

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - No. 474

### A message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher

It is once again my pleasure and privilege to write to you as we come to the end of another busy school term, including our Christmas celebrations which is always such an exciting and joyous time.

Advent has been a big focus for celebration over the past few weeks as we ready and prepare ourselves for Christmas. Advent refers to the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. We light the candles on the Advent wreath and we celebrate the themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**.

This week has been very exciting in school. We were honoured to welcome The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover to school on Wednesday. She and Rev'd Adam led our Agape meal and service. They then joined our Worship Leaders on a detailed tour of the school and ate lunch together. It was lovely to see the children engage so warmly with her.

There were 3 performances of our Year R nativity. One to the whole school, and 2 amazing performances to parents. The children did very well and should rightly be proud of themselves.

The choir should also be very proud. They have performed at Kingsnorth Church to a select audience and to local residents at Park View Care Home. They were great ambassadors for both themselves and our school in the local community. Finally, they performed to a packed hall of friends and family at Carols around the Tree. A huge thank you to our PFA team for their support with this and all the other amazing events held this year including fireworks and the Christmas Fayre! We are very grateful for all that you do to support our school!

Alongside all of this, there is more to celebrate this term.

We were successful in our re-accreditation for the Inclusion Quality Mark and are once again a Flagship school for IQM. A really big thank you to Miss Moore and the team for making this happen.

We are working hard towards our accreditation of the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). Mrs Rich and Miss Smith are the driving force behind this. Our recent visit was very positive. At present we have Parent Forum, parent workshops, website information and face to face contact to offer help and guidance to families. We continue to strive to support you further.

And thank you! To all our parents, carers and families. We couldn't possibly do it without you. We understand that there have been some challenges this term and we would like to reiterate our thanks for your patience and understanding. We really do appreciate it!

It just leaves me to thank our entire school team and Governors. They all work incredibly hard for our children and make sure Kingsnorth is as strong as it can be.

I wish you all a very joyous Christmas, creating memories with family and friends and hope for a peaceful New Year!

### Dates for the Diary

- 01.01.24 - Bank Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 02.01.24 - Development Day - NO SCHOOL
- 03.01.24 - Term 3 begins
- 04.01.24 - Y5 swimming begins
- 15.01.24 - Y6 workshop - Restore, Reform, Respect
- 16.01.24 - Young Voices @ O2
- 25.01.24 - 5R Class Assembly
- 25.01.24 - Y3 & Y6 Anti-Racism workshops

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Learning Award

1A Eloise L, 1M Arthur L & Xavier A,  
2K Billy T, 2H Nathaniel S, 3B Derin A,  
3G Uma H, 4C Elsie B, 4MP Lottie H,  
5N Diuto U, 5R Imogen C, 6C Tilly R,  
6L Summer H

#### Values Award

YR the whole year, 1A Fearn B,  
1M Sophia W, 2H Florence F, 2K Jeslyn O,  
3B Anvi B, 3G Millie B, 4C Evie K,  
5N Elena H, 5R Diar M & Jack S,  
6C Nana K, 6L Liam W  
Summer W, Isabella R, Noah E, Lucas H,  
Adriana H, James W, Izzie M



This week the trophy goes to the librarians for their commitment and support with keeping the library tidy.

### House Points

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| Beckett     | 1554 |
| Dickens     | 1460 |
| Churchill   | 1533 |
| Harvey      | 1576 |
| Holmes      | 1458 |
| Shakespeare | 1415 |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**HARVEY**  
**This week's Winners**

## School News

There will be a change to the dinner menu for the first week back - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please find the menu attached. The normal menu will resume from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Breakfast Club

We wanted to make those of you who attend Breakfast club aware that from 3<sup>rd</sup> January '24, we will be working slightly differently in how we welcome and register the children. When you arrive to school site, we will now guide children to the side door of the hall where children will then be registered and enter directly to the main hall. The timings of the club remain the same and there will be a door bell for those later arrivals. Please feel free to continue to wait in the foyer just prior to 7.45 opening. We look forward to seeing you there!  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from the Breakfast club team.

We have this cake box left over from the Kingsnorth Bake off, if it belongs to you please collect from the school office.



### Things to Remember

Year 5 - PE block week will be in the New Year (03.01.24 - 05.01.24). The children will need to bring their PE kit in on Wednesday to change into at school.

A reminder that water bottles should only contain water. No juice or flavoured water please and clearly named.

Of the many children who entered the 500 Word competition, some have received some very exciting news...a few have made it to the second round! The Reading Agency judged from entries across the whole country, with only 5000 entries making it this far. We are very proud of our young writers and wish them good luck in the next steps.

#### Well done to:

6C - Izzie M, Josie K, Francesca B, 5N - Chloe W, Millie S, 3B - Beatrice S, Jess S, Harry S, 1A - Matilda S

## Year R Learning

As part of our RE learning, some of our Year R children went in to the local community to visit residents at the local care home to deliver Christmas cards. Both the children and residents thoroughly enjoyed their time together and sang We Wish You a Merry Christmas!



Star Baker is.....all of them!

Year 6 have worked so hard to make some amazing Christmas cakes and should feel very proud of themselves. They've mixed, baked, rolled and iced over 4 weeks and I think you will all agree the cakes look fantastic. Huge thanks to the staff that have helped us. Well done bakers - Mrs Amos



For DT this week, Year 4 have been designing and sewing Christmas Stockings. We think they have all done a fantastic job!



We were fortunate enough to welcome Bishop Rose to our school. She met with the worship leaders and encouraged them in their role. They really enjoyed spending time with her.

