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**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

*'Learn to Love – Love to Learn'*

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

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 last few weeks have been bursting with activities and learning! From our Ventures weekend to Pudsey's visit, and from shoe boxes to digital leaders, life at Kingsland has been jam packed since our last newsletter. As we head rapidly towards the festive season, it is good to reflect on the children's learning so far this academic year, and look forward to exciting things to come.



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

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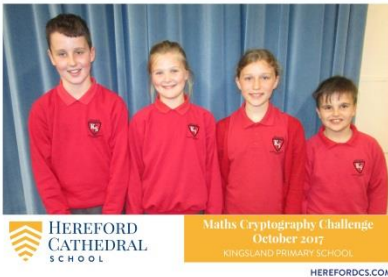
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### House Treat

Congratulations to **CROFT** house who won the House Competition for the first half term. They celebrated with their scooters on the playground! Which house will win next half term ...?



### Maths Lecture

Continuing the theme of “living life in all its fullness”, four Y6 children (Jack, Cassie, Charlie and Jess) went to Hereford Cathedral School on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to a maths lecture about cryptology. They spent a happy afternoon solving puzzles and codes!

### Digital Leaders

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, our digital leaders (Jess, Will, Freya, Callum, Lily and Rosie) went to Luston School to hone their computing skills. They experimented with a variety of apps and returned to Kingsland full of ideas and enthusiasm. Since then, they have led a computing lesson with Class 4, teaching them how to make digital Christmas trees.



### Pudsey and Children in Need

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November we had a surprise visit from a large yellow bear ... Pudsey! He made a personal visit to Kingsland to collect all your kind donations, stopping to pose for photos and hugs.

### Request for parental readers for Class 4

Class 4 would love someone to come into school and hear children read. If you are able to offer your support with reading, please contact the school office, or Miss Sawyer directly.

### Stay and Play Club

Our new Stay and Play Club is now in full swing on Wednesdays from 3.15 – 5.00pm. If your child would like to attend, please book a place through the school office.



### Shoe boxes

Thank you so much for all your wonderful shoeboxes – we managed to collect 58 in total! It is satisfying to think that there will be 58 very happy children somewhere in Eastern Europe on Christmas Day!



### Refugee Appeal

As with the shoeboxes, the children of Kingsland School have shown great compassion and kindness through the Calais Refugee Appeal. On 14<sup>th</sup> November, David Bland from the Priory Church led our Worship Time, bringing to life what it is like for refugees in Calais. David and his wife, Kathy, visit Calais regularly, taking supplies and donations, and we were able to provide many bagfuls of hats, gloves, socks and sleeping bags. Thank you for your kind donations.

### School Minibus

Kingsland School are now the proud owners of our very own minibus! We have been able to fund this purchase through our increased Sport Premium grant and through the PTA. The biggest barrier to providing enhanced sport provision and fixtures has been the cost of transport. With our own minibus, we will now be able to expand our competitive sport provision, spending more time actually doing sport and less time organising and paying for transport. We thank the PTA for their contribution. We anticipate that the minibus will also be available as a community resource – please enquire at the school office.

### PTA Bingo

A fun and joyful time was had by all at the PTA Bingo event on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. A massive £1450 was raised, so a huge thank you to the PTA, led by Shelley Connop, as well as for everyone who came and supported the event.



**Learning is FUN at Kingsland School!**



### New Data Protection Rules

New national data protection rules are due to come into force in May 2018. With these statutory rules in mind, we must ensure that, whilst in school, parents do not take photographs of other people's children. This will affect whole school events such as Sports' Day, Nativity Plays and productions / concerts etc. We thank you in advance for your understanding and vigilance in this matter.





### **Bake and Share**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November saw the school hall flooded with people and cakes, raising money and awareness of pancreatic cancer. Thank you to Mrs Young and her team of cake makers for organising the event – a very substantial amount of £570 was raised – and thank you to everyone who baked cakes and supported the sale.

### **Ventures Weekend**

17 keen and excited Venturers from Kingsland descended on Malvern Outdoor Elements for a weekend of outdoor activities and Christian detective work! Alongside children from two other local primary schools, the weekend was packed full of zip wiring, low roping and camp fires (and many more activities!) as well as allowing the children time and space to reflect on Christian learning as part of a detective agency investigating “the mystery of the missing body”. The children had a fabulous and exhausting time. Thank you to Miss Vernon, Mr Powell and Mrs Pritchard for their support. Photos to follow shortly ...



### **Messy Church at the Priory**

“Messy Church will be on Thursday November 23rd from 4-6pm. We will be doing activities about bread and we will share a meal together at the end. All ages welcome – phone Kathy Bland 07780535571 for more information.”

### **La Vieille Lyre**

Next week, 9 children and 4 adults will be visiting the village of La Vieille Lyre in Normandy, twinned with Eardisland. It is the first time that Kingsland children will have been abroad on a school visit. A huge amount of effort has been put into the preparations, ranging from our fund raising coffee morning back in September to extra French lessons in school. Ruth Brinton-Bivand, chair of the Eardisland twinning association, has been instrumental in the organisation of the visit. We shall be spending some time in the local primary school, where our children will immerse themselves in French school life, as well as visiting local sights, putting their French speaking to the test and learning about French culture. A detailed report of the visit will appear in the next newsletter.

### **Y5 Experience Day at Earl Mortimer College**

Earlier this week, all the Y5 children spent the day at Earl Mortimer College. This was a great opportunity to use their fantastic facilities and to experience life at “big school”. There will be further opportunities later in the year for the Y5 children to go again, taking part in a range of different projects.

### **Coffee Morning**

There will be a coffee morning on 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Corners Inn, with stalls and crafts, 10am – 12pm, in aid of Kingsland Church. All welcome!





# Kingsland CE Primary School



## New Gates – Information for Parents

As you will be aware, our new security fences and gates have now been installed, and the electromagnetic locks are fully operational. I am sure the new system will take us all a little bit of time to get used to, with some tweaking of finer details along the way, but may I take this opportunity to clarify a few points:

- The front gate will be unlocked at 8am to allow breakfast club children only to enter
- The back gate will be unlocked at 8.45am
- Both front and back gates will be locked again at 9.05am, after the bell has rung
- Both gates will be unlocked at 3.10pm to allow parents onto the playground to collect children
- Both gates will be locked again at 3.30pm
- There might be spells (e.g. for after school clubs) when the gates are unlocked at pick-up times

To enter the school premises when the gates are locked, just press the top button on the key pad – someone in the school office will then buzz you in. Just so you know, the key pads are fitted with CCTV cameras for extra security! To exit the premises, press the big green button, located near the gates. As you enter the premises, the gate which opens is on the LEFT hand side (the right hand gate as you leave).

The purpose of the updated system is to ensure all children and staff are safe inside school. With this in mind, we ask that **parents REFRAIN from buzzing other parents in using the big green buttons.**

There are metal tie backs attached to the gates which can be used in exceptional circumstances. Again, we ask that **parents do not tie back the gates** using these – please leave this to the judgement of staff. ***It is vital that we know who is on the school site at all times and we ask that everyone is vigilant to create a culture of safeguarding.***

Under no circumstances should children be pressing either the big green buttons or touching the key pad.

Thank you in advance with your understanding around our new gate system.

Mr Debenham

## House Tokens

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

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Carina	Harris	Rosie	Johnny
Jaxon	Eva	Abigail	Joseph
Josh	Ruben	Maisy	William
RJ	Harry	Ollie	Flynn
Leah	Will	Callum	Rockley
Mary	Olivia	Jude	Holly
Bailey	Scarlett	Eva	Archie
Lottie	Sienna	Beau	Millie
Oli	Florence	Ethan	Seth
Ben	Maisie	Darcy	Sophie
Millie	William	Charlie	Edie
Miah	Bethany	Ollie	Nate
Jack	Hugo	Rosie	Alan
Charlie	Emily	Tillie	Hollie
Dan	Cassie	Fred	Maizie
	Hope	Tom	Will
	Daniel		Jack
	Noah	The Class 1 team: Anna, Harry, Seth, Mia, Harriet	



Congratulations go to the following children who have received headteacher's awards:

**Jess, Freya, Will** and **Callum** for using their digital leader skills to teach Class 4; **Malvina, Maxwell** and **Zac** for great progress in RWI; **Rosie** for a super emoji booklet; **Andzelika** for writing a deeply thoughtful poem; **Will, Poppy, Joseph, Bailey, Harris, Thomas** and **Sophie** for super work in Class 4; **William, Mya, Harry** and **Maxie** for wonderful RE work; **Max, Malvina, Eva** and **Lily** for RWI work of the highest standard; **Bethany** for great progress in writing; **Mollie** for her progress in speech; **William, Beau** and **Alan** for being star mathematicians; **Olivia, Maizie, Evie, Scarlett, Hollie** and **Ashton** for their work stemming from our RE visit to Leominster churches; **Josh** for progress in maths; **Sienna** for a super WW1 booklet; **Harris** and **Imogen** for progress in writing; **Jess** for being a negative number star; **Charlie** for confidently reciting a poem; **Darcy** and **Heidi** for progress in maths; **Josh** for progress in science; **Heidi** for speaking confidently in a presentation to the class; **Izzy** and **Ellie-Mae** for super diary writing; **James** for deep thinking in RE – well done to you all!

### Dates for your diary

20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Eardisland twinning visit to La Vieille Lyre, France
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 / Y2 visit to the pantomime; KS2 visit to Birmingham theatre
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performances
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 visit to Santa Safari
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and parties
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas service in Kingsland church 1.30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Term re-starts