



### It's good to be back!

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all enjoyed some quality time over the break, and that you managed to enjoy some special moments with family.

It has been lovely to see students return this week and get straight into their learning, and to hear so many of you talking with such excitement about the Christmas just gone.

Although optimistic about the year ahead, we wait to see what effect Covid-19 will have on our school this coming term. If it continues to spread at its current rate, there will almost certainly be some challenges for us to face. As ever, we will try to keep you informed and keep communication channels open. The guidelines for Covid-19 testing have changed in the last few days, with PCR tests no longer required from Tuesday. With regards to testing, we kindly ask that you:

- Test your child using a LFD test two times a week.
- Test your child every day if they are identified as a close contact.
- Do not send your child to school if they have any Covid-19 symptoms until they receive a negative LFD test and keep testing them daily while they have symptoms.
- Inform us via phone or email if your child tests positive, and let us know the date the symptoms started and/or they received a positive test.

### Kingham Lodge Artist Project

'Sculpture at Kingham Lodge' is generously donating resources and outreach to develop creative work and art in several local schools. This means that at Kingham we will be working with the talented, local artist and illustrator, Emma Cox, over the next 12 months. Emma has planned exciting 6-week art units that link to our curriculum for Year 1 to Year 6 and will come in every Tuesday morning to work with our students. Emma starts with us on Tuesday, working with our Year 1 students until half term on a project linked to their Pirate topic.

### Joan Davey Award for Achievement in Art

We have recently received a donation in the form of a trophy, in memory of recently deceased Kingham resident, Joan Davey (1921-2020).

Joan Davey had a keen interest in art and music and was very supportive of younger people having opportunities to explore these areas. The Joan Davey Award for Achievement in Art will be given to one student at the end of this academic year - and every year thereafter - for outstanding achievement in Art.

We are grateful to Joan's family for making this donation.



### Welcome Ms O'Dwyer

We are pleased to welcome our new Year 1 teacher, Ms Scarlett O'Dwyer, to Kingham Primary School.

Ms O'Dwyer is an experienced teacher who has previously worked in an 'outstanding' school in Leeds as well as a 'world-class' independent school overseas.

We know that Ms O'Dwyer's high expectations and passion will make a very positive difference to our Year 1 children with whom she will work until the end of July.



### New Highway Code Regulations

Parents may or may not be aware that some major changes to the Highway Code have been introduced this month.

The Highway Code now gives a greater priority to more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, now stating that when a car is turning into a road or exiting a road, they should stop to let pedestrians cross.

At all junctions near the school, including the car park exit, drivers must now slow right down, and if there are people waiting to cross, and must let them do so before turning.

For the safety of our children, please do update yourself on these regulations and drive slowly/give way through the village and around the school.

### Value of the Month: Humility

Humility:  
is recognising my own strengths and those of others  
is *not* showing off  
Is accepting everyone

### Diary Dates

Weds 12 Jan	Y5 Space VR Workshop (am)
Weds 19 Jan	CNPS Swimming Competition- Y6
Mon 24 Jan	Y3 at Ashmolean Museum
Wb Mon 31 Jan	Critical Thinking Week
Weds 2 Feb	CNPS U11 Netball Tournament
Tues 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Mon 14 Feb	Y6 at Ashmolean Museum
Weds 16 Feb	U9/U11 CNPS Cross Country Competition
Thurs 17 Feb	Y5/Y6 at Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque
<b>Fri 18 Feb</b>	<b>Last day of Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 28 Feb</b>	<b>First day back</b>
w/b Mon 28 Feb	Kingham Book Week
w/b Mon 14 Mar	Science Week