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Great Kingshill CE Combined School Newsletter 6- 16th Oct 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it has been at school! 🌟

Year 5 have had a fantastic time away at Liddington, embracing every opportunity and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Back at school, our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their special Tea Party, which was filled with smiles, excitement and plenty of fun.

As we head towards the end of the half term, we'd also like to remind parents that we will be holding a Coffee Morning focused on Sensory Regulation on Thursday 22nd October at drop-off time. This is an informal opportunity to find out more, share experiences and chat with members of staff. Everyone is very welcome to attend. This will be our last newsletter of the half term, as school will be closed next Friday.

Thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a busy and successful half term. We wish all of our families a wonderful break when it arrives and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend 😊

With best wishes,

Mrs Garner

Collective Worship Focus This Half Term: Love ♡

This half term, our collective worship theme is Love, inspired by our Christian vision and the example of loving others shown throughout the Bible. At the heart of our school story, The Good Samaritan, is the message that love is shown through our actions: noticing when others need help, showing kindness to everyone, and choosing to care for others without expecting anything in return.

Through worship, discussion, prayer and reflection, children have been exploring what love looks like in action and how we can show kindness, compassion and care to those around us. As we learn from the Good Samaritan, we will be encouraged to "cross over the road" for others, looking for opportunities to serve, support and make a positive difference in our school, local community and wider world.

As part of our focus on love, we have been exploring several Bible stories that demonstrate God's love in action and encourage us to show kindness, compassion and care to others, including:

- **The Good Samaritan** – loving our neighbours and helping those in need.
- **The Birth of Moses** – courage, care and God's love through others.
- **The Lost Sheep** – every person is valued and loved.
- **The Prodigal Son** – forgiveness and unconditional love.
- **The Paralysed Man** – friendship, faith and supporting one another.

We have enjoyed singing a variety of worship songs this half term, including our school song, **Cross Over the Road** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQgl7ISl8RU , and **Chain of Love** https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z6dvp4j . These uplifting songs remind us that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a big impact, encouraging us to follow the example of the Good Samaritan by showing love, compassion and care to those around us. Through singing together, we are reminded that our words and actions can help create a chain of kindness that spreads throughout our school, community and beyond 💔

Mrs Gandini

Children in Need Friday 13th November 2026

Plans are already well under way for us to take part in this year's Children in Need event. Our children are incredibly enthusiastic and excited to get involved, and there is already a real buzz around the school as ideas begin to take shape. We are looking forward to supporting such a worthwhile cause and will share full details of our fundraising plans and activities with you next week. 💛🐻

Football - Boys and Girls Tournament

Last Saturday, both our boys' and girls' teams competed in football tournaments, and we could not be prouder of them all. They represented the school brilliantly, showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

The boys performed exceptionally well and finished as tournament runners-up, while the girls demonstrated fantastic resilience and real team spirit in every match they played.

A huge thank you to Mr Smith for giving up his day off to support the children and make the experience possible.

Finally, a special mention to JJ and friends for sharing his excellent match report during Collective Worship. It was wonderful to hear about the teams' achievements and celebrate their success together.

Well done to everyone involved! ⚽🏆👏

PTA Meeting 13.10.26

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting. Your support, ideas and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

If you were unable to attend but would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. The PTA is a wonderful group of friendly and dedicated parents who do an amazing job supporting the school. Their hard work helps provide valuable resources, opportunities and experiences for all of our children.

Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, every contribution makes a difference. Please do come forward if you would like to be involved: pta@gkcs.school

Thank you for your continued support of our school. 😊

Amazon Wish List - You are amazingly generous - Thank you

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations so far to our school Amazon Wish List. We have been absolutely amazed and delighted by the support from our school community.

Your kindness is already helping us provide additional resources that will enrich the children's learning experiences and enhance their daily life at school. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, is genuinely appreciated by our staff and pupils.

If you would still like to support us, you can view our Wish List here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35363X55IMGWQ?ref_=wl_share

Once you've selected an item, you will be able to choose the school's address at checkout so that donations are sent directly to us.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support and generosity.

Dates for your Diary

We are aiming to keep this up to date each week for you and will do our very best not to make any changes unless we have no choice We have also added all these dates to the Class Dojo calendar which will send you reminders as events come up.

Autumn Term

22.10.26 – Parent Workshop on Emotional Regulation

23.10.26 – School Closed - INSET Day and half term starts today

02.11.26 - Back to School

O5.11.26 - M&M Theatre Production Visit for Sleeping Beauty (Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)

10.11.26 – Open Classrooms children to share their work with families until 4pm

13.11.26 - Year 4 St Albans Verulamium Trip

13.11.26 - Children in Need

01.12.26 - Preschool Christmas Sing 2.30pm

03.12.26 – Year 1 Toy Day

04.12.26 – School Closed INSET Day

09.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day

10.12.26 – Reception Christingle Service at school

11.12.26 – Church Service at Hughenden Year 3,4,5 and 6. Parents to drop children at Church from 8:45am

11.12.26 - Year 5 trip to Hughenden Manor (after Church Service)

14.12.26 – Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm

15.12.26 - Year 2 Nativity Performance 6pm

15.12.26 - Reception Nativity to Parents at 9:30am and 2:30pm

18.12.26 – End of Term finish at 1:30pm

Spring Term

04.01.27 – School Closed INSET Day

05.01.27 – Back to School

07.01.27 – Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park

19.01.27 - Year 5 'Planetarium: Out in Space' Visit (Science Oxford)

22.01.27 - Reception Dinosaur Day Visit

28.01.27 - Year 4 Science Museum Trip

29.02.27 – Parent Workshop on Managing Behaviour

09.02.27 – Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

10.02.27 - Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

12.02.27 – Finish at 3:10 or 3:15pm for half term

25.02.27 - Year 5 Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day

25.02.27 Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

04.03.27 – World Book Day

05.03.27 - Year 4 Spirit of The Wild Workshop

15.03.27 – Year 6 Residential until 19.03.27

22.03.27 – Open Classrooms children to share their work with families until 4pm

23.03.27 – Year 1 Easter Assembly to parents at 2:15pm

25.03.27 – End of Term finish at 1:30pm

Summer Term

12.04.27 – Back to School

16.04.27 - Year 2 Aboriginal VR workshop experience

26.04.27 - Year 2 mosque trip

07.05.27 - Reception Lookout Discovery Centre Trip

10.05.27 – Year 6 Statuary Tests all week (SATs)

27.05.27 – Parent workshop Dyslexia Awareness

28.05.27 – Finish for half term at 3:10 or 3:15pm

07.06.27– Back to School

11.06.27 - Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

16.06.27 – Class Photos

29.06.27 – Reception Class Assembly at 2pm

01.07.27 – Year 3 Class Assembly at 2pm

01.07.27 - Year 2 Australia Day

02.07.27 – Year 1 Mop End trip. (Parents to drop children at Mop End between 09:30 and 09:45 and collect children between 14:30 and 14:40).

05.07.27 – Year 1 Class Assembly at 2pm

06.07.27 – Transition day for all children

08.07.27 – Year 6 Play to Parents

09.07.27 – School closed INSET Day

13.07.27 – Year 2 Class Assembly at 2pm

14.07.27 - MFL Culture Day

15.07.27 – Year 5 Class Assembly

16.07.27 – Reception and Preschool Sports day in the afternoon

19.07.27 – Sports Day morning will be Years 4, 5 and 6 afternoon will be Years 1,2 and 3

20.07.27 – Colour Run

21.07.27 – Year 6 Leavers Service for Parents at 12:30pm

21.07.27 – Break up for summer at 1:30pm