



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

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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:

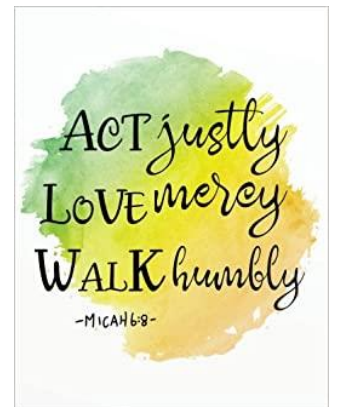
As God's children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

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

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)

As Covid cases continue to rise steeply within the county, all school staff are working exceptionally hard to ensure any disruption is minimised. Across the county, there are a considerable number of schools who are battling outbreaks, even, unfortunately, resulting in some class closures. Thankfully we have managed to avoid this so far. However, we ask that we all remain extremely vigilant, especially as the government's revised guidance comes into force next week, acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
15 th and 16 th February	Parents' Evenings (booking details to be published soon)
WB 21 st February	Half term
Friday 4 th March	World Day of Prayer (Y6)
7 th – 13 th March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
WB 14 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 16 th March	Whole school visit to Croft Castle
WB 28 th March	Y6 bike-ability
Friday 8 th April	End of term / Easter Service in Kingsland Church
Monday 25 th April	Start of the Summer term

The full 2021 - 2022 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

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

Term dates for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 are also advertised on the school website.

This week's attendance					
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
95.83%	82.19%	90.34%	95.0%	98.0%	92.27%



An update from the school governors: this week Helen Webb, Chair of Governors, met with Mr Debenham to discuss many different areas of school life – safeguarding, grant applications, the Covid situation etc.

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

Harry for super reading in front of Class 4; **India, Eleanor, Ellie-Mae, Jack** and **Madeleine** for excellent descriptive writing; **Harper** for a super painting of a fire engine; **Lexi, Faith, Evie, Flo, Austin** and **Ada** for super writing about the Amazon rainforest – well done!



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 **Mia** ... Well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Harry Lottie Jaxon	Evie Harry Ollie Zac	Eva Anna	Edie Millie Seth Jess Rosie



Governor Profile ... Shelley Connop – Foundation Governor

I am a Foundation Governor at Kingsland School and have 3 children who have been educated at Kingsland. I am fully committed to the school and strive to encourage the independent and determined learning of all the children whilst they are in our care. Within the Governor role I am involved with Health & Safety, Finance & Premises and have taken on the role of Treasurer. I have also taken on the Governor liaison for EYFS and the Outside Learning spectrum in the school. You learn something new every day.



Big Question

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

If you drew a picture of justice, what would your picture look like?

Growth Mindset

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have been developing a deeper understanding of **GROWTH MINDSET** and the '**POWER OF YET**', pondering on the research of psychologist Carol Dweck. We talk with the children regularly about developing **resilience** and **perseverance**, where making mistakes is a positive way of sustaining deep and embedded learning. We are, therefore, delighted to promote the webinar for parents below, delivered by Stride Active, and would encourage as many parents as possible to engage with the concepts:

Helping children grow through the language we use: Parents' Webinar

Thursday 10th February 2022 – 8-9pm

Join Tim and Shell as they discuss **how our language as parents can help (and sometimes hinder) the growth of our children's resilience, emotional wellbeing and self-esteem**. Using a combination of theory and first-hand experience, Tim and Shell will unpack some of the main headlines when it comes to how and what we communicate to our children.

<https://strideactive.org/events/childrens-mental-health-week-2022-parents-webinar/>

This week's Worship Times

On Thursday, Mark Harrington (of Hereford Diocese) helped us to consider how we can be more patient – GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT. He illustrated this through describing how coal could turn into diamonds after much time and pressure (I am not sure how scientifically accurate this is, but the anecdote worked well!). Follow up reflections can be found below:



Patience Collective Worship

As part of our collective worship this week, we reflect upon how Patience we are and how we can be too impatient. We used the words from Colossians 3:12 '...you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' to help direct our thinking. You can watch it again here: <https://youtu.be/Un-zvoU0nB8>

Further ideas for reflecting

Patience Prayers



Find a sand timer or use the second hand on a clock.

Find somewhere to be quiet so you can reflect and be still.

When you're ready, pray this simple prayer.

Help me to be still, to pause and to be patient.

Then turn over the timer (or watch the second hand count round one minute).

Now try it again but this time close your eyes and open them when you think the minute has passed.

When and where could you be more patient?



What makes you impatient?

Each of us get impatient with other people or events. We are used to things happening instantly, so we find it harder to wait for them.

One way we can help us to avoid being impatient is to use the waiting time to think about something else other than the waiting.

So next time you're waiting for someone to arrive, or in a queue at the shops why not try these suggestions:

1. Take a look around and spot things to be thankful for.
2. Close your eyes and listen what can you hear. What do you think God might say at this time?
3. Pray for the person/event you are waiting for.

Patience Grows

Take a walk around outside. Throughout Winter the gardens and fields look bare. But under the soil, bulbs and seeds are getting ready to grow. Some may already be slowly emerging. Go on the same walk each week and see how they start to grow. They aren't rushed, but are ready to grow at just the right time. Maybe we too can be like bulbs waiting for the right time for things to happen.



As you maybe you could pray for knowing when the right time is and ask for help to be patient until then.



Waiting for an answer... In the Bible (Daniel 10) we find out that we have to patient when we pray too. That sometimes the answer to our prayers is to wait before they are answered!



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This half term's Christian value is:

JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. 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: **JUSTICE**

A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything. We may be feeling that it is not fair that, in order to protect us from Coronavirus, our schools have had to close or that we can't hug our grandparents.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. What will you change today?



**Developing our
reading fluency and
comprehension.**

**Developing our
resilience and
never giving up.**

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

**Developing a sense of
passionate service and
courageous advocacy.**

**Developing our
mastery of number
and number sense.**