

HERE'S THE NEWS

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

1st December 2023



Our School value for this term is:

RESILIENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we hit December already, school is extremely busy preparing all of our end of term activities and celebrations. Last week our Year 4 children played their brass instruments to parents in the hall and have done so well learning a new instrument and learning new skills. Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 Choir who have been accepted for a second year running into the "Big SING" that will take place next term at the Derngate Theatre.

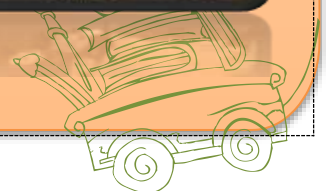
The children produced their decorations this week for the Christmas Tree Festival held at the church and all classes got to visit the exhibition today. Rehearsals for the Christmas shows are well underway and there is a lot of fantastic singing and acting going on around the school. Still to come we have, our whole school dress rehearsals and final shows to parents, another Panto (Aladdin) for the children to enjoy, Christingle at the church, Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and the children's legendary Christmas party. This year each class will also be provided with a "party pack" including prizes for them to have a class party as well. We are only able to put on these extras due to the generous support of the staff at KVPS and our parents.

The week beginning 11th December sees the start of "Bikeability" for our Year 5 and 6's. This is where children are taught how to stay safe on their bikes and complete a cycle certification course. For those who have signed up please ensure that your bike is in tip top working order in preparation.



Next week our Year 6 pupils will take some practice SAT papers and this will give a good picture of how we think the children will fair in May 2024.

The children have nearly filled the pebbles jar for "resilience" and will receive their whole school reward during the final week of term once the jar is completely filled. The children at KVPS continue to be resilient learners and there has been some excellent work produced this term. The upper Key Stage 2 Anderson shelters are brilliant and the children's writing is improving.





(Year 5/6 homework)

The deadline for our parent governor vacancy has now passed and unfortunately, we did not have any nominations. We still have a vacancy to fill and if anyone is still interested please contact the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has donated an item for our Christmas Hamper draw. The draw will take place on Friday 15th December, please continue to donate what you can for your child's class hamper they are starting to look amazing and will be a great treat for whoever wins the draw.



Finally, I would just like to say well done to everyone on our school attendance that has improved over the term and now sits at 95% for the year so far. There is still a little way to go to hit our target of 97% but a great effort everyone to stay fit and healthy and get to school.



Mr B Gwynne

Christmas Tree Festival






Today we visited the church to attend the Christmas Tree Festival. Every child in the school created a Christmas tree decoration which were on display for us to see today, along with many other Christmas trees which had been decorated by people from the local community.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 7th December we are inviting children to come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper with their uniform if they wish, this is not an expectation and some pre-loved Christmas jumpers have been donated if anyone would like to have one of these, please speak to the office.



-  Our Reception class performance is not a ticketed event, parents and families are invited to join us for this in the school hall.
-  Our KS1 Christmas productions are ticket only, if you do not require your tickets for any of the performances please return them to the school office so we can reallocate to those needing more. There will also be a collection after each show if you would like to make a donation.
-  If you require to use the school car park you will require a parking permit, these are available by written request from the school, proof or evidence of the reason will be required.
-  Please may we remind parents and visitors that the speed limit is 10mph when on the school premises. This is paramount to all our safety.
-  If the school is closed for any reason we will notify parents as soon as possible via the ParentMail app.



Wednesday 6 th December 9.30am	Christmas Performance - Reception Class (Hall)
Wednesday 6 th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance (Hall)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th December - Thursday 14 th December	Bikeability - Year 5/6 (Level 1 & 2)
Tuesday 12 th December 6.00pm	Christingle at the Church
Wednesday 13 th December 12.00pm	Ticket sales close for Christmas Hamper
Wednesday 13 th December 2.00pm	Aladdin Pantomime Performance
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch (bookable via ParentMail)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Film – KS2
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Hamper Drawer
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Film – KS1
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School Christmas Party Buffet
Tuesday 19 th December 3.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Break
Wednesday 20 th December	Staff Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Thursday 4 th January 2024	All return back to School