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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another positive fortnight. My focus on this newsletter is around reading and ensuring our children have the very best books.

Firstly, it's been incredible to see the children's progress in reading this term so far. A big thank you to the staff and all of you at home for helping to drive this progress. Taking the time to read at home with your child with and around the Read Write Inc. Book Bag Book we send has had a very positive impact. Our children are set to leave Kingshill as confident, fluent readers who enjoy getting lost in a book, which is something I'm very proud of.

### **Books, books and more books!**

We are on a mission to inject our library and book corners with a new, exciting variety of fiction and non-fiction books this year. If our children can read, they can do anything! This starts with providing inspiring books and inspiring bookshop style spaces for children to enjoy choosing and reading a book.

A big thank you for your kind donations from our Preloved Book Sale, too. We have raised enough money to buy a good selection of high quality books for the library! We want to simplify our library books so the children have a high-quality bookshop experience when they visit.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is underway and for every book you buy, we receive funds towards new books for our library. Until Monday 20th of November, we are inviting parents and children into school from 3:15 pm to 3:30pm to browse the shelves. Please enter the school from the entrance between Year 1 and Reception. This is a cashless event where you can scan and pay for your book by card. If stock isn't available on the day we'll have by 23rd November.

Excitingly, we also have our Ware Book Nook Wish List in place where you can donate a book to the school from our chosen wish list. We have chosen the whole volume of 'Little People, Big Dreams' books. The children have expressed they have been inspired by these remarkable people and their lives and they would like to know more. This was a parent idea, so thank you for this!

Please get in touch if you need anything and have a brilliant fortnight.  
Best wishes, Mr Plumb

### **THANK YOU DAVID MUNOZ FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE**

Thank you, David, for your unwavering commitment to the welfare and progress at Kingshill in your role as Chair of Governors. Your guidance, wisdom, and steady hand have played an instrumental role in shaping the direction and success of the school. Under your stewardship, the school has had an excellent Ofsted Inspection and your vision, insight, and tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on Kingshill, and your legacy will continue to resonate for years to come.

As you step down from your role, please know that your contributions have been invaluable, and the impact of your leadership will be felt by generations of pupils, staff, and the entire community. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support, guidance, and dedication. We are immensely grateful for the profound difference you have made.

We all wish you continued success and fulfilment in your future endeavours and thank you again for your dedication to Kingshill's progress and success. Adam Guest will be stepping into the role of Chair of Governors temporarily until March 2024. Thank you, Adam, for offering your time and dedication to the role!



*Respect*

*Hard-working*

*Teamwork*

#### **NEXT FORTNIGHT**

**20 & 21/11** - Parents Evenings

**29/11** -Pantomime in school

**01/12** -INSET day -School Closed

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**13/12** -Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

**14/12** -School Disco  
Rec 4.30-5.30 pm  
Year 1 & Year 2 5.45-6.45 pm

**18 & 19/12** -Year 1 Christmas Play at 9.30 am

**20/12** -Nursery Christmas party 9.30am-12pm

**20/12** -Last day of term, gates open at 12.45pm, school finishes at 1pm

**21/12-03/01** -Christmas holiday

**04 & 05/01/24** -INSET days

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**

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a parent or carer of a pupil at Kingshill Infant School.  
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### CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch will be on the 13th December. School will close at 1pm on the 20th December. Gates will open at 12:45pm for parents. There will be NO Treetops or afterschool clubs on this day.

### APPOINTMENTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY

If you are unable to book an appointment for your child outside of school hours, please can you email [admin@kingshill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingshill.herts.sch.uk) to inform us. If it is a morning appointment, please can you also let us know if your child will be requiring lunch and their lunch choice. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

Thank you in advance for showing respect, patience and kindness towards Kingshill staff. We will not tolerate threatening or abusive behaviour towards our staff.

### SIBLING DISCOUNT

We are now offering 20% discount to the second sibling in our wraparound care —breakfast club and Treetops afterschool club. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Adamson in the school office.

### LUNCH PATTERNS

A reminder of lunch patterns, and for those who may not be aware. To help the kitchen cater for the numbers, we ask that children have school lunch every day, or on just a Wednesday for a roast and Friday pizza (or fish).

### HERTFORDSHIRE SEND OFSTED REPORT

Hertfordshire's SEND full inspection report [is now available to read on this link](#). Please do take the time to read it if you are able to. We hope that this will be a positive driving force for change.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A BOOK FOR OUR LIBRARY?

Some parents kindly expressed an interest in purchasing books for our library. As mentioned above we have set up a wish list at The Book Nook in Ware where you can purchase a book from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' collection. The books are important for our curriculum principles of opportunities and possibilities.

We also kindly ask that instead of bringing in sweets (which we cannot allow due to allergies) for your child's birthday, you donate a new book to our library and we will put your child's name in it so that their legacy lives on. We are happy for you to donate a book from the Book Nook wish list if you would like. Many thanks for your support and generosity!

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The weekly class attendance award last week went to Rosen class with 98.62%. This week it the award went to Anning class with 98.33%. The whole school figure was 95.94%. Thank you for continuing to ensure your child comes to school and on time.

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## Learning for the next fortnight

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

### NURSERY

Who is Neil Armstrong?

UtW: - space and Astronauts

Loose parts space pictures

Maths - Subitising with stars 1-4

Space station roleplay area

Cutting and joining skills

Letters and sounds - loud/ quiet and distinguishing sounds

### RECEPTION

English: RWI

Maths: positions, positional language and the numbers 4 and 5

Understanding the world: people who help us and seasonal changes (autumn)

### YEAR 1

Maths: introducing subtraction using the part-part whole model. Please continue to use [Hit the Button](#) to practice number bonds to ten.

English: RWI

Computing: developing mouse skills using a paint program

Geog, Science and History: end of unit assessments then recap of key learning

DT: designing and making a decoration using a running stitch

We are busy preparing for our Christmas play. Some children will have speaking parts that they will need to practice at home. We will send scripts home soon.

Please note that the year 1 classes may not visit the library every week while we are practicing the play.

### YEAR 2

English: RWI

Maths: Adding and subtracting tens, adding by making tens.

History: What rights and responsibilities do we have in our country today?

Art: To create a colour wheel and use a variety of pastels and pencils.

Science: How can we care for habitats?

Technology: Textiles

*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

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.

**Ware Library** have an exciting new winter activity, called **Winter Reads!** Winter Reads is a fun new reading challenge designed to brighten up the winter for all ages. To take part in Winter Reads you need to be a member of the library – it's free to join. You can then pick up your challenge card from staff at the desk. Here's how you can complete the challenge:

**Step 1:** Put the numbers of your chosen challenges in the boxes on your challenge card.

**Step 2:** Once you have completed a challenge, date it and get it stamped by a member of staff or a library volunteer.

**Step 3:** Challenge completers will get a Winter Reads finishing certificate, while stocks last.

Just a few notes to add: All of the books you read as part of the challenge must be from Hertfordshire Libraries, this includes audio and eBooks from BorrowBox. The challenge is flexible! If you're not a big reader, one book can help you to complete multiple challenges or you can make it more difficult and complete one book per challenge - it's up to you! You can get multiple challenges stamped at once. We recommend you complete the challenge within a minimum of 4 visits to the library.

Winter Reads takes place at Hertfordshire Libraries between Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Ware Library team on 0300 123 4045. We hope that Winter Reads will engage many of the local children and we look forward to seeing them complete their chal-





Alongside our usual 6 week parent groups, Supporting Links are pleased to be offering the following 3 workshops this coming spring term. These are open to parents and carers of children with ASD and/or ADHD across Hertfordshire, funded by the Local Authority.

**Talking ASD/ADHD: The Teenage Years - Tuesday 23rd January 2024**

**Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech Use – Wednesday 28th February 2024**

**Talking ASD/ADHD: Sibling Struggles – Monday 25th March 2024**

We accept referrals or parents can self-refer and book places via Eventbrite. Further details can be found attached to this email, as both a Jpeg advert for each session (ideal for digital sharing) and a PDF flyer containing all 3. Please like our Facebook and Instagram Pages and share these workshops on your professional social media platforms as they are publicised. It really helps us reach families in need.

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