



Life-long learning, Community and Friendship

John 10:10: Life in all its fullness

**Term 2
Newsletter 2
27.11.23**

Kingshill Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Hope Respect Compassion Courage Perseverance Responsibility

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please speak with Mrs Harvey or Mrs Culverhouse, Mrs Evans or Mrs Davies. You can also ring 01275 888690
- If you have any concern about a child being radicalised, please see a Safeguarding Lead
- If you have a cyberbullying or digital safety concern, you can contact the UK Safer Internet Centre on 0844 38147
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Lisa Harvey or Claire Webber

Attendance

Whole School attendance to date: 95.58%

Class with the best attendance this week: Pearl



Diary Dates

29	Garnet Class showcase 2:45-3:15pm
December	
1	Topaz Class Showcase 9-9:30am
4-7	Book fair in school
7	Kingshill Church School evening carol service at Christ Church- 6pm. All are welcome
7	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
7	Open afternoon for Reception starters 2024 at 4pm
7	Coffee@Kingshill
7	Emerald Class to Argentum Lodge 2-2.45pm
11	Pearl and Topaz Class to Argentum Lodge 11am-12pm
12	EYFS/ KS1 Nativity 10am in the hall
13	KFA Christmas Grotto

	Children's Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day
14	EYFS/ KS1 Nativity 2pm in the hall
19	Morning Christmas service at Christ Church- 9:30-10:30am. All are welcome
20	Last day of term
January	
2 & 3	SCHOOL CLOSED
4	Back to School
TBC	Y6 Christmas Forest School session PCSO visit Loki - Guide dog visit – provisionally 11 th December

Term Dates Calendar 2023-2024

Term 1	Monday 4 th September 2023 to Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 to Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Term 3	Thursday 4 th January 2024 to Friday 9 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024 to Thursday 28 th March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024 to Tuesday 23 rd July 2024
Inset Days – Pupils not in school	Monday 4 th September 2023
	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
	Friday 20 th October 2023
	Thursday 28 th March 2024
	Friday 24 th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a joy to see so many of you at the Christmas fair on Friday and I do hope you all had a wonderful time. On behalf of the staff and wider school community, I would like to say thank you to the KFA for organising this event and for their commitment to bringing enrichment to the whole school community.

Within this newsletter is yet another example of the KFA's support as the first aid workshops our children took part in were funded by the KFA. The children learnt a huge amount in these workshops and once again a visitor to our school commented on the excellent learning behaviours shown by our children and their enthusiasm for learning.

Our librarians have also started their training and over the next few weeks will be sharing their love of reading and books with other children. As we move through the term, we will be offering opportunities for children to apply for other roles in the school to support the wider curriculum.

The invitation and leaflet regarding our evening carol service on Thursday 7th December at 6pm at Christ Church was sent to families on Friday and we hope to see as many of you as possible there. This is one of our festive offerings and over the next few weeks we will be seeing our nativity finalised ready for performing, some of our classes visiting Argentum Lodge, Christmas jumper day, the KFA Christmas grotto,

Christmas lunch, our end of term service and much more. I look forward to welcoming the festive period with you.

Mrs Harvey

KFA Christmas fair



First Aid Workshops

On Wednesday we had Emerald First Aid come into school to complete First Aid workshops for all classes. They learnt some basic first aid skills including CPR. Thank you to the KFA for funding this.

"I felt scared because I thought it was a real baby, but then I realised it had soft bits." - Antony

"It felt exciting because I had my heart pumping. My favourite part was the questions and answers." – Flo

"It made me feel like I knew what to do in any situation" - Finley H

I liked it because it was fun to practise saving someone's life" - Daniel



Remaining showcase dates for the term

Thank you for the survey responses about the most suitable days for showcases in each class. We have been able to shape our offer around this. Thank you to Amethyst, Pearl and Emerald classes for their wonderful showcases.

Garnet showcase - Wednesday 29th November 2:45-3:15pm

Topaz showcase - Friday 1st December at 9-9:30am

Wear It Pink Day – Thank you to everyone who came in wearing pink on 19th October. Together we raised £69.40.

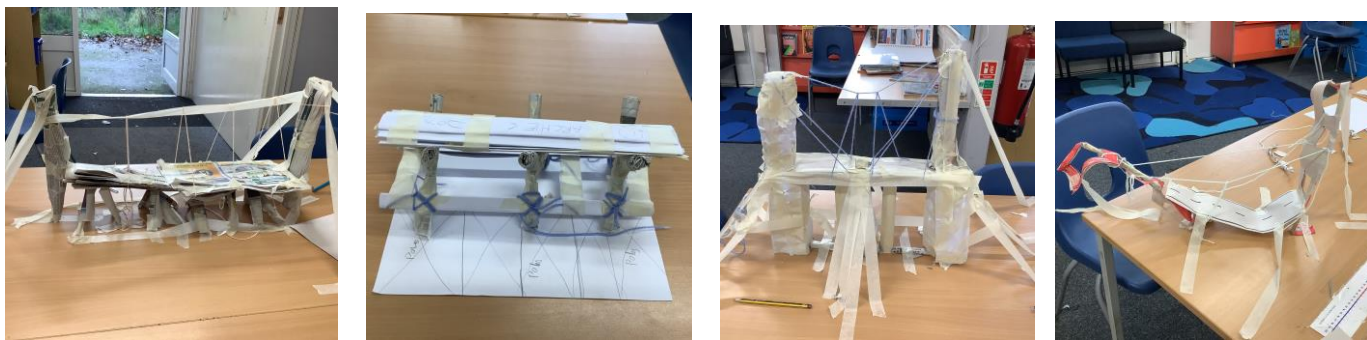
Children in Need – Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and donated to Children in Need on 17th November. The children enjoyed doing lots of Children in Need activities during the day and together we raised £80.00.



Amethyst Class Showcase

On Thursday 16th November Amethyst Class welcomed parents to view their work about inventions, inventors and their specific learning on Brunel and the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done for making excellent bridges!





NSPCC Workshop – This week Year 5 and 6 students from Emerald and Amethyst took part in a workshop led by NSPCC workers. During the workshop, children were provided with lots of important information to keep them safe. We discussed what makes us feel happy and safe and discussed when to seek support from a trusted adult. ‘Speak out, Stay Safe’

“It was good, very interesting and a lot of facts to learn, mainly about safety. They told us we could trust them and how we know that. It was a nice and calm workshop and we learnt how to be safe and stay safe.” – Naomi, Ivy, Olivia, Hannah and Emily.

“I had nearly forgotten the phone number for Childline, but I remember it now.” – Amethyst Class



Pearl Class

Pearl Class have been reading with their buddies in Emerald Class.



Librarians

Congratulations to all the children who applied for a librarian post and were successful. The children in the photo below are our school librarians for 2023-2024. The children received their librarian badge in worship.

The children had to apply and then interview for the post. The responses in the interviews were fantastic. Each child received a personalised offer letter from Mrs Harvey and Mrs Culverhouse. Well done to all.



We also have a new display in our library. Each child drew a picture of their favourite book and we have turned them into a reading tree to celebrate our love and commitment to reading.



Family Forest School



Mrs Culverhouse- Trudgeon

Mrs Culverhouse - Trudgeon, Deputy Head Teacher, will be changing to her married surname of Mrs Trudgeon over the next few weeks. Our communications will reflect this going forwards.



Work of the Week

Pearl – Hawke

Topaz – Gulfidan & Emily H

Garnet – Evie C

Amethyst – Harley

Emerald - Amber

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December

The school Christmas Lunch menu is now available to order on ParentPay. Please can all orders be put on by Thursday 30th November so the food can be ordered by the kitchen, in preparation.

Please note that this day is also our Christmas Jumper day for all children and staff.



Thank you to everyone who donated items, the helpers and to everyone who came. Thank you also to Tawny, Hannah and Kasia for their amazing hard work. We hope you enjoyed the fair.



Thank you to those who came to our open meeting and for the feedback that came from those who couldn't attend, in the next couple of weeks a letter will come out detailing what was discussed.

Our raffle opened Friday. The draw will be on Monday 18th December. As usual we have some brilliant prizes including the hampers which were displayed in Reception, days out, vouchers and lots lots more.

We will be running a Christmas competition in the run up to Christmas, details to follow.

Please join our Facebook group - Kingshill KFA

Thank you

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair

Our scholastic travelling bookfair will be back with from **Monday 4th December until Thursday 7th December**. It will be open to families after school each night, (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs), from 3.20pm to 3.40pm and will be in its usual position, on the stage in the hall. We have a 3 for 2 offer again and so it will be a great time to buy any sought after Christmas gifts!

You can pay for books while you're at the Fair using a QR code which will be on display. (You will be able to scan the code on your phone to easily access the parent pay website.) You can view any parent payments by logging onto your account : [Log in or register - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk). We will not be taking cash.

There is something for every pocket on the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. **Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.**

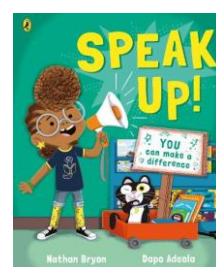
Please see the attached flyer showing some of the books within the range. We look forward to seeing you there!

Design a front cover Competition.

To enter this competition, you will need to design your own front cover for a book. Think about the pictures and the title. How will you make yours stand out?

Each class will have a winner. The prize is a £5 gift voucher to spend at the bookfair. Entries to be handed in to the office by Friday 1st December.
Winners will be announced on Monday 4th December.

Good Luck!



Reminders

Please remember that we are a nut free school.
Please check all packed lunch items to ensure they are nut free.



Please do not use your mobile phone while on school site. Many thanks for your support.

Please walk your scooters and bikes when on the school site.

Please remember to name your child's clothing.

Please ensure your child brings a coat into school.

