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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of my first autumn term at Kingshill, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the past few months. Your generosity, your feedback and your support in your child's education has been invaluable. I am continually inspired by the dedication and involvement you demonstrate in our school community through the Friends of Kingshill or simply by offering your expertise in some way, shape or form. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our truly incredible staff who have gone above and beyond for our children continually this term: the children and I are so lucky!

We have conducted a huge number of parent tours for potential Reception parents but also from parents of children thinking of joining us from other local schools. The parents I show around Kingshill are always blown away with the warmth and family-feel they get as they meet and talk to the children and teachers. Kingshill really is very special: a large part comes from your dedication to support your child at Kingshill, which has been very apparent this half-term. Your involvement in school activities including phonics workshops; attending school trips; coming to school performances and your attendance at our Parent Consultation Evening have not gone unnoticed, and for that, I am sincerely thankful.

As the season is upon us, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. I am optimistic that 2024 will see Kingshill continue to evolve and develop ensuring the children have the very best opportunities. I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 8th January.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!
Warm regards,
Mr Plumb

FRIENDS OF KINGSHILL

A huge thank you to our Friends of Kingshill for all their hard work and dedication so far this year! The Christmas activities have raised in excess of £2500! We will be planning the installation of the bars for the playground for the new year. The children have loved all the activities FKS have organised for them, especially seeing Father Christmas today.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 3

A reminder that the deadline for those applying for Reception and Year 3 for September 2024 is Monday 15th January.

STUCK FOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES OVER CHRISTMAS?

Oxford Owl can offer so much more than just our reading books. [See here for all of the activities Oxford Owl has to offer.](#)

FAMILY LIVES CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

The Christmas period can be a difficult time for many. [This newsletter](#) may offer some advice and support.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our updated [Positive Behaviour Policy](#) has been added to the website for you to take a read.

FRIENDS OF KINGSHILL

Friends of Kingshill has managed to secure 60 free tickets to use on Monday 15 January at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm session at the new Inflatcity in Ware.

This is part of their community giveback, Inflatcity (based on Marsh Lane in Ware) - the new indoor bounce venue. This is first come first served. Please only use the code for children who attend Kingshill, and not siblings. The code to use at checkout is KINGSHILL and booking can be made here: <https://inflatcity.co.uk/>

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 11/12-19/12

The weekly class attendance awards went to Attenborough class with 97.62%. The whole school figure was 95.23%. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/12-03/01
Christmas holiday

04 & 05/01/24
INSET days

08/01/23
First day back for children

19/02-23/02
Half term holiday

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 fortnight

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

FOR JANUARY...

NURSERY

Week one will be winter
Book focus "Jack Frost"
Recap subitising and five frames

Week two new topic "once upon a time"
Book focus The Gingerbread Man
Counting buttons to match numerals (maths)

RECEPTION

Maths: Consolidating 0-5, Mass and Capacity
Topic: Intro to Dinosaurs and visit from Teach REX

YEAR 1

Maths: Sorting 2D and 3D shapes (please continue to use hit the button to complete number bonds to 10)
English: RWI
Geography: Why is Ware a town?
History: What types of homes do we live in?
Science: To observe and describe the weather we have experienced in Winter
Art: Who is Patrick Heron?
PSHE - Our special people (SCARF)

YEAR 2

English: RWI
Maths: adding and subtracting, crossing a ten.
History: What is transport and how have trains developed over time.
Geography: Learning the continents and oceans.
Science: How do humans and animals change as they get older?
Art: Bridget Riley - looking at optical illusions.

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. All these things will support them in becoming life

Read Write Inc Home Learning Virtual Classroom Videos

For groups A, B, C, Ditty and Red

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| Fred Games! | Learning to Blend | Set 1 Word Time! |
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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 |
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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.

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.

Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

No
Diagnosis
Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

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Parent, Carer
or
Professional?



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- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors



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