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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for another wonderful fortnight. Please be assured that if the colder weather returns, we make sure to grit the playground, but please be careful as you walk through during drop-off and pick-up time. We are making sure it is gritted at playtime and lunchtime, too.

Would you like to be a 'Secret Reader' in one of our Reception classes? We are looking to form a list of willing (and extremely kind!) parents or grandparents to read to our Reception children once a fortnight. You would be required to read a suitable picture book to either of our Reception classes between 3-3:10pm on a day of your choice and it's a simple as that. You do not have to have a child in Reception either. We initially want to trial this in Reception to help raise the profile of reading but we are looking to launch this across the school in the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to FKS (Friends of Kingshill) who have funded new swing bars in our playground at a cost of £2650. These were chosen by the children through our School Council and provide the children with another new, exciting play area. We spent a lot of time choosing these with the children so they are very excited to see their thoughts and ideas come to life. I can understand why some of the feedback was as to why these were installed over some of our other school premises' needs such as the landscaping of the grounds and the roofs etc. These are from a separate protected budget as we wish for the children to choose democratically what the fundraising is spent on. Please be rest assured, we are working tirelessly to improve the premises through a variety of bids and utilising our school capital grant. We also must thank you all for your kind donations towards some of these works!

As always, please get in touch if there's anything you need or if you have any questions or queries. Stay warm and have a wonderful fortnight.

Warm regards,
Mr Plumb

MESSAGE FROM 'FRIENDS OF KINGSHILL'

Many thanks to everyone who supported us last term. The Christmas cards, raffle and bonanza raised funds to have the bars installed in the playground. They have been so popular, the children have been forming queues to use them. Our next fundraising initiatives will be to raise money towards new books for each classroom's reading corners.

For **Valentines Day**, we simply ask that the children come to school wearing red or pink. We also have our Quiz night on **Friday 1st March**. You can sign up and donate now on School Gateway. Please see more information on the posters on the following pages.

We have our next FKS catch up on **Wednesday 31st January** at Allenburys at 7pm, if you can make it. We always need more help and support!

IS IT YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY?

At Kingshill, we ask kindly that instead of sweets, you purchase a book and we sticker it with the date and your child's name inside so that they leave a lasting legacy in our school library. Here is the link to the list: [Kingshill's Book Wish List](#) (for Birthdays and donations to our library). Many thanks for your support and kind donation.

FORTNITE AND ROBLOX

We have noticed that the children are mentioning playing Fortnite and Roblox. Please be aware of the games your children are playing at home as they may not be suitable.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 5-11TH FEBRUARY

Kingshill will be taking part in Mental Health Week, this year with theme of 'My Voice Matters'. We will dedicate afternoons to exploring this with the children and how we can look after our mental health. Please take a look at the Family Guide, that can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

DO YOU HAVE A RUG YOU NO LONGER NEED?

We need a medium diced rug in good, clean condition for one of our Read Write Inc. Phonics groups. We would very much prefer to reduce and reuse by seeking a preloved rug that somebody may no long want. If you have one, please enquire as to whether it will be suitable. Many thanks in advance.

LATE CALLS REGARDING ADULT COLLECTING

Please can any changes to adult collecting from school come as early in the day as possible, ideally by writing on the clipboard outside your child's classroom. This avoids confusion at the end of the school day and keeps the children safe.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The weekly class attendance awards last week went to Rosen class with 98.28% and this week to Attenborough with 99.26%. The whole school figure last week was 94.19% and this week 96.73%. Thank you for continuing to ensure your child comes to school and on time.

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a parent or carer of a pupil at Kingshill Infant School.
If you no longer wish to receive them please contact the school office.



*Respect
Hard-working
Teamwork*

NEXT FORTNIGHT

31/01
7pm at Allenburys—FKS catch-up

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

05 to 11/02
Children's Mental Health Week

14/02
Wear pink or red on Valentines Day

19/02-23/02
Half term holiday

01/03
FKS Quiz night

These dates are also available on the Kingshill website calendar, you can subscribe to this calendar and it will automatically download them to your phone or device. **Please go to NEWS AND EVENTS > CALENDAR > SUBSCRIBE TO THIS CALENDAR**



Learning for the next few weeks

For more detail, please follow this to link to our curriculum pages on the website.

NURSERY

w/c 29th Jan - The Gingerbread Man story
Cooking Gingerbread men
retelling the story with story maps
subitising with buttons
Letters and sounds - copying rhythms
w/c 5th Feb - Three Little Pigs
Reading and recalling the story
Acting out the story with masks
Exploring materials for building houses
Letters and sounds - creating rhythms
w/c 11th Feb - Chinese New Year festival

NEWSLETTERS DATES:

Friday 26th January
Friday 16th February
Friday 8th March
Friday 22nd March
Friday 26th April
Friday 10th May
Friday 24th May
Friday 14th June
Friday 5th July
Friday 19th July

RECEPTION

Maths: length, height and time
Topic: Dinosaurs - habitats and how they became extinct
Music: music and movement (exploring tempo and pitch)
PE: Gymnastics

YEAR 1

English: RWI
Maths: numbers to 20, understanding teen numbers as 1 ten and one. EG. 17 is 1 ten and 7 ones.
Comparing numbers to 20
History: Homes, looking at materials used to build homes over time
Geography: human and physical features in Ware, fieldwork to Ware town to look at features
Science: Seasonal change
Art: planning and creating a collage in the style of Patrick Heron
Computing: understand that computers have inputs and outputs, understand what decomposition is
Music: pulse and rhythm using untuned instruments
PE: Gymnastics

YEAR 2

Please continue to log in to mathletics to complete the set activities and to use hit the button. New spellings are being put on the website every Tuesday for your child to practice at home. As we are moving on to coins in maths, please spend some time with your child looking at a variety of coins and talking about how much they are worth.
English: RWI
Maths: To solve word problems using addition and subtraction. To recognise coins and to find the total value of a combination of coins.
Science: What do animals and humans need to survive?
Geography: Learning about a physical and human landmark in each continent.
History: Why do we remember the Wright Brothers?
Music: Learning about Orchestral instruments and music based on traditional tales.
Computing: Planning algorithms to solve problems
PE: Gymnastics

Please discuss your child's learning with them throughout the week. By asking them questions, you help to reinforce what they have been taught, support the transfer from short to long term memory and help improve your child's retrieval strength.

Read Write Inc Home Learning Virtual Classroom Videos

For groups A, B, C, Ditty and Red

Fred Games!	Learning to Blend	Set 1 Word Time!
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EnFOYJeq/HhhwMsPm https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/l07Ji6L7/mcwJXgWg	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aiJKdodo/9aYtoyRU https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zlvUQb1c/bX82kMnZ	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pIr1CdX1/qFikCfqb https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PHhEkfWK/7ZGvKxSm

If your child is in one of the colour groups below, their focus at home is to speed up their word reading:

Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MjM29Quc/bZraYDaA https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kFSFRurw/glG3xGHu	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nwGrHX9g/hSidBn9D https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nwGrHX9g/hSidBn9D	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nwGrHX9g/hSidBn9D https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/noq1qrUK/uKrLSttu	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wDzErM7H/RDaAZxVV https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/exWmSkgp/v2q5FGk8	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nR2R1CUS/YxWQMPf5 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3iGH5hFN/Pl7ldoBx	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/o9cUZRaJ/oTDjHhqm https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/i876vC3j/GALDLQyg	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UqOtBDQ5/AGG79stq https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7j8HBnvX/HaCaUtev

Looking for another Storybook for your child to read online? Use our Oxford Owl eBook Library!

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Click 'Series' and choose 'Read Write Inc.' to find more home readers to enjoy at home.

Friends of Kingshill

Wednesday 14th
February

Valentines Day 
Wear pink/red
to school

Please donate via School Gateway. Suggested
minimum £1 donation

Now raising money to supply brand new books to
each classroom for their reading corners

Organised by Friends of Kingshill

Friday 1st March 19:30 start

Friends of Kingshill

QUIZ
night

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- Bring your own drinks & nibbles -
- Music & Trivia rounds -
- Raffle & fun games -
- £5 per person, please book via School Gateway -
- Parents/carers, family, friends & staff are welcome! -

*Maximum of 10 per team
(we can collate smaller groups on the night where
needed)*

*If you have any prizes you can donate towards our quiz night raffle,
please drop these into the school office (Champagne/wine, vouchers,
chocolates or even a boiler service) Thanks in advance!*

For this event we kindly ask you take away your own rubbish at the end
of the evening. Thank you!

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour. and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1** We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2** I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3** Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4** Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5** Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6** Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7** Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8** If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9** Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10** Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGi8](https://bit.ly/3PzCGi8)

[For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wK)

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST
THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR
LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO
TO HELP YOU?

SEND Dance & Movement Classes



Fun and inclusive classes dance and movement classes for those with suspected or diagnosed additional needs

Imagine & Move | 3.45 – 4.15pm

Sensory movement class for those aged 3+
Aimed at those who need support from a parent/carer to participate



Magic Movers | 4.15 – 5pm

Creative dance class for those aged 7+
For those who can follow instruction and participate independently

Limited spaces! **Book now:**

info.imaginationarts@yahoo.com

07394 934911

Thursdays during term-time

Hertford Well-being Hub, Glenfield Court,
Hertford, SG14 2HN

We are a Hertfordshire based charity empowering neurodiverse families.

Autism . ADHD . Dyslexia . Dyspraxia . Tourettes . Dyscalculia



Come and hear more about what we do!



PLACE: St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School
DATE: Wednesday 14th February 2024
TIME: from 9am



Spring 2024 groups and workshops



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 25 January to 7 March 9.30am - 11.30am via MS Team

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 30 January 12 March 7pm - 9pm

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 7 Feb – 20 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 7pm - 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Wednesday 17 January 7pm - 9pm

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Reducing Conflict Workshops - Online

Thursday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 AND Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm

This workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families. Provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.



Within my Reach

An online programme for parents of neurodiverse children who are living together or apart

This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

Who should attend?

- Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



These 2 courses will be delivered by MS Teams, over 8 sessions, on the following dates/times:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 27th February to 21 March 2024, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Wednesdays & Saturdays from 28th February to 23 March 2024, (Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm & Saturday 10am -12pm)

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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Music Groups for all school ages

Join a music group or ensemble at

Hertford Music Centre

Based at Simon Balle School SG13 8AJ

- ♪ excellent musical tuition
- ♪ experienced music teachers
- ♪ convenient venue
- ♪ friendly and helpful group members
- ♪ learning and playing modern and popular music
- ♪ performance opportunities at termly concerts
- ♪ groups from young beginners to seasoned instrumentalists
- ♪ teamwork
- ♪ reinforce learning from individual lessons
- ♪ develop musical connections
- ♪ two week try out
- ♪ warm welcome

FRIDAY EVENING MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

String Ensemble

6-7.30pm
For string players
Grade 1 to Grade 4
£59 per student per term

Theory Group

5-5.40pm
Grade 3/4 and able to work
independently
£59 per student per term

Wind Band

6-7pm
Grade 3/4 and able to work
independently
£59 per student per term

East Herts Youth Orchestra

Friday, 6-7.30pm

For string, woodwind, brass and percussion players
Grade 5 and above

The orchestra explores a huge range of music and gives
many concerts each year in a variety of settings.

Ensemble sign up



Consider the HMS Ensemble Membership for £109 per student, per term to join and participate in
more HMS ensembles for no extra cost; T&C's apply as per website

For more information call 01992 556 466 or
e-mail hertfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.hov.uk

To register for ensembles on line <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration/#/>
or scan QR code above

For further information please e-mail hertfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
or call 01992 556 466 (term time only)

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Music Groups for all school ages

Join a music group or ensemble at

Broxbourne Music Centre

Based at the Broxbourne School, Badgers Walk EN10 7FU



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SATURDAY MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

08.45-09.15am	Beginner, Preliminary and Senior Recorder Ensemble
09.15-09.45am	Theory and Junior Music Group
09.45-10.00am	Break for all
10.00-10.30am	Junior and Senior Choir
10.30-11.00am	All String Players and Wind Ensemble

The Music Groups are £79.00 per child, per term for three musical elements and £99.00 per child for four musical elements per term. If you join more than one ensemble, consider the HMS Ensemble Membership for £109 per term to join and participate in more HMS ensembles for no extra cost; T&C's apply as per website

To register for ensembles on line
<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration/>
or scan the QR code to the right

For further information please e-mail
broxbournemusicequiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
or call 01992 556 698 (term time only)

Ensemble sign up



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Hertfordshire Music Service



Music Groups for all school ages

Join a music group or ensemble at

Bishop's Stortford Music Centre
Based at Birchwood High School CM23 5BD

- ♪ excellent musical tuition
- ♪ highly experienced music teachers
- ♪ convenient venue
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SATURDAY MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

Junior Music Group

9.00-9.40am

Ages 4-7 for beginners

String Group

9.45-10.45am

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more

Senior Wind Band

9.50-10.50am

Any wind and brass instrument grade 4 and above

Orchestra

11.00-12.00 midday

Any instrument

On-line Theory Group

(book through Hertford Music Centre)

9.00-9.40am

Grade 3/4 and able to work independently

FRIDAY MUSIC GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES

Junior Brass Ensemble

4.30-5.10pm

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more on a brass instrument

Training Band

5.30-6.30pm

Anyone able to play 5 notes or more on any instrument

Ensemble sign up



Each ensemble fee is £59.00 per term or, if you join more than one ensemble, consider the HMS Ensemble Membership for £109 per term to join and participate in more HMS ensembles for no extra cost; T&C's apply as per website

To register on line please visit <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration/#/>

or scan the Ensemble sign up QR code above

For further information please e-mail bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 01992 556 752 (term time only)

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School's out!

★ Our 5-star kids Holiday Camps are in! ★

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Premier Education are very excited to announce we will be offering **two** Holiday Camp courses onsite at Forres Primary School during February half term! Our aim is to offer a convenient and affordable service to parents where children can have fun and feel safe in familiar surroundings.

Venue: **Forres Primary School, Hoddesdon, EN11 0RW**

Dates: **Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd February 2024**

Time: **9:00am – 3.30pm**

Ages: **5 - 12**

Price: **£19.99 per day**

Type: **Football & Performing Arts**

Our Holiday Camps are designed to help your children get active, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience they will remember forever.

To book:

Visit premier-education.com, Book a Course and use the postcode **EN11 0RW**.

Use this link: premier-education.com/parents/venue/search/?school=Forres

Spaces are limited to 16 per course, so book quickly to avoid disappointment!

Please email aemmerson@premier-education.com with any questions.





FEBRUARY
HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS



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MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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Based on over 20,000 reviews

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

	Activity:	Football	Performing Arts
Forres Primary School, Hoddesdon, EN11 0RW	Price: Ages: Time:	£19.99 per day 5 - 12 9am - 3:30pm	£19.99 per day 5 - 12 9am - 3:30pm
10% off all week bookings	Dates:	Thur & Fri 22nd & 23rd February	Thur & Fri 22nd & 23rd February

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!



Based on over 20,000 reviews