



School Newsletter

Week commencing


8th January 2024



Happy New Year to everyone! It has been lovely coming back to our first week of 2024 and welcoming everyone through the door.

It has been super hearing about all the things everyone got up to during the festive period and it has been lovely to see that everyone is raring to go, even if we did come back the day after New Year's Day - well done everyone - parents and carers too!

We have started the term off with celebrating more Bronze Character Coin Champions, as well as awarding swimming certificates to Year 3! We look forward to Year 4s starting their swimming next week and can't wait to hear all about the progress they're making in the pool.

We hope you've all had a nice first week of 2024 and have a restful weekend,
Mrs Sanchez Daviu, the Kingswood Team and Hattie 



What's on this week

Clubs start again
8/1/2024 - 12/1/2024

Gentle reminder: Payment for Wrap Around Care should be made in advance or on the day of provision. Thank you.

Monday 8th	<i>Wrap Around Care (pre-booked only) 7.30am – 8.45am & 3.15 – 6.00pm</i>	No Clubs
Tuesday 9th	<i>Wrap Around Care (pre-booked only) 7.30am – 8.45am & 3.15 – 6.00pm</i>	Drawing Club. Year 3 - 6. 3.15pm to 4.15pm Film Club. Year 3 - 6. 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Wednesday 10th	<i>Wrap Around Care (pre-booked only) 7.30am – 8.45am & 3.15 – 6.00pm</i>	Film Club. Year R - 2. 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Thursday 11th	<i>Wrap Around Care (pre-booked only) 7.30am – 8.45am & 3.15 – 6.00pm</i>	Swimming Lessons: Year 4 - Please provide your child with a packed lunch. Book Club. Year R - 2. 3.15pm to 4.15pm Football Club. Year R - 2. 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Friday 12th	<i>Wrap Around Care (pre-booked only) 7.30am – 8.45am & 3.15 – 6.00pm</i>	Crusaders 3.15pm to 4.15pm

If you haven't yet signed your child up for clubs you can still do so - forms have been emailed or they're in the office reception area.



Friday 2nd February is

NSPCC Number Day

which is a charity fundraising day while having fun with numbers!

Schools, organizations, and individuals across the UK come together on this day to participate in various math-related activities and to raise funds to support the NSPCC's crucial work. A day for children and adults to take part - when there is a big focus on times tables.

We're letting you know in advance so that there is time to prepare costumes.

Everyone can come dressed as their avatar or any rockstar. For those children who access numbots perhaps they could come in a colour to represent a numbot. Any items of clothing related to numbers, such as clothing with mathematical symbols or patterns, would be great for this fabulous day of maths activities for all Kingswood children.



Letters - The following letters have been emailed home this week: Executive Head weekly letter.

Flyers - The following flyers have been emailed home this week:

Class Letters, Census Letter and lunch. Road Closure notices.

All available on our website



Calling all sporting superstars and outside school achievers!

We are very aware that many of our children take part in sporting activities outside of school time, as well as other exciting activities. This is something we want to celebrate and encourage.

Whether you attend a boxing club, swim, dance, ice skate or have golf lessons - you may even be a Scout Leader or a

fundraising champion in your own time - we want to know about all of it! If you would like to share your outside of school achievement, please send in a printed off picture to the school office that we can use for a whole school display. Pictures should be no bigger than half an A4 size. **We can't wait to see them all!**



DATA FORMS

Please return Data Forms to the school asap. They were sent home with the children yesterday (Thursday). Many thanks



If you need any wellbeing advice, guidance or support, please email wellbeing@aspire-kent.org.uk

Website - www.kingswoodkentsch.co.uk

School Telephone - 01622 842674

Email - office@kingswoodkentsch.co.uk

New Year ... New Goals!

Character Coin Champion Rewards!

Our children are ALL rewarded for great character and for following our school values.

Now there are **Champion Certificates** to aim for!

Over the year coins will be counted up and children will be awarded certificates

Character Coins Awarded *for the same value*

10 Character Coins = Bronze Certificate

25 Character Coins = Silver Certificate

40 Character Coins = Gold Certificate

Kindness, Love, Boldness, Patience, Honesty, Understanding, Resilience.

Every GOLD certificate earns a coloured STAR for that value.

You have a year to earn all 7 stars!

For each CC earned weekly, all names are entered into the raffle for the Friday Assembly Treasure Chest Prize!

Sharing Information from
Broomfield & Kingswood Parish Council

Leeds Castle – January 2024



A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have had a merry and restful Christmas break and looking forward to everything 2024 has in store.

I hope many of you will have had the opportunity to visit the atmospheric Narnia in the Castle Christmas experience, with the interactive characters, including the White Witch, Mr Tumnus and Mrs Beaver. It has been received brilliantly by the many thousands of visitors who came.

The stunning Christmas Lights Trail has also gone down very well, with incredible light installations, a beautiful light show on the Castle and a new catering area with large undercover seating area and a children's fun fair.

It is wonderful to see so many people having magical Christmas experiences at the Castle during festive season. As is ever the case, we are now planning for next Christmas' activity and will be installing the Nutcracker in the Castle for December 2024.

Having now passed the shortest day of the year on 22nd December, we start to turn our thoughts to the days getting longer and signs of spring appearing. The first floral signs of spring normally come with snowdrops.

We have always had a lot of snowdrops on the estate, but unfortunately not many of them are located in visitor friendly areas – the majority are on the golf course. During 2023 we have, therefore, planted another 5000 snowdrops in easily accessible visitor areas. These should start their show during January (depending on how cold the weather is) and will continue through to the start of March. I hope you enjoy them on your walks.



We launched our new Lakeside Lodges in early December. These feature stunning interiors, panoramic windows overlooking the Great Water, star gazing roofs & external baths. We were pleased to receive visits from journalists from The Times & The Telegraph during December, both of whom wrote very positive reviews & sales are going well.



Watch out for the upcoming launch of Leeds Castle Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition in early 2024. We are looking for your best photographs of the wildlife that inhabits the estate, from owls to kingfishers, herons to foxes. The winning photographs will be displayed in the Castle.

2024 is a big year for Leeds Castle – it will be the 50th anniversary of the death of our last private owner, Lady Baillie and the 50th anniversary of the Leeds Castle Foundation Charity being established. We will be undertaking a variety of activity, including gathering photographs, memories and oral histories from people who worked, lived and visited the Estate over the years. Look out for these opportunities during 2024 – we would love to hear from you!

Helen Bonser-Wilton, Chief Executive

Sutton Valence
Gardeners Association

Wishing you a very happy New year!

We're sure, like us, that you're looking forward to the lighter, drier days when we can start thinking about our gardens again

How you can help? We are keen for children to be involved in our shows during the year - parents do not have to be members.

Do you have children, grandchildren or neighbours that would like to get involved? Do help us to 'spread the word' and let them know about SVGA.

Our membership is £5 annually and offers some discounts when you present your membership card at some local nurseries.

Everyone is welcome to our Talks and Shows.

For details and talk dates please contact Ross:
suttonvalencegardeners@gmail.com
or 01622 693837

Children learn from growing ...

People of all ages can enjoy gardening, but children in particular will have lots of fun and gain special benefits. Gardening is educational and develops new skills including:

Responsibility – from caring for plants

Understanding – as they learn about cause and effect (for example, plants die without water, weeds compete with plants)

Self-confidence – from achieving their goals and enjoying the food they have grown

Love of nature – a chance to learn about the outdoor environment

Reasoning and discovery – learning about the science of plants, animals, weather and the environment

Physical activity – doing something fun and productive

Nutrition – learning about where fresh food comes from..