



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 18th September 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:

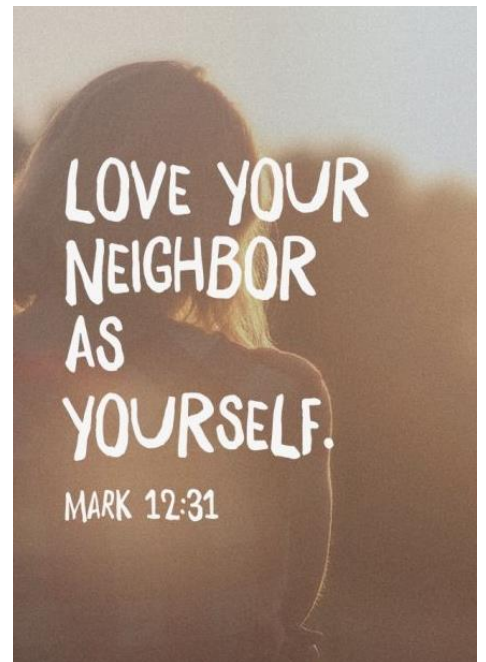
As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

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

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)

It is wonderful to see how well the children have returned to school with such positive attitudes to their learning and resilience in adapting to the new routines. As ever, staff have worked hard to ensure strong routines are reinstated which allows the children to feel safe, secure and loved. We are delighted that all our new reception children will be with us full time from next week – having my office opposite Class 1 does mean I get the pleasure of eavesdropping which regularly brings a smile to my face!



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

WB 12 th and 19 th October	Parents' Evening phone calls (more information to follow shortly)
26 th – 30 th October	Half term holiday
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas dinner

The full 2020 - 2021 term dates can be found on the school website (2021-2022 term dates will be available shortly) 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 ... Scarlett. Well done!

Christian Value Family Reflection

Please see below for a copy of our newly published Christian Value Family Reflection, all about LOVE.

Worship Time with Rev. Julie

I am sure your children have told you about "seeing Julie on the TV!" Well, due to our new interactive TVs in each classroom, this is actually true! Each week, Julie is leading a Teams worship time which each class can log into on the TV screens. She is also recording a videoed worship time each week for us. It is wonderful to continue the strong connections with Kingsland Church, despite the current COVID situation.

In order to further develop the links between school, home and church, please find a link to Julie's latest videoed worship time which the children watched yesterday. <https://youtu.be/H8GtOQj2tFc>

We hope to further develop these links in future weeks.

Parents' Evenings

Due to the COVID pandemic, we are restricting visitor access on the school site. As such, our October parents' evenings this year will consist of a direct phone call with class teachers. Please look out for a letter which will explain all the details – it will be sent out shortly.

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](#).

Pick-up

As After School Clubs start next week, a reminder about the following pick-up and drop-off procedures ...

- Children coming to Breakfast Club must come through the FRONT gate (Mrs Edgington and Mrs Crump will sign them in as they arrive - no parents through the green gate please). At 8.10am the green gates will be locked - if you arrive after this time, please press the Breakfast Club door bell situated underneath the main entry panel system.
- Children leaving Stay and Play club need to be collected from the FRONT gate - again, please use the door bell as described above.
- Children will be dismissed from After School Clubs (once they begin) from the BACK gate only

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

Ollie for going above and beyond with his home learning this week; **Cormac** and **Riley** for a super effort and progress in maths – well done!

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

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
97.0%	97.0%	96.1%	97.3%	93.1%	95.9%

Admissions September 2021

Towards the end of this newsletter is a poster with information about our Open Afternoons for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2021. Please do pass the information onto anyone who may be interested.

Y6 High School Transition

FAO Y6 parents ... you were messaged earlier in the week about the EMC Open Evening on 24th September. Please also note that Wigmore HS will be holding a Zoom meeting with the Y6 children in school on Tuesday 29th September. The closing date for high school applications is 31st October.

St Michael's Hospice – Design a Reindeer Run Logo competition

The Reindeer Run

This year, St Michael's Hospice has teamed up with Father Christmas to organise a free, fun-filled, fundraising event for primary schools and nurseries, with children getting sponsored to dress up as a reindeer before walking or running around their school playground or field. Schools will collect sponsorship money and send it to St Michael's Hospice to support local families spending their last Christmas together.

We need a new logo

We would like children aged 11 and under to design a logo for the Reindeer Run campaign. The winning logo design will feature in all marketing materials alongside the event, including social media posts and on our website.

The winner of the competition will receive a £20 Love2Shop voucher, plus a bundle of goodies. So...dig out the coloured pens or pencils and start designing. Please follow these simple rules when entering the competition:

The design must:

- be hand-drawn by a child aged 11 or under;
- include the words 'Reindeer Run' plus a relevant illustration;
- be attractive;
- **arrive in the Hospice by post by 9am on Monday 28th September.**

Parents: please remember to include the child's name and address, plus your email address and telephone number with your child's entry. You must send the design directly to the address below, please DO NOT send the design in to school.

Send your child's logo designs to: Gaynor Warren, Chief Reindeer, St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, HR1 4HA.

COVID symptoms

We understand that with the upcoming 'flu' season, children will display a variety of symptoms, including coughs, colds, earache etc. There are clearly difficult judgements as some of these are similar to the COVID symptoms. Please find a link to information from PHE that outlines advice about what should happen if someone displays symptoms - https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/kingsland-ce-school/UploadedDocument/6051fa7f5e9548b185cc446e1ee31c9a/20203007_easy_read_household_isolation_v3_1.pdf

Government guidance clearly states that **All** persons who display **any or all** of the COVID symptoms are required to isolate away from school or their work for 10-days from onset. The only earlier return allowed within the 10-day period is for parents to supply a copy of the negative COVID test. The advice is also clear that other household members e.g. siblings of the affected child, must also stay away for 14 days from the original symptom onset.

Recognised symptoms of COVID are:

- a high temperature (37.8)
- a new cough where you keep on coughing. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes of coughing in a day
- losing or there being a change to your sense of smell or taste

We understand that the 'coughing' criteria are quite vague - it will be up to parents at home to decide whether children fit these criteria before attending school. We are aware that a positive COVID test within school may result in having to close a bubble, resulting in many children having to isolate for a 10 day period. It is essential, therefore, that close consideration of the above symptoms are adhered to.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is the responsibility of the whole school community, and we take safeguarding extremely seriously. We have a dedicated webpage on the school website all about safeguarding: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/safeguarding/>

We have become aware that some Class 4/5 children are being dropped off very early and left at the school gates. Please note that the school accepts responsibility for the children only once they have entered through the green gates - Breakfast Club is available if parents require children to be dropped off early. As such, children who are left unsupervised at the school gate will be brought into Breakfast Club, and parents will be charged accordingly. This is to ensure the safety of the children.



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:

How can love change the world?

Birthday Treats

As you know, we love celebrating children's birthdays in school. However, as you will understand, it is critical to the safety of everyone that items being brought into school are kept at an absolute minimum. As such, it is necessary that we restrict what the children bring in for birthday celebrations.

We shall NOT be allowing cake and toys to be brought in, but children CAN (if they wish) bring multipacks of individually wrapped sweets (e.g. Haribo). These MUST be brought into school at least 3 days in advance of the child's birthday, so there can be an adequate quarantine period.

We understand that many children have had 'alternative' birthday celebrations this year due to the COVID restrictions, but thank you in advance for your understanding of these current restrictions.

COVID-19 Contingency Planning

With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the school is putting together contingency plans for a variety of scenarios, including a bubble closure and a whole school closure. As you know, attending school is, once again, mandatory, and we are fully aware of the school's responsibility to maintain learning for all our children. There are many aspects to consider, including staffing and changing government guidance.

Our [Remote Home Learning Resources](#) have already been published on the school website for any children who are currently unable to attend school. These will continue to evolve as the term progresses.

At this stage, we are asking parents to consider what preparations are required before a possible bubble-closure ... obviously, we very much hope that this will not be needed, but it is best to be prepared. As such, we ask that you consider the following questions:

- Do all of my children who attend Kingsland School have access to an individual device (laptop, computer or tablet – NOT a mobile phone) which connects to the internet? We aim to ensure that every child has access to device – so if you have two children at the school, two devices will be needed.
- What software will I need to access the online learning? Devices will need to be able to open PDF documents, Zip files, Word documents and video files. Printing lots of sheets would not be required given the aim for every child to have access to a device.

We, therefore, ask that parents contact the teacher@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk email address to let us know if each of your children do NOT have individual access to a device (laptop, computer or tablet – NOT a mobile phone) which connects to the internet. If your set-up at home is adequate, there is no need to respond. If a reply is needed, please let us know how many devices are required – we are currently investigating a variety of possibilities. We are unable to guarantee to provide a device, but we shall do our very best – if you feel you are able to invest in suitable technology, it may be worth considering this now.

We shall contact you once our contingency plans are finalised. Thank you in advance with your support during these difficult times.

Helpful links

There is a whole plethora of information on our school website – <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/> please do take time to look through it. For ease, here are some helpful links:

Leave of absence forms – a form MUST be completed if leave of absence is being requested:
<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/leave-of-absence/>

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After School Clubs: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/clubs/>

Instrumental music lessons: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/letters-for-all/>

Stay and Play Club: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/stay-and-play-club/>

Breakfast Club: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/breakfast-club/>

Lunch menus: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/school-dinners/>

Our Rich and Vibrant Curriculum: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/curriculum/>

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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)

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OPEN AFTERNOONS 2020

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

You would be most welcome to visit school on one of our Open Afternoons (please bring a face mask):

Wednesday 23rd September 4.30pm

Wednesday 14th October 3.30pm

Tuesday 17th November 3.30pm

Please contact the school office for more details

(booking is essential): 01568 708436

admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk

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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This half term's Christian value is:

LOVE

Educating for Hope and Aspiration

A prayer of LOVE

Creator God, Thank you that each of us is precious in your sight, and loved. Help us to feel that love each and every day. May we find that same love for everyone within our class at school and at home so that no one is left out; in Jesus' name. 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: **LOVE**

A reflection on LOVE by Rev. Julie Read

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, IT IS NOT BOASTFUL OR ENVIOUS OR ARROGANT OR RUDE, IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY ... St Paul taught about love in a poem in the Bible (you can read it all in I Corinthians Chapter 13). It is about putting someone else first and not ourselves. Sometimes it is easy for us to love others and sometimes it is very difficult. I wonder how you have found that during this “lockdown” time ...?

What a strange journey we have all been on since March when the schools were closed to all but a few, and learning has been at home with our families, with ups and downs along the way. The weather has been pretty good and I hope you were able to get out and see some of the beautiful countryside that we live in and enjoy some outside time more than usual. I know you have missed your friends and your amazing teachers. I think perhaps we have learnt to love without seeing people ... which I think is more difficult, and I have been grateful for deliveries of rainbows, and conversations in the street in Kingsland when I have seen people out enjoying the sunshine.

Coming back together is both exciting and strange as we bring together our different experiences of home schooling and family time.

Jesus told a story, a parable, about love, making sure that everyone is included, everyone is looked after, everyone is safe. It was about a farmer, well a shepherd really, who had 100 sheep, and every night he would call them into the sheepfold (his specially made stone-walled safe place) and count them in 97, 98, 99, 100. One evening he counted them in ... 97, 98, 99 ... but there was one missing. What do you think he did? Did he think “Oh well, I have 99 sheep that’s pretty good, I need to care for them”? No he left the 99 safely shut up for the night and went out to look for the lost sheep. As the night fell, he found it caught up in a bramble and prizing it loose, he put it over his shoulder and carried it home. THAT IS LOVE, making sure that EVERYONE is safe, and that EVERYONE lives well ... exactly what we aim to do at school.

I wonder if you can look out for everyone in your class as we come back together...? Making sure that everyone is safe, and doesn't get lost in their lessons, everyone has someone to play with, everyone is happy, and perhaps the words that you say to someone could be “HOW CAN I HELP?”