

# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



Our School value for this term is:

### RESILIENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone after half term. The nights are now drawing in with the clocks going back, and it will not be long before our after-school clubs will be sending children home in the dark. Road sense and being seen in the dark will be discussed with the children over the next few weeks to ensure we all stay safe. Can I also remind all drivers again that the speed limit is 10mph on the School grounds (incredibly slow).



Our Halloween celebrations concluded this week with the School Council Halloween hat competition and pumpkin drawing. A great effort from everyone who joined in and brought their masterpieces to school last Tuesday.

Poppies have gone on sale for Remembrance Sunday and the School will be observing a minute's silence as usual next Friday.

Next week is the start of another Governors fortnight where members of our Governing Board come into school to support staff and speak to the children about their learning, as well as looking at school priorities especially writing across the school this year.

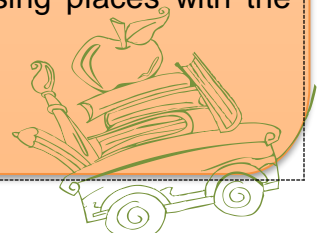


Forest School commences for our Year 3 children this term with lots of exciting outdoor activities planned for the children and delivered expertly by Miss Oakley and Mrs Blunt.

Also, next week is time for our opening days tours of the School for new prospective Reception parents. We always ask our Year 6 children to take the parents on the School Tour to see our School through pupils' eyes first hand.



The Pacesetters Breakfast Club continues to be well attended and in the new year the School will no longer need to fund missing places with the regular increase in numbers.



Our value for collecting pebbles this term is “resilience” (children being able to be presented with appropriate challenges and to work hard and not give up.) As always, please feel you are able to use this at home with the children too. For a small number of our children we know that leaving their adults in the morning can be a challenge and could be a great way to earn pebbles towards the next whole school reward.



Attendance at the school remains a priority and the school will notify parents if their children's attendance falls below the expected level. Days missed from school have a detrimental effect on a child's learning.

As always, this term is incredibly busy with the run up to Christmas. We have another panto booked for the children; Christmas productions for parents and our legendary Christmas party and Christmas lunch.

Thank you to all the parents that completed a questionnaire on our two parents' evenings last term. Your responses have been collated and will be presented to the Governing Board. Parent feedback is valuable in helping the school be the best it can for your children and the results showed overwhelming support for the school – which is very much appreciated and has been shared with staff.

Finally, good luck to all our chess players who have entered the N.S.C.A. Autumn Junior Congress this Sunday.



(Our willow tree has been trimmed during the holiday)

**Mr B Gwynne**

## Multi Sports - NSG

In the week before half-term, Year 5 went to a Multi Sports event at Northampton School for Girls. Along with children from other schools, they took part in lots of different sporting activities. These were run by NSG Young Leaders and included: volleyball, relays, boccia, curling, giant parachute and problem solving. The children were very well behaved, had lots of fun and got to meet children from different schools around Kingsthorpe.

## Grown Up Library

As part of our Wellbeing Hub, we would like to start a library for books, magazines, CDs and DVDs, or even vinyl records. This would be aimed at adults to swap books you have read; magazines that are cluttering up your house, unwanted CDs, DVDs and vinyl records. We would like people to donate items to start us off with the hope of people bringing a donation and taking something new to enjoy. If you would like to donate anything to the library, please bring it to the school office. We will then let you know when the library will be open for borrowing and swapping.

## Hat Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the Halloween hat competition. There were some fantastic hats which made finding the winners really tricky. We raised £75 for the School Council and congratulations to all the winners who each got a bag of sweets as a prize. We also had some excellent entries to the pumpkin drawing competition which all children were able to enter. Each class had a winner who also received a prize.



## Football Tournament

On Wednesday, eight children from year 5/6 took part in a Football tournament at Moulton College. We had a difficult start by playing the best teams in our group. We changed our formation for the last group game, which we drew. After the group, we entered into a plate competition. We won comfortably against both teams we played. Well done KVPS.



## Halloween Costume Donations

Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the costumes that were donated to the School. Lots of the costumes were loaned on Halloween to children and siblings so that they could Trick or Treat with a new outfit. With the current cost of living crisis this will help many families save money by not having to buy new outfits just for one day. It also helps to save our planet by reducing landfill and reducing our carbon footprint as new items have not had to be manufactured.

We will soon be asking for any donations of any Christmas jumpers or t-shirts so that all of our children can take part in Christmas non-uniform events.

If you have any thoughts or feedback that you would like to share, I would appreciate if you could please do this on the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/W4UzWdRyCE>



## School Governor Contribution

My name is Sue Hassett and I have been a co-opted Governor of Kingsthorpe Village Primary School since March 2015. This is my third term as a Governor of the school.

My background is finance. I have worked for Barclays Bank and then for 23 years as a school bursar, at a local primary school, until my retirement in 2010. I also sit on School Appeals panels.

I feel that I have the background to offer knowledge of the school environment, particularly on administration and finance matters.

I am the Safeguarding Governor and contact Governor for all support staff. I was also chair of the finance committee until July 2023.

Over the years, both my husband and son have been pupils at the school and I lived in Vicarage Lane for 41 years, so know the area very well.



## Reminder

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** School! Be mindful of this when making your children's lunches and preparing snacks (this includes spreads & butters). Many thanks.



Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest School starts – Year 3
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30am & 2.00pm	New Parent Tours
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November e-consent form deadline)	Flu Vaccinations – School Nurse Team
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 11.00am	Minute Silence for Remembrance Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm	New Parent Tours
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances - Reception & KS1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Bikeability Year 5/6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Christingle at the Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Aladdin Pantomime Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch (bookable via ParentMail)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Party Buffet
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Break
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Training Day – School Closed to pupils