



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

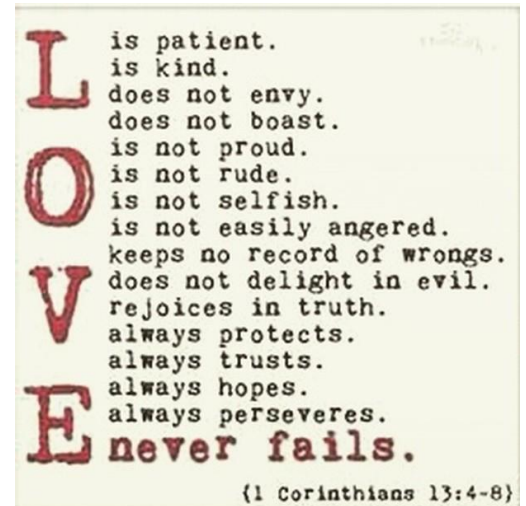
*As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.*

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)**

As we complete the first full week back at school, may I thank both children and parents for your understanding of the new routines. I have spent some time in each class over the week and it is a delight to see how well the children are engaging with their learning and demonstrating important values such as resilience and independence. I also send my heartfelt thanks to all our staff who have worked exceptionally hard in order to prepare for the new school year. May I wish you all a relaxing weekend.



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

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## Dates for your diary

WB Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Clubs start
WB 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening phone calls (more information to follow shortly)
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term holiday
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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. Our first recipient for this academic year is ... Alexa.

## Christian Value Family Reflection

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

## Earrings

Please can we send a reminder that children have two options when participating in all PE and swimming activities:

1. Remove earrings (either they do this themselves, or at home before coming to school – school staff are not permitted to remove children's earrings for them)
2. Earrings are taped up securely – children must bring tape from home

As you will understand, these rules are to ensure the safety of the children.



## 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.

## With grateful thanks ...

We send our grateful thanks to E & S Construction who kindly sponsored an outdoor resources shed for the Class 1 children to help themselves independently to different activities in our outside area.

Thank you also to Mr Davies who trimmed the hedges around the school playground.

And also to Mr and Mrs Markham who (secretly) tidied up the front of the school – it hasn't gone unnoticed!

If you know of any other businesses who could donate suitable school resources, please do contact Mr Debenham.

## 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:

**Why does LOVE 'never fail'?**

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

**Lottie, Wilson** and **Flynn** for super writing about their favourite places; **Zac** for a super effort at the start of term and work with his sounds; **Bella** for amazing counting in 4s; **Theo** for great progress with his handwriting and being a super role model – well done!

#### Current attendance levels – from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
88.8%	90.8%	87.6%	90.8%	88.2%	89.3%

#### 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/>

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

**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/>

#### 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.

#### 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

## 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](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.



## Y6 High School Transition

The Y6 children should now have brought home a letter regarding applying for high school places. Please note the Local Authority online application closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## 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.

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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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4.30pm**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm**

**Please contact the school office for more details**

**(booking is essential): 01568 708436**

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## 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](http://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](mailto:schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk)

# First Full Week ...





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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?”