



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 19th November 2021

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)

We continue to ensure that the spread of Covid is minimised and that our safety measures and risk assessments are reviewed regularly. As such, we cancelled whole school worship times this week to reduce the mixing of children. The government’s guidance for schools remains unchanged from the start of the academic year and can be found [here](#).

If the Covid situation declines, schools can introduce further safety measures, such as the reintroduction of bubble groups and staggered entries and exits. We obviously hope to avoid this.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Friday 3 rd December	PTA disco (Classes 1/2/3 5.15 – 6.15pm; Classes 4/5 6.30 – 7.30pm)
Monday 6 th December	Flu vaccines
Wednesday 8 th December	Class 1 Santa Safari visit
Monday 13 th December	KS1 and KS2 visit to Malvern Theatre
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas dinner
Friday 17 th December	Christmas service in Kingsland Church / last day of term
Thursday 6 th January 2022	Start of term

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

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

Christmas Jumper Day

We shall be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. Children will be able to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (instead of their school jumper), in exchange for a £1 donation for Save the Children. Children should wear the rest of their normal school uniform. Class 4/5 children can wear their Christmas jumper with their PE kit on that day, but should also bring their red PE hoodie to school for their PE lessons.



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

Jenson for super skeleton art work – well done!

PTA non-uniform day

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on **Wednesday 24th November**, in exchange for donations towards Bingo hamper prizes. Children from each class are asked to bring in the following items:

Class 1 – Chocolates; Class 2 – Toiletries; Class 3 – Christmas items; Class 4 – Biscuits; Class 5 – Bottles e.g. wine

The bingo is a fantastic fundraiser, with £1,549 being raised for our school at the last event. We hope to make a huge success of it again this year, and ask if any parents/carers would be happy to also donate, or ask their employers, for raffle prizes. Any donations would be gratefully received, and can be dropped into the school office.

The Bingo will be held at the Leominster Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 8th December at 7pm.



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. The most recent winner has been **Henry** ... Well done!

International School Award



On Thursday this week, Mr Debenham attended a (virtual) awards' ceremony celebrating the achievements of schools that have earned accreditation and reaccreditation for the International School Award. This demonstrates the continued commitment and high standards of our learning about how to be a responsible and respectful global citizen, helping the children to open their eyes to a bigger world. Already this year we have learnt about the living conditions of people who live in different parts of the world and have supported the Afghan refugee and toilet twinning projects. What a great achievement everyone – well done!



11 November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

As we enter the final weeks of 2021, and in the run-up to Christmas and other celebrations, I would like to thank you and your children and young people for continuing to play your part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Herefordshire and to keep our schools open.

All schools in Herefordshire want to keep their pupils in school and to do this it may mean that some of the traditional Christmas activities may need to be modified or will not be able to go ahead this year. Schools will need to undertake risk assessments on any activity and may change the way events are run, for example a reduced number or not inviting parents to attend live performances. In addition, if cases rise in a school, in line with government guidance, we may at short notice advise that certain activities do not go ahead.

As parents, please continue to:

- Remain aware of any additional measures we may have in place and support our requests to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings when appropriate
- Stay at home and **get a PCR test** if you, or a household member, have a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste. To book your PCR test, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phone 119.
- Contacts of cases outside the home should also follow the advice to get a PCR test. As we know that household transmission is extremely common, we are advising household contacts of cases to not go to school and remain at home until they receive a negative PCR test, and then to complete daily LFD tests for 7 days
- Take part in lateral flow testing 2 times per week if you are a parent or are a secondary school or college student. To order your tests to be delivered to your home or find your nearest test site, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- Let your school know as soon as possible if you have a positive test result, either on a lateral flow or PCR test

Finally, we would encourage everyone who is eligible to take up the offer of a vaccination. Information for young people by young people can be found at <https://www.everythingcovid.info>. Pupils aged 12-15 years will be offered vaccination in a school setting, however if you miss this or prefer to be vaccinated off site, you can book online. Please visit <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/covid19vaccination> for more information.

Please support your school in these tough decisions that they are making to keep you and your family safe, and be aware that if cases are rising quickly decisions may be made at the last minute to postpone or cancel individual activities and events.

Yours faithfully,

Ceri Morgan (Assistant Director Education Development and Skills)

Dr Rebecca Howell-Jones (Acting Director for Public Health in Herefordshire)

Christmas Service and Nativity

You will have by now seen the letter sent out last week from Herefordshire Council regarding Covid measures in the run up to Christmas. With continued concern about large gatherings indoors, we shall be recording this year's KS1 Nativity, and publishing it as a video, like we did last year, rather than doing live performances – the school building is just not suitable to host large audiences during the pandemic.

However, families will have the luxury of having access to a recording.

The school is planning to hold our Christmas service in Kingsland Church on 17th December at 1.30pm. As the church provides a large space, we intend to be able to invite ONE parent per family to the service. We request that face masks are worn inside the church. This situation will be subject to alteration depending on the current Covid situation. As ever, these difficult decisions are made with the aim to continue keeping the school open and running as normally as possible.

A copy of the Herefordshire Council letter can be found on the previous page of this newsletter.



An update from the school governors: this week the governors have been preparing to make an application to the Diocese for capital funding to continue improving the school building.

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Emily Darcy Faith Peter Perry Henry	Jasmine Flo Bonnie Sophia	Sam Lexi Hatty Harry Lexi Lilly	Millie Rosie Olivia Jess Bella Aidan Connie Madeleine

Manor Adventure 2021

Here are some more photos of the Y5/6 residential to Manor Adventure:

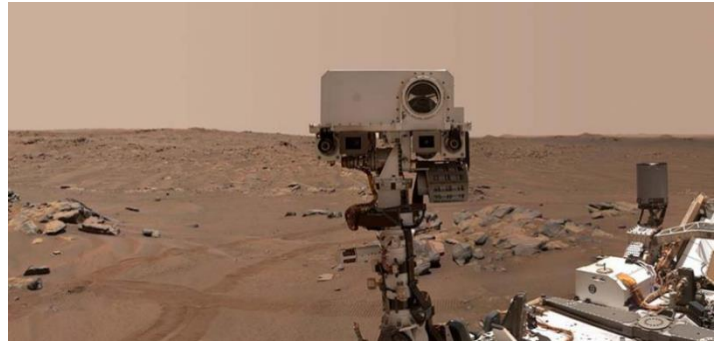






Perseverance

You may have heard in the news this week that the word 'perseverance' has been named as Word of the Year 2021 by Cambridge Dictionary. Clearly this has been influenced by NASA's Perseverance Rover which landed on Mars earlier in the year, but it could well also be a result of the continuing pandemic. Or, at least it could serve as a good reminder about the values that



we have all been challenged with during the pandemic. The dictionary defines perseverance as 'continued effort to do or achieve something, even when this is difficult or takes a long time' – this has definitely been the case for everyone over the last 18 months, as well as for the Y5/6 children at Manor Adventure.

“ *Just as it takes perseverance to land a rover on Mars, it takes perseverance to face challenges and disruption to our lives* ”

– Wendalyn Nichols

Kingsland Church Reopening

Please see the message below from Rev Julie:

Dear School Families,

You will be very glad that the day is coming when Kingsland Church will re-open its doors for our community and our school. There have been 6 months of hard work going on to re-decorate, to mend cracks in the walls, to restore windows and to make the church water-tight. During this time we have been camping in the Coronation Hall and other venues and our usual calendar of events has been somewhat curtailed.

To celebrate our re-opening we are holding a Grand Draw with Cash Prizes of £200, £100 and £50 plus 3 hampers and other prizes, and we hope that you will help us by purchasing a book of tickets for your family. Raffle tickets are being sent home with children in book bags.

Please return the enclosed book of raffle tickets either sold or unsold by Friday 26th November (in the drop boxes on the school gates). The draw will take place at the Corner's Inn on Tuesday 7th December at our Christmas Coffee Morning with stalls to buy Christmas gifts, cards and candles (10 – 12noon). All are welcome.



Come and get
your **glow** on, at the
UV disco



Kingsland School WINTER DISCO



Friday 3rd December
£4 per ticket

Class 1/2/3 - 5.15pm to 6.15pm
Class 4/5 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Refreshments
and UV face paint
included in the
ticket price



Please bring ticket money in a sealed envelope, with your child/children's name(s) and class written on it, by Friday 26th November. Please write clearly on the envelope if your child has an allergy or can't wear face paint.



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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!