



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Discussion of the Week

*"What is better, presence or presents?"*

## Birthday of the Weeks



**Rudyard Kipling**

**1865 - 1936**

## Merits

### Silver (20)

Aodhan, Tom O & Harry – Y3

### Gold (30)

Koby – Y4

### Sapphire (50)

River – Y4

### Emerald (80)

Bella – Y5

### Granite (90)

Oscar O – Y5

### Pearl (100)

Andrew – Y6

### Platinum (110)

Alfie, Tom J & Leah – Y6

### Amethyst (120)

Imogen – Y6

# Well Done!

## Thank you

Mrs Stanley and I loaded up two cars full of donations for the Hedge End foodbank located at the Kings Community Church. Y6 children helped us load up and then 4 huge supermarket trolleys were required to unload at the church. The staff were overwhelmed by your generosity and we were assured that many families will be able to be helped by your donations. Thank you so much for this.

**Learning values** – This term, we have focused on the quality of motivation. Year group teams deliberated at length about identifying a representative of the class for this achievement. As one of my favourite assemblies of the year, this time around, Y4, 5 and 6 joined up using Google Meet to see each other receive their awards. I have visited all of the other classes individually. The following children have been awarded this wonderful accolade and are announced as role models for this essential learning quality. Acorns: Ophelia, Conkers: Conner, Pinecones: Jude, Y2: Joshua A-T, Y3: Jessie C, Y4: Frankie T, Y5: Lily and Y6: Izzy S. We will be putting a blog post together with pictures and reasons why children were chosen so that we can share this across our whole school community. Well done everyone!

**Nativity Performance** - I hope you were able to enjoy our planned surprise of a nativity performance that involved the whole school. The children enjoyed learning the songs, and were very much complicit in keeping it a surprise. We are proud of all of the children and the parts they played in helping us to wish you all a merry Christmas! Although it is not the same as performing in person, Christmas is not Christmas without the Nativity!

**COVID and self-isolation** - Please refer to the information sent out previously about updating us during the holidays with children/family members having tests for COVID or self-isolation due to symptoms. Miss Hewitt and I will be manning the email inbox which we have set up for this over the holidays. Please contact us with any information about this on this email address: [covid@kingsapps.co.uk](mailto:covid@kingsapps.co.uk).

Thank you all for your patience with us whilst we have interpreted regularly changing guidance that has often arrived very late in the day into plans and routines for our school. As a result we have not always been able to communicate in a very timely manner. As a community I feel as though we have been able to work together even more successfully than ever to put the needs of all of our children first. I am pleased that we have been able to get to the end of the first term keeping all bubbles open. Thank you families for your input into this. I would like to end this term by saying thank you to all of your children for working so hard to come back to school this term so successfully. I'd also like to thank our whole staff team for their hard work, commitment and determination to provide for each and every one of our children so positively and professionally. Thank you also for your kind words and generous gifts to our staff team. Have a well deserved break everyone, and we will hope to see you all back happy and healthy on Monday 4th January.

*Hayley Ferguson and the whole team at Kings Copse*

INSET dates 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021