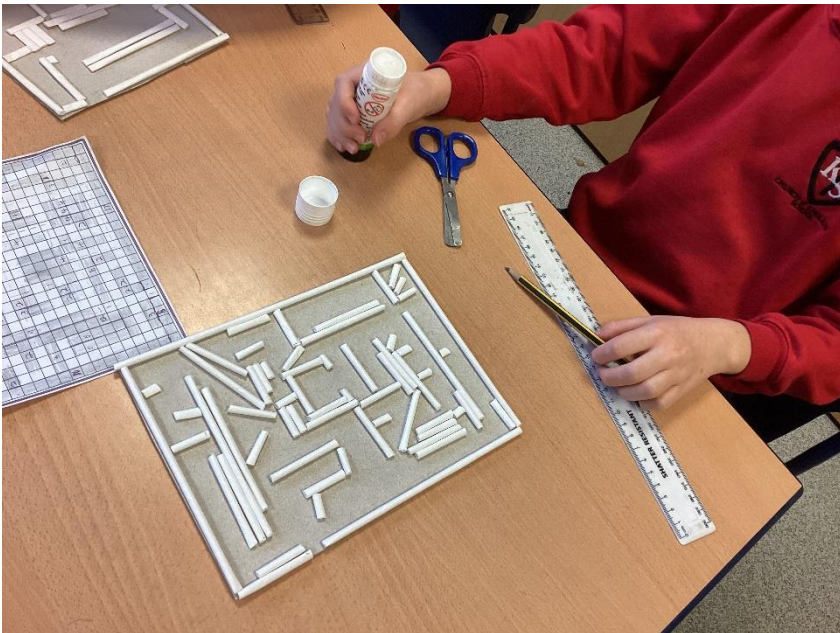


## Mental Health and Wellbeing Advice

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 ['The importance of boundaries and consequences for children'](#).

## As part of their Ancient Greece topic, Class 4 have been making labyrinths ...



# PTA Wreath Making Evening

Thank you to the PTA for organizing the Christmas wreath making evening on Thursday. An impressive £309 was raised for the school!



## Sport Report

There have been two sports' fixtures this week, both of these were tag rugby.

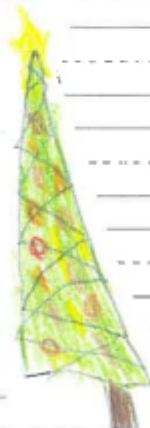
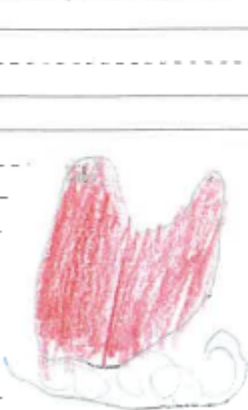
All children had great fun. Kingsland won on Monday against Lucton School and thoroughly enjoyed the sausage rolls and chips afterwards. In the second match, Kingsland lost by one try but again enjoyed having some lovely freshly made Christmas biscuits at Bedstone College.

Some examples of fabulous Christmas prayers by Y2 children ... Sophia, Pixie, Jasmine, Helen, Lucie and Adele ...

Dear Lord,

I am Thankful for our wonderful lives  
and the food and water you bring us and  
for Jesus. I am Sorry for the wars that  
have happened in the past and the  
wrongs that I have done in the past.  
Lord I ask for Love for the people  
who don't have much. Please give praise  
to my parents because they have been  
there for me and have never stopped and  
they have not given up.

Amen.



## Christmas Prayer

Dear God,

We thank God for our community because the brilliant people in it.

I am sorry for families who lose their homes because they have to find a new home.

I ask God to always reign over us and to protect us forever.

I praise God for giving a world for us to admire it because it is so beautiful.

Amen



# Christmas Prayer



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the birds that sing in the beautiful morning. I am sorry for the animals homes that are damaged because of the plastic waste. Lord we ask for the bad things to be forgiven when we have made a mistake. Please give praise to your parents because they look after you.

Amen

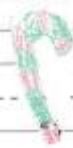
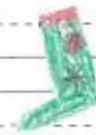
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

# Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord,

I am Thankful for friends and family because they look out for us. I am sorry for all the wrongs I have done in the past. Lord I ask to have Love when I am sad. please give praise to the Doctors and nurses because they help people.

Amen.



# Christmas Prayer Lucie

Dear God,

Thank you for our food to keep healthy, fit, flexible and strong. I am sorry for the people who have to live in the wars that are happening. Lord we ask for love when we have angry times, sad times and stressful times.

Please give praise to my sister, because she is ill

Amen.



MERRY  
CHRIST  
MAS

Christmas prayer

Dear God,

that We thank God

that we are not in

Ukraine now with the

big bombs.

I am sorry and sad I am

not with my dad.

I would ask God for one

more cat like the

one in Ukraine - a boy cat.

I wish for the war to be

ended.

Amen



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**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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(Matthew 5:16)



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!