



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 18th December 2020

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)

What an incredible year 2020 has been! As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to 2021, I must pay tribute to the staff of our school. This year has been extremely challenging – with the lockdown measures since March, schools have had to adapt very quickly to new ways of working and with constantly changing government guidelines and expectations. And yet, as ever, the staff have shown incredible dedication, determination and resilience to ensure the children’s education is maintained in the most challenging circumstances. We are most fortunate to be blessed with such devoted, skilled and hardworking staff. I wish them and all our families a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year, full of comfort and joy.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th January

Start of term

The full 2020 - 2021 term dates can be found on the school website (2021-2022 and 2022-2023 term dates are now also available) following the link: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our normal shared events will be arranged on an ongoing basis as the situation is constantly changing. We will endeavour to keep things as normal as possible but will understandably avoid large gatherings of people.

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 recipient is ... **Seth**. Well done!



Remote Learning Resources

Further to our remote learning resources which can be found [here](#), please find detailed ideas and resources to support learning of maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) which can be found [here](#).

Current attendance levels – from 3rd September to 18th December 2020

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
97.0%	97.8%	98.0%	97.3%	96.1%	97.2%

Thank you for helping us maintain excellent attendance!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Jack	Harley	Mia	Ella
Harry	Will	Hayden	Millie
Emily	Daniel	Ollie	Poppy
	Harry	Eva	
	Ruben	Lilly	

Congratulations to Berrington for winning this half term's House Treat!



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

Harper for fabulous writing – well done!

A Prayer for Christmas Eve

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Big Question

It was great to see the children's responses to our BIG QUESTIONS over the lockdown period. We shall be continuing our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

What is the best way of appreciating all that your teachers do?



Leominster Food Bank

We have received the following message from Leominster Food Bank:

Leominster Food Bank have prepared 200 Christmas treat bags of food for children in Leominster and its surrounding area. If you would appreciate receiving one of these bags, please book one at tiny.cc/leoxmasbag and then pick it up on December 12th or 17th at a distribution point in or around Leominster.

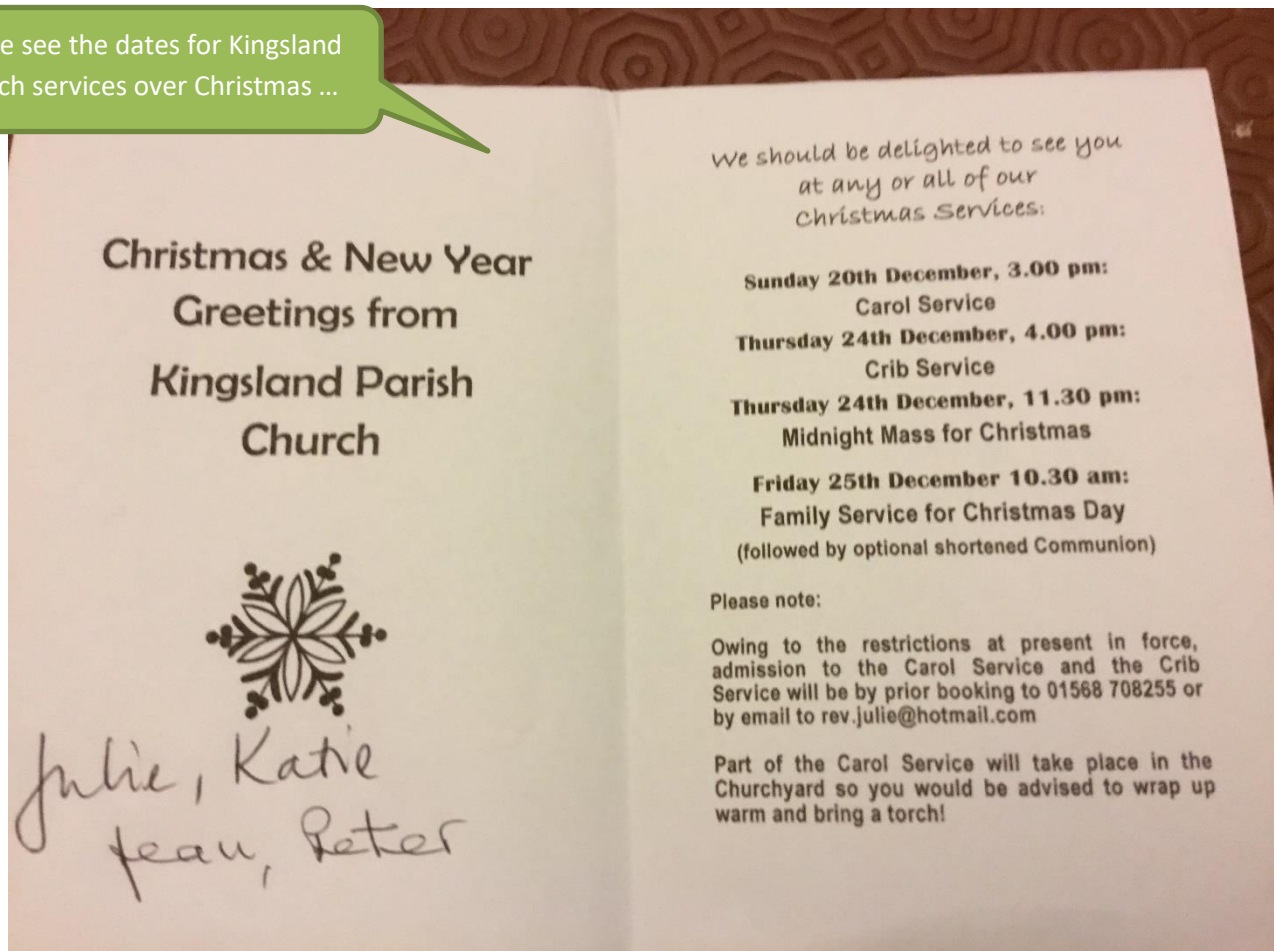
We hope to spread a little joy this Christmas to anyone finding things difficult, so these bags are not limited to children eligible for free school meals. If it wouldn't make a difference to you, please share the joy by not booking one. Thanks!

Revised Term Dates

You will have received a message about the changes to our term dates following the revised approach by the DfE. Please find the new term dates towards the end of this newsletter. They can also be found on the school website [here](#).

We are aware that the additional days on 19th and 20th July 2021 might clash with pre-booked holidays. If this is the case, please contact the school office by 18th December and these will be marked on the registers as authorised holiday. Any requests after this date will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Please see the dates for Kingsland Church services over Christmas ...



Let your light shine

Living life in all its fullness – last week of term



Lord Jesus, Light of the World,
as we reflect upon Christingle
and think about your great love for us,
help us to take your light out into the world
and to share your love with others,
so that all may have hope,
especially vulnerable children and young people.
Amen.





Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all! Thank you to all the staff who helped serve.

On behalf of all the staff, may we say a huge 'thank you' for the kind Christmas gifts that have been brought in.



On Thursday, the children and staff shared Christmas carols on the village green. We 'followed the star' down the road from the school and were joined by Daisy-May (the donkey) and Rev Julie.



Countdown to Christmas



There's something very special about the Advent Sundays leading up to when Jesus was born. Join in with these activities as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas – and as we remember the Comfort and Joy that Jesus brings to us all.



Date	What brings joy today?	Who needs comfort today?
29th Nov, the First Sunday of Advent	<p>Counting down with excitement</p> <p>Look at your Advent Calendar – just 2 days until you can open the first door! Give a jump for joy or fist bump your family at the excitement of looking forward.</p>	<p>Those who are anxious about Christmas</p> <p>Look at the floor. Some people are anxious about Christmas. Ask God to be close to them in the coming days.</p>
6th Dec, the Second Sunday of Advent	<p>Being able to give presents to others</p> <p>Christians sometimes call Jesus 'God's gift to us' – that's why we give gifts to each other at Christmas. Make a list of the people your family will give gifts to this Christmas. Thank God for each person.</p>	<p>Those worried about money</p> <p>Christmas can be expensive. Some people are worried that they do not have enough money for gifts or food. Could your family help by giving a gift to your local foodbank?</p>
13th Dec, the Third Sunday of Advent	<p>Access to water</p> <p>Count the number of taps in your home. Pour yourself a glass of water and give thanks for access to clean water for washing, cooking, drinking, and cleaning.</p>	<p>Children of the world</p> <p>Pour a glass of water. Add a teaspoon of mud to it, stir and place it in your kitchen. In some parts of the world children only have access to water like this. Each time you see your glass today, pray for agencies like Water Aid, trying to bring clean water to children across the world.</p>
20th Dec, the Fourth Sunday of Advent	<p>Health and people who care</p> <p>Draw a rainbow. Around it write the names of your local doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. Colour a heart by each one to show you are thankful for them.</p>	<p>People who are feeling sad</p> <p>Find a sticking plaster. Draw a sad face on it. Stick the plaster onto your bathroom mirror to remind you to pray for people who are sick or sad.</p>
Carol Service	<p>The gift of music</p> <p>What's your favourite Christmas Carol? Record your family singing it and send it to your wider family and friends.</p>	<p>Those who can't get to church</p> <p>Some people will be sad that they can't go to a carol service. Make a poster of your favourite carol to put in the window to cheer everyone up.</p>
Christmas Eve	<p>Everything that makes Christmas exciting</p> <p>Gather round your Christmas tree and look at the decorations. Tell each other which is your favourite and why.</p>	<p>Those who are home alone</p> <p>Do you know someone who will be home alone this Christmas? Surprise them with a phone or video call.</p>
Christmas Day	<p>The gift of God's love in Jesus</p> <p>Today we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Light a candle (safely) and sing Happy Birthday for Jesus before you open your presents. (Remember to blow the candle out!)</p>	<p>People who have no homes</p> <p>Some people don't have their own homes where they can celebrate Christmas. Pray for charities like Crisis who will provide safe space for them to eat and sleep today.</p>

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Boxing Day	<p>Those who serve us in shops, cafes, and entertainment</p> <p>Go for a walk with your family. As you pass shops and cafes, thank God for the people who serve us in them. (If there are no shops or cafes near you, think of the ones you last visited.)</p> 	<p>Those who have no work to do</p>  <p>Some shops and cafes have closed because of the Covid crisis. This means people no longer work there. As you pass closed shops and cafes on your walk, ask God to be close to the people who used to work in them.</p>
27th Dec, 1st Sunday of Christmas	<p>Wider family who love us, grandparents, etc</p> <p>Look at your Christmas cards. Find the ones that came from grandparents, aunts, uncles and godparents. Thank God that they love and care for you and your family.</p>	<p>Families who cannot be together</p> <p>Find a jigsaw puzzle. The pieces need to join together to complete it. Some families cannot be together this Christmas. As you put your puzzle together, ask God to be with families who have been separated during the holidays.</p>
28th Dec	<p>The children in our family</p>  <p>Make a chain of paper dolls. On each doll, write the name of a family you know and all the children and adults in it. Put the dolls in a place where you can see them and thank God for the people they represent.</p>	<p>Those who are grieving for loved ones this Christmas</p> <p>Make another chain of dolls. During this year some people died, and their families are sad. As you write the names of people who have died on the dolls, talk about something you remember about each person.</p> 
29th Dec	<p>Holiday time to be together</p> <p>Shout out 'Group Hug' and get everyone in your household to either have a household huddle or hug themselves tight. Thank God that you can be together at holiday time.</p>	<p>Those who are hungry</p> <p>Open your fridge or food cupboard and look at what's inside. Some people have very little food and very little money to buy more. Next time you go to the supermarket, buy some extra tins to put in their Food Bank collection.</p> 
30th Dec	<p>Remembering all those journeying to find out about faith</p> <p>Some people who visited Jesus followed a star to find their way. Make or draw and decorate a large star. As you hang it on your front door or in a window pray for people who want to know more about Jesus.</p> 	<p>People struggling with illness of whatever kind</p> <p>Hospitals don't close over Christmas. They carry on caring for people who are ill. Send a card to your local hospital to thank the staff who were working over the holiday.</p>
31st Dec	<p>For all the good things the past year brought to us</p> <p>Have a family huddle with your favourite hot drinks. As the drinks cool, tell each other the things you have really enjoyed in 2020.</p>	<p>Those who have found this year very difficult</p> <p>Squeeze your hands into fists until it feels uncomfortable. 2020 was uncomfortable for some families. Slowly open your hands and ask God that 2021 would be less difficult for them.</p>
1st Jan	<p>For the good things in store this year</p> <p>Draw around your hand. Inside it write or draw the things you are looking forward to in 2021.</p> 	<p>People worried about the future</p> <p>Draw around your other hand. Some people are worried about 2021. Draw hearts inside this hand and ask God to hold the people and their worries.</p>
2nd January to Epiphany	<p>That Jesus is for the whole world</p> <p>How many countries can you and your family name? Jesus came to be God's Good News for all the countries of the world. Jump for joy that Jesus is God's Good News for you too.</p>	<p>Those in the Middle East</p> <p>Jesus was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth. He came to bring peace but today there are many conflicts in that part of the world. Find the two towns on a map. Place your fingers on them and pray for the people who live there.</p>

Important notice

Reception admissions for 2021-2022

**Do you have a child born between
1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?**

If so you will need to
apply for a school place
by **15 January 2021**
(to commence
September 2021)



Applications can be completed from
14 September 2020 online at:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

**Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at
the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.**

For further information please contact the school admissions
team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

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"... the quality of education provided is exceptional"

"Pupils' experiences go far beyond what they learn in lessons."

"Pupils' behaviour exemplifies the aim 'Learn to love.'"

(Ofsted March 2020)

Ofsted: OUTSTANDING (March 2020)

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OPEN AFTERNOON

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021?

**You would be most welcome to visit school on our final
Open Afternoon (please bring a face mask):**

Thursday 7th January 3.30pm

(subject to alteration dependent on Covid restrictions)

Please contact the school office for more details

(booking is essential): 01568 708436

admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk



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REVISED School Terms and Holiday Dates 2020 – 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September 2020
Half Term	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts	Tuesday 5th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15th – Friday 19 th February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
Term Ends	Tuesday 20 th July 2021

Good Friday	Friday 2 nd April 2021
Easter Monday	Monday 5 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st May 2021



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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.

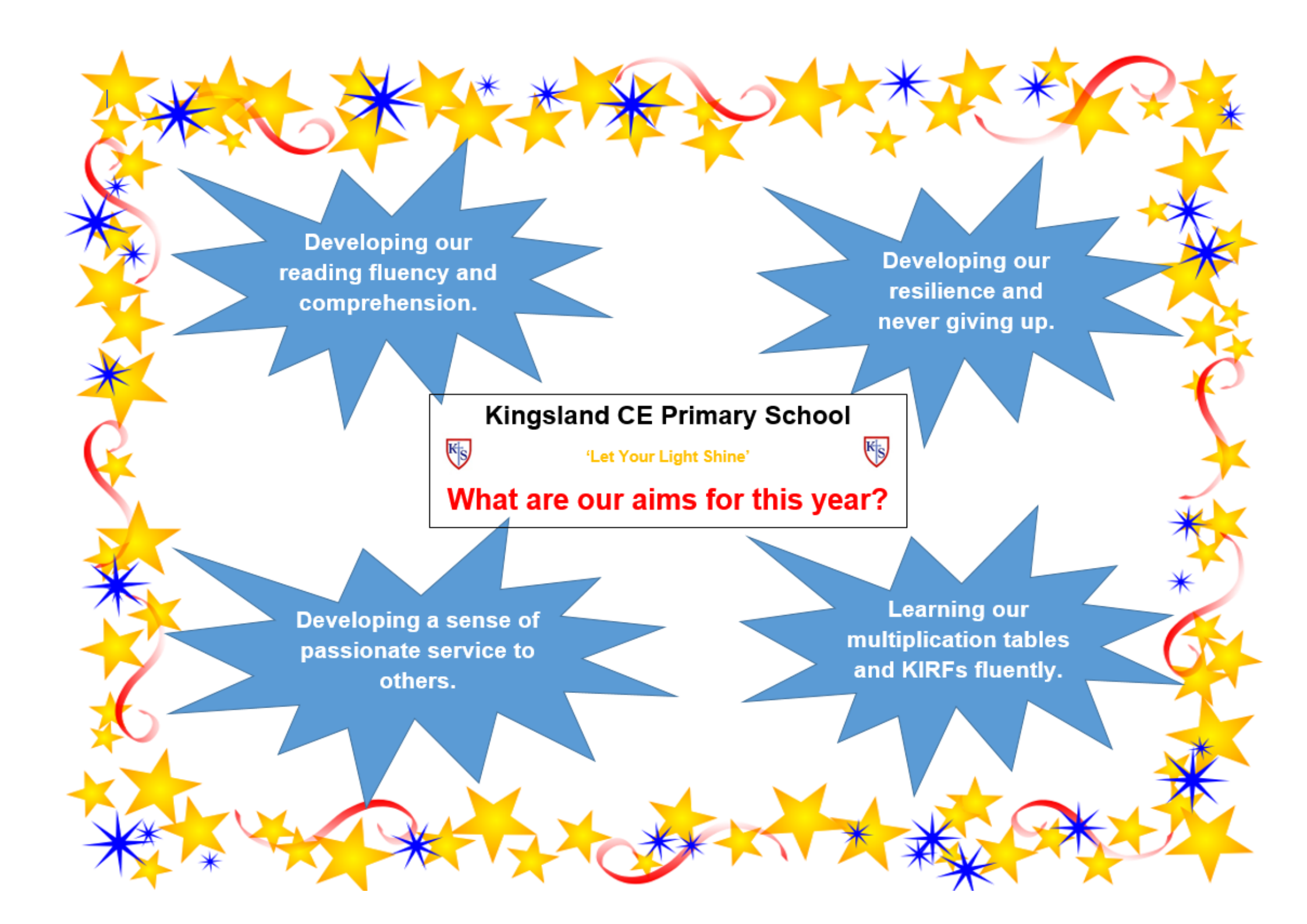
When I was a schoolboy, students would fist-bump with their friends saying the word, 'Respect', as if respect were something cool and exclusive to one another's friends. When we have a friend, we will often respect them. The Christian value of respect is different, however. We are invited to show respect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



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 to
others.

Learning our
multiplication tables
and KIRFs fluently.