



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

*'Learn to Love – Love to Learn'*

## 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:

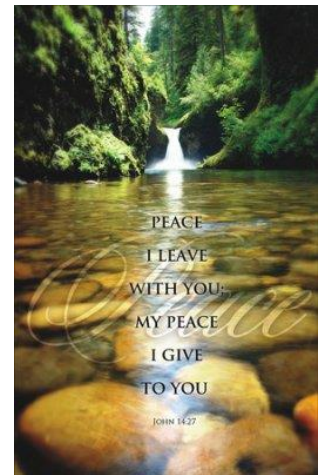
*As God's children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.*

Our Christian value for this half-term is **PEACE**.

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)**

The Church of England's vision for education – **Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good** – focuses on four key values, those of **WISDOM**, **HOPE**, **COMMUNITY** and **DIGNITY**, and encourages us all to “live life in all its fullness” (John 10:10). Our vision statement above encompasses all four values, highlighted with the different colours.



At Kingsland, we are determined to provide opportunities for us all (children AND adults) to “live life in all its fullness”, a recent example, of course, being iSingPop. The children excelled during both concerts, learning about the power of working collaboratively on a common aim. All four values were key to the success of this project – **WISDOM** and **HOPE** were key themes of a number of the songs; the whole **COMMUNITY** was able to come together in a packed church and flourish; and, the inclusive nature of the project was key to ensuring **DIGNITY** for all.

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

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### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 visit to Santa Safari
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 visit to Birmingham theatre
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and parties
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Show and Tell 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas carol service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Term starts

The full 2019 - 2020 term dates can be found on the school website (2020-2021 term dates are also available) following the link: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>



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 recent winners have been: Jasmine, Henry and Maizie. Well done to all of you!

### Eco-friendly Christmas

At the end of this newsletter are two pieces of persuasive writing about considering an eco-friendly Christmas. Class 5 have been thinking about this over the last few weeks and have shown great passion to reduce the impact of Christmas on the environment without losing the joy. As part of a drive to be more environmentally conscious and responsible, we shall not be holding a Christmas card post box this year. We therefore encourage children to think twice about sending cards to their friends that they see every day. Perhaps the money saved could be put towards those in greater need...?

Thank you for your support for this.

### House Tokens

**Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!**

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Oliver Ada Harry	Riley Ebony Maisie Zac Flo Jasmine Eve	Jack Harry Beau Lilly Max	Olivia Flynn Austin



Current attendance levels – from 4 <sup>th</sup> September to 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019					
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
93.4%	96.0%	97.2%	97.0%	97.0%	96.4%
<b>Well done to Class 3 – you have the best attendance record!</b>					

### Parents' Show and Tell

We welcome all parents into school on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** to enjoy a Parents' Show and Tell. This will be an opportunity for children to share their work and books with parents and to explain all about their learning this term.

### PTA Bingo

**Thank you** for your kind donations of items for the hampers – and a huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA. A very impressive £1549 was raised which will be put towards the cost of transport for the Christmas visits!



### Sport Report

Due to the recent weather conditions, a number of sporting events have been cancelled and postponed. So it was great to get some fixtures played against Lucton School. Year 3/4 and 4/5 played a number of indoor football matches. The event was fast and furious, so much so that no one really has an idea of what the scores were! It was a number of children's first football match and it was great to see Jude score his first goal for the school! Well done to everyone involved.

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

**Niamh, Arthur and Aidan** for super iSingPop singing; **Ollie** for creating a great solar system folding book; **Leah** for always having a positive attitude; **Thomas, Maisie and Jack** for great writing – well done!

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm in the Coronation Hall. All welcome - children need to be taken under parental supervision. On the same date, children can wear Christmas jumpers to school as a Christmas treat!

**JOIN US  
FOR  
FESTIVE  
FUN**

Kingsland PTA

# Christmas Fair

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 3.15-4.45  
Coronation Hall

Face painting      Christmas Crafts      Refreshments

Fun and games!      Raffle

**Parenikind**  
Member Association

Request from the PTA – we could please do with some more volunteer helpers during the Christmas fair ... if anyone is available to help for 30 minutes, then please contact Jo South or the school office (payment will be in tea, coffee and mince pies!!)



### **How to enjoy an environmentally friendly Christmas.....**

Christmas is a time of happiness and enjoyment, but this year, why not try to make the planet happy too with these six amazing ideas to transform your Christmas to be more environmentally friendly? Every little bit can make a change, so why not give it a good go?

Before you go hunting for wrapping paper this festive season, why not try using old newspaper or maps instead? You could also decorate some plain paper as long as you remember not to use Sellotape or glue. Unlike wrapping paper, all three are widely recycled and also a lot cheaper.

If you worry that you do not want to use Sellotape to keep the material (hopefully able to be recycled) hiding the present, why don't you use string, ribbon, blu-tac or even this amazing biodegradable tape now available? Since I'm sure many people receive gifts from you, this would be a good thing to consider.

Can you believe how many Christmas crackers include plastic toys? I'm sure you're thinking far too much, so why not give creating your own a go? As well as wrapping paper, the designs make the card on the cracker unrecyclable too. In your homemade cracker, why not try including paper, cardboard or a recycled material to make your toys with?

If you're thinking of whizzing off to the supermarket to buy mince pies or any other Christmas treats, hold fire. As you probably know, they use a great deal of plastic packaging but there's just too much of it going to waste. If you are concerned, it's very easy to make your own. They would probably be much more appetizing and you would be helping the environment too.

I am aware you probably have many plastic decorations on your tree that can be used for about thirty years, but they unfortunately cannot be recycled. Instead of having your Christmas tree filled with plastic, you could use natural objects to decorate the house with such as mistletoe, holly wreaths or even pine cones. The choice is yours.

Although you may be thinking Christmas cards are recyclable, well, not quite, no. The way they are published includes a plastic substance. This could be a fabulous opportunity to cut them up, to recycle and use for other activities such as gift tags, arts and crafts or even notes for reminders. If you are feeling creative, you could do whatever you want with these useful pieces of card.

So now you are convinced that the planet needs to be loved at Christmas time like we are too, I'm sure soon the Earth will be feeling a lot healthier as well as our currently polluting minds.

Thomas Y6



### **How to enjoy an environmental Christmas....**

We all love Christmas, full of happiness and fun. But why not this year sprinkle in some eco-friendly traditions? You can create an even more memorable Christmas full of magic, creativity and peace for you, your loved ones and our planet.

As the colour on wrapping paper can't be recycled, why not this year do something different? You could wrap all your lovely presents up in newspaper, old maps, even plain paper which you could decorate. If you are very careful with the wrapping paper, then you could reuse it. The coloured wrapping paper is nice, but there is an impact on our environment coming with it. So, why not use something other than coloured wrapping paper?

Did you know that children's toys are generally made of plastic? There is a solution. You might have to get creative though! You could carve a toy, like a soldier, or a doll. Or, you could use other sustainable products such as paper.

Have you ever had a real Christmas tree? Please don't, it is wasting our oxygen because you are cutting them down. If you reuse a plastic tree, then that will be really good. When you cut down our trees, animals are losing their habitats. So remember that you could reuse a plastic tree.

Now let's think about food. An enormous amount of food is left over at Christmas. Why not donate the leftovers to the local food bank or just buy less of it?

Advent Calendars! You could reuse your advent calendar and put your own treats in them. You could come together as a family and bake!

Do you know about Sellotape? Well, an enormous quantity is wasted for wrapping presents. Why not use ribbons or string as Sellotape can't be recycled. You could use blu-tac as that is reusable.

We know Christmas is fun and it is going to be even more magic if we have an environmental Christmas!

Scarlett Y5

## School Improvement Areas

In your child's reading record you will find a copy of the image below which summarises four key areas of school improvement which we are asking the children to focus on, both at school and at home.

Please do support your child with these areas during home learning tasks.



A further area which has been identified is INFERENCE when children are reading. The following questions can help support the children's inference development – again, please do use these questions when discussing the books and stories your child is reading.

## Inference Iggy might ask...

What do you think \_\_\_\_\_ is saying/thinking/feeling at this point? Why?

What do you think the author meant when \_\_\_\_\_?

Why does the author use the word \_\_\_\_\_ here?

What effect did the author want to create by \_\_\_\_\_?

How do you think the author feels about \_\_\_\_\_? Find the words or sentences to back this up.

What do you think the word \_\_\_\_\_ means? Why do you think that?

Can you explain why \_\_\_\_\_?

Why do you think \_\_\_\_\_?

Where do you think \_\_\_\_\_?

Can we work out how \_\_\_\_\_ feels about \_\_\_\_\_?

Does this tell us anything about \_\_\_\_\_?

How did you feel when \_\_\_\_\_?

Which bit made you feel \_\_\_\_\_?

Can you describe how you felt when \_\_\_\_\_? Why?

Why do you think he/she \_\_\_\_\_?

Is there anything you've just read which reminds you of something that has happened to you, or someone you know? Why? How?

What can we guess about where/when this is taking place?

What would \_\_\_\_\_ say if \_\_\_\_\_?

