



Life-long learning, Community and Friendship

John 10:10: Life in all its fullness

Term 3

19.1.24

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 Trudgeon, 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: 94.5%

Class with the best attendance this week: Topaz



Diary Dates

January	
24 (now 31 st January)	Phonics and Early Reading workshop for families- in the hall at 5:30pm.
25	North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together organisation will be running a coffee morning at Kingshill between 9-11am. More details in the newsletter
26	KFA Tuck shop and uniform sale
29	Ravenswood visiting Topaz class
29	Speed stacking activity/workshops for all children run by the North Somerset PE partnership
30	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class

31	Phonics and Early Reading workshop- 5:30pm
February	
5	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
6	Safer internet day
6	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
7 (changed to 28 th Feb)	KS2 reading workshop at 5:30pm in the hall
8	Year 4-6 Swimming festival in the morning- reserve list so TBC
9	Girls Football Friday in school- Mr Thomas and North Somerset PE
9	End of term
19	Start of term
20	Emerald Class talk from Richard Lancaster – Greenpeace
22	Coffee at Kingshill at 9am
23	KFA Disco
28	Emerald and Topaz school trip to Wild Place Project
28	KS2 reading workshops in the hall at 5:30pm
March	
1	Pearl Class Showcase at 2:45pm
7	World Book Day and reading evening – 6pm
8	Garnet Class Showcase 2:45pm
13	KS1 Tennis sessions- run by North Somerset Schools PE Partnership
13	KFA Travelling Trends evening event
14	Provisional behaviour workshop with Hayley from the Mental Health Support team-9am- coffee morning slot
14	Amethyst Class Showcase 2:45pm
15	Topaz Class Showcase at 9am
15	Science week whole school exhibition- provisionally 3:20pm in the hall (TBC)
18	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
19	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
19	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
20	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
20	School Easter Church service at Christ Church at 9:30am
21	Coffee at Kingshill at 9am
22	Emerald Class showcase 2:45pm
25	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
26	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
28	Inset Day- children not in school
TBC	GB athlete sports workshop (Provisional for April 29 th) Loki T4 visit PCSO visit Rescheduled care home visits (EYFS/KS1)

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,

As requested, you would like to know more about the learning opportunities your children enjoy at school, and you would like us to 'sing' about these too. As a result of this request, last term we introduced the learning pathways to share the academic aspects of learning. This term we will also be highlighting the personal development opportunities we provide for our children. Thank you to all of your support with these enrichments and thank you for generously giving your time to volunteer and support these. We are always looking for new parents to support with this so do please let us know if you have a few hours to spare on a trip or swimming day.

Thanks must also go to our KFA and wider church community who make many of these experiences possible.

As a school we have deliberately built these opportunities into our everyday universal offer so that all children can take part. Already this term there has been much going on in school and around Nailsea in the wider community. I hope you enjoy seeing more of this today and over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Mrs Harvey

Personal Development

As part of our commitment to supporting the children with having an enriching curriculum, that supports their development as responsible citizens in modern Britain, we offer a broad range of learning opportunities to promote skills of respect, communication, collaboration and courageous advocacy.

In our newsletters we will be sharing the personal development activities that have been happening in school.

Before the Christmas break this included school trips, visitors related to the class topics, the first aid day, our festive/December events, showcases, Remembrance Day, Harvest, our Jigsaw learning, swimming, forest school, NSPCC workshops, anti-bullying week and much more!

Since our return from Christmas, Emerald class have visited **Argentum Lodge**, KS2 have taken part in **tri-golf** (beating the North Somerset record for the quickest putting time!), **Loki the guide dog** has been in school and Garnet Class have been to the **North Somerset gymnastics experience**.

Phonics and early reading workshop- 31st January

We have had to reschedule our Early reading workshop from Wednesday 24th to Wednesday 31st January at 5:30pm. We will send a letter about this next week. We would love to see you there and we will be sharing how we teach Unlocking Letter and Sounds, how we support reading and answer any questions you may have about early reading.

There will be another reading meeting in which we look at how we support children to become confident fluent readers once they have embedded their phonic skills. If you have questions and would like to know more do please come along.

Mr Thomas has joined our team

We are thrilled to welcome Mr Thomas to the role of Garnet Class teacher on a Monday. He will also be leading PE and has already started organising lots of opportunities for our children.

KS2 Tri golf

The North Somerset 'quickest putting' time record is held by... Kingshill Church School. Well done Emerald class, it was lovely to share your excitement!



Sports Leaders

We had an amazing number of applications for our sports leaders' roles and the children really enjoyed their training to become effective leaders. Once they had completed the 'theory' side of the training, they put their skills into practise and worked with KS1 to lead activities and support the children to work collaboratively. The sports leaders are doing a brilliant job in supporting play, respect and friendships.



Garnet gymnastics visit with the North Somerset PE association

Garnet class had the opportunity to take part in the North Somerset gymnastics sessions this week. They worked incredibly well as a class team and also enjoyed meeting and working with other children from North Somerset schools. Well done Garnet class. Thank you to all of the adults who organised this and supported on the day.

Emerald Class visit Argentum Lodge

Yesterday, Emerald class visited the Argentum Care Home in Nailsea. During our visit, students chatted to the residents, shared books and played games. They were brilliantly behaved and brought smiles to the faces of the residents. Several of the residents and staff commented on how fantastic they were, and we have been invited back for a longer visit later in the school year.

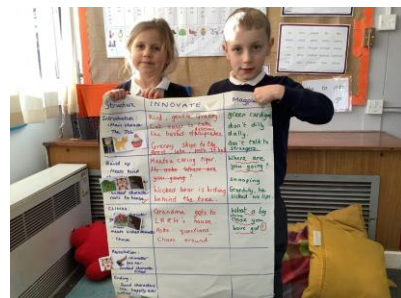


Eco and school council

Thank you to all the children who applied for the eco and school council. We will be interviewing for the eco council next week and school council the week after. We are looking forward to hearing all about their wonderful ideas.

Topaz Class

We have been enjoying using the Rekenreks in maths during our Mastering Number sessions. We have looked closely at how using '5 and a bit' helps us to use numbers confidently and helps us to spot patterns.



In our other maths learning, we have been learning about fractions- recognising and finding half and recognising and finding a quarter. We have used paper, shapes and a range of manipulatives to help us solve fraction questions.

In English, we have enjoyed reading and learning our Red Riding Hood text. We have learnt the story with role play, actions and a story map. We have also now made our own changes to the story to make it our own. Today we 'boxed up' our plan so that we could write our own Red Riding Hood story next week.

Topic projects



Coffee morning

We are pleased to let you know that on **Thursday 25th January** the North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together organisation will be running a coffee morning at Kingshill between 9-11am.

The NSPCWT is a strong parent carer community who understand the challenges parents face. Together they nurture an environment of support in a space where you can feel safe asking questions. Join the coffee morning and receive support, a listening ear and information about relevant agencies.

Forest School.

Despite the frosty weather our children (and adults) are loving their time at forest school.



Choir Club

Last term the Choir Club went to Tesco to help the customers get in the festive spirit. It was great to see their confidence grow, we were surprised when we reflected this was only their second ever performance – and a very public one too! The choir thoroughly enjoyed it, and the staff were cheered by their singing too. It's definitely something we will do again – thank you Tesco.



School Lunches

After February Half Term, school meal prices will be increasing to £2.90 each. This decision has been made by our catering company due to economic factors such as inflation.

We have got a couple of theme days coming up on Thursday 8th February and Thursday 7th March, please see the posters attached to this newsletter. You don't need to order the pancakes on ParentPay, but please do remember to order your 'Toad in the Hole' for the 7th March (and other meals).

We will also be having a new menu in April after the Easter Holidays...



Work of the Week

Pearl – Finley, Saoirse

Topaz – Reuel

Amethyst – Iggy

Emerald – Zahide, Daniel

Jewel of the week

Pearl – Arthur, Joseph

Topaz – Renesmee

Garnet – Ted

Amethyst – Iggy

Emerald – Zahide, Daniel

Happy New Year to you all.

One final update from last year. We had the opportunity to join the Community Father Christmas float, from this we raised £227.41. Thank you to the Lions Brass 4 Youth for giving us this opportunity.



If you have any unwanted good quality Christmas gifts, please donate them to the KFA. Please hand into the school office.

We are busy arranging this term's events. More details will follow after a meeting with the school next week, please keep the following dates free:

26 January - Tuck Shop and uniform sale

23 February - Disco

13 March - Travelling Trends (evening event - Travelling Trends sell High Street clothes at discounted prices), letter with more details and on how to book to follow.

8 June - Family Fun Day

Please join our Facebook group - Kingshill KFA

Thank You
The KFA

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.

If you have any unwanted items of clothing then please bring them to the school office (socks, trousers, etc) as these are very useful to have in the classrooms.