



**Life-long learning, Community
and Friendship**

John 10:10: Life in all its fullness

**Term 2
End of term
newsletter
20.12.23**

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: 94.69%

Class with the best attendance this week: Garnet



MERRY CHRISTMAS





Diary Dates

January	
1, 2 & 3	SCHOOL CLOSED
4	Back to School
10	Open the book starts back in school
10	Open morning for reception 2024 intake
11	Coffee at Kingshill starts for the new term
12	Swimming starts for Amethyst Class
15	KS2 Tri-golf sessions for the day- run by North Somerset Schools PE partnership
18	Provisional sleep workshop with Hayley from the Mental Health Support team- TBC
25	North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together organisation will be running a coffee morning at Kingshill between 9-11am. More details in the newsletter
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
February	
5	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
6	Safer internet day
6	Ravenswood visiting Topaz Class
9	Girls Football Friday in school
9	End of term
TBC	Guide dog visit GB athlete sports workshop Community group day Christingle service Phonics and early reading workshop Reading workshop Rescheduled care home visits Class showcases will be in Term 4 Parents' evening will be in Term 4

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,

What a wonderful term it has been!

Below, there are many, many lovely pictures for you to enjoy.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Harvey



Applications for School roles

We are offering the opportunity for children to apply and interview for the following roles in school:

Eco-council

School council

Sports leaders (only years 5 and 6)

The children have been offered the opportunity to bring applications home and complete them for January.

KFA

Thank you to the KFA for the wonderful Christmas Grotto that they organised for our children. All of the children enjoyed meeting Father Christmas and receiving a gift. It was a magical experience for our children and another wonderful example of the enrichment the KFA bring to our school.



Book fair

The book fair was a great success this year and was well attended- thank you for your support.

We are also pleased to announce the winners of the competition. Well done to Ben, Dottie and Flo.

Topaz Class showcase

Thank you to everyone who came to Topaz class showcase. It was lovely to see so many parent/carer (s) there and to hear the children explaining their learning so confidently and clearly. This was another wonderful example of the strength of partnership between home and school.

Garnet Class showcase

Thank you to everyone who came to the Garnet class showcase. Attending adults and families were quickly put to work to build settlements using varying media and deciphering an ancient language. It was a wonderful atmosphere to be part of and our children enjoyed sharing their learning. Thank you for your continued support.



Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Thank you to our fantastic kitchen team for preparing Christmas lunch for the children. The children looked brilliant in their festive jumpers and it was another great addition to our December calendar.

Carol service

Our evening Carol Service at Christ Church was magical. The children sang with joy and read with confidence. Our school choir sang beautifully- well done to all of the children for their amazing performance. Thank you to Christ Church for hosting our first evening Carol Service and thank you to all of the families who attended and shared in the special occasion. It was a truly wonderful way to start our festive calendar.



Nativity



The nativity 'The Bethlehem Star' was so very enjoyable. It was lovely to see our children in Pearl and Topaz Class perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. They shared their dress rehearsal with the children from Greenslade Pre-School and the other two performances with family and friends. Well done to all of the children and thank you to class adults for supporting the children and preparing them for their performances.

VW campervans

For another dazzling December treat, we were lucky enough to be visited by some of the VW campervans and cars that tour Somerset each year to raise money for charity. Many families returned to see the lit up vehicles and enjoy a hot chocolate. We raised £28.40 from the hot chocolate sales which was donated to the Grand Appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital.





Kingshill Church School choir visit Nailsea Tesco

Our recently formed Kingshill choir performed at Nailsea Tesco this week and sang some carols and festive songs. They were fantastic! Their confidence is growing and they sound wonderful. Thank you to Nailsea Tesco for offering us the opportunity to perform there.

Morning service at Christ Church

For the end of term we visited Christ Church for our morning Christmas service. Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend. Thank you to Emerald Class for leading the readings and thank you to the children for singing so joyfully. Once again, thank you to Christ Church for hosting and supporting us.

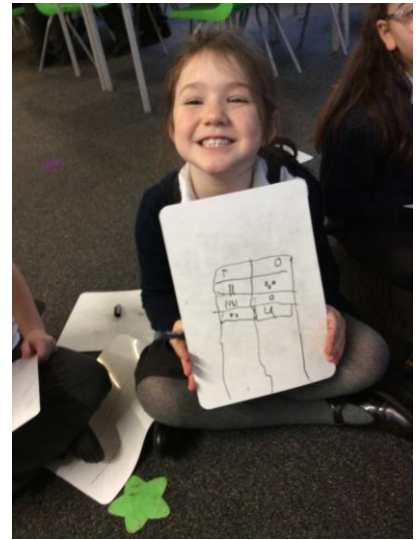
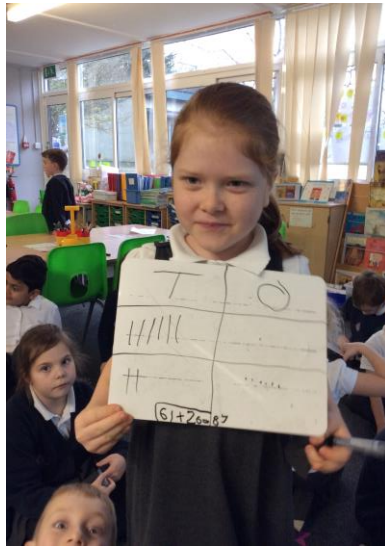
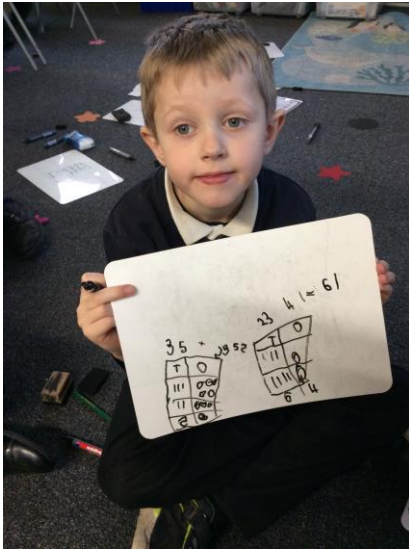


Topaz Class Learning

In maths, we have been learning how to add 2 digit numbers together. We have explored this with lots of manipulatives, such as base 10 and counters. We have also worked on whiteboards to practice this skill with our partners. We are proud of our learning!

In RE, we have been looking at famous art work which shows the nativity scene. In particular, we looked at The Mystical Nativity, by Botticelli. We hunted for clues in the painting as to why Christians might spot Jesus was so special. We managed to find lots of clues and record them in our pairs on post its.

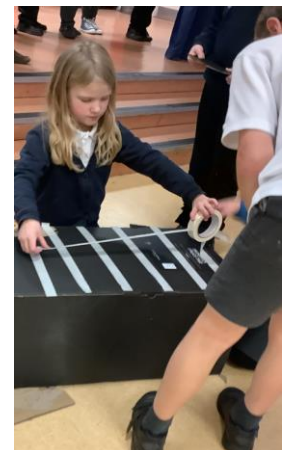




Garnet Class Learning

Garnet class have been consolidating their learning around the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invading England. The parent showcase gave the children the opportunity to be the experts and share their learning around Anglo – Saxon settlements, Viking shield designs and Runes the Viking language.

Last week the children were tasked with making Viking long boats out of cardboard. They children were split into two teams and had to work together. They added sails, oars, shields and dragon heads to make them look fierce.



Emerald Class Learning

We used a variety of techniques with oil pastels to create some beautiful Christmas Cards - Merry Christmas from Emerald Class.



Amethyst Class Forest School



Gardening Club



Coffee at Kingshill



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.

Family Forest School



Work of the Week

Pearl – Giorgio

Topaz – Flo

Garnet – Leo, Ben

Amethyst – Robbie, Kieron

Emerald – Ivy, Ellis

Lost Earring

An adult pearl drop earring was found in the church after the Carol Service on Thursday 7th December. Please contact the church if you think it is yours.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas fair, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Takings were around £700. Thank you to all the helpers and to the Year 6 children who helped.



Raffle tickets have been distributed. We have some wonderful prizes including the hampers, vouchers, attraction tickets, and lots more. The KFA would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations:

Thatchers Cider
Clifton Observatory
Clevedon Pier
@Thegym
Wessex Water
Brabantia
Mendip Activity Centre
Scotch Horn
Simply Green
Royal Oak
The Beauty Rooms
SP Hair Co
Barbers @ 85
Coates House

The draw was done on Monday 18th December and all winners have been notified.

Well done to all the children who took part in our colouring competition. Prizes have been given out today.

This year we have held the following fund-raising events:

- Disco
- Christmas fair
- Tuck Shops
- Uniform sales
- Raffle
- Bags2School

This has enabled us to fund the following:

- £12 per child for school trips
- £300 for the Nurture Room
- £250 for First Aid
- Forest School donation
- Half the price of the Year 6 hoodies

Thank you to everyone who has supported us at our events, we really appreciate it. On a personal note, I would like to thank Kasia, Tawny and Hannah for their dedication and hard work.

Finally, the committee would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Please join our Facebook group - Kingshill KFA

Feel Fab Christmas Stars

Please find attached to this newsletter a sheet of wonderful activities which can be completed during the holidays as part of the 'Feel Fab Christmas Stars – 60 Active minutes and well-being challenge'.



This was mentioned to the children during an assembly last week by Mr Thomas, and children need to complete at least 7 of the activities to earn a certificate. You can either print off the sheet or write a list of the activities completed, and bring this into school in January.

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together as a school we raised £174.14.



Knitted Donations

- Many thanks to Mrs Shirley Wedlock who kindly knitted and donated some Santa and snowmen badges.
- These were given out to all the children today.



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.