



Friday 7th September 2018

### Welcome back!

We are all very excited to welcome you all to the autumn term at Kenton Primary School. After a good break, with super weather, we can see that everyone is raring to go and positive about the year ahead. Following on from the successes of last year, we have lots of exciting plans, all of which are designed to enhance the learning, feeling of safety and happiness of the children. We would all like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and children for the lovely cards, gifts and messages of support at the end of last year. As ever, we intend this year to be a great one!



### Topic Work and Homework

One of our aims this year is to develop the topic work that children do in school and give them greater opportunities to apply their learning in different ways, offering more choice about how children use their skills and deepen their learning.

Teachers will continue to teach key skills and knowledge in topic based subjects (Science, Art, History, Geography and DT), alongside increased opportunities for children to complete child led investigations. As a result of this development, we will change homework to give greater opportunities for topic learning. This change is based on research that we have done, training by Chris Quigley and trials that have happened in this school. At some point within each half-term, children will have an investigation based homework that will take the place of two weeks of



Literacy and Numeracy homework activities. This will consist of children being given a theme, time to research and then choice of how they present and share their learning. For example, if your child's topic is 'Up, up and away', The topic homework might be 'Find out about birds you might find in your garden and share your findings with a poster, information sheet or presentation.' The aim is to help children become independent learners who have the skills to use their knowledge and learning. We will be

sharing our thoughts on the homework policy with Community Forum this half term.

## Clubs for this Half Term

We are delighted to offer the following clubs for the children. Lunchtime clubs will be advertised to children and they can attend if they wish.

If you want your child to attend any of the after school clubs, please see the member of staff responsible who will advise you how to sign your child up for the club.

### **Lunchtime Clubs:**

Monday—Homework Club in Oak Class with Mr Baxter (open to all children)

Tuesday (alternate weeks, beginning on the 10th September) —Choir with Mrs Lunn (open to all children)

Friday—Chess Club with Mr Kay (open to all children who can play chess)

### **After School Clubs:**

Tuesday 3.30pm—4.30pm —Mr Tyrrell's multi-skills club (open to all children)

Wednesday 3.30pm—TBC —Mrs Narramore's Film club (alternate weeks, open to all children)

Mrs Lunn's Dance Club (open to KS2 children) - day to be confirmed. Beginning week commencing 17th September

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

We warmly invite parents to pop into classrooms and meet their child's teacher. The sessions tend to last for about 20 minutes and it is a good chance to ask any questions and catch up with routines, topics, etc.

The sessions will take place on:

Monday 10th September—Cherry Class

Tuesday 11th—Oak Class

Wednesday 12th—Chestnut Class

Thursday 13th - Willow Class (This will also be an opportunity to discuss reading books and phonics)

## Reading Books and Library

Thank you for ensuring that all reading books came back to us at the end of last term. It has given us a chance to check through our books and have a good tidy in the library.

We will be re-issuing reading books for Years 1—6 week commencing 10th September.

If you are keen to be a library leader and able to spare a regular 3.00—3.30pm, we would be immensely grateful for your help. Please see Mr Baxter or Mrs Baker if this is something that interests you.

## An invitation to staff, parents and children.....

Dear all

As you are probably already aware, Rev'd Mark Lord-Lear has recently announced his intention to step down from the post of Associate Priest for our Parish.

Mark and Diana are due to move from Kenton, returning to their house in Torquay around the end of September, with Mark leading his final service with us at All Saints' at 10am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Following this service, from around 12noon, there will be a 'Bring and Share Lunch' where we will all have an opportunity to say our farewells and to show our appreciation to Mark and Diana of their significant ministry and friendship enjoyed here over the last few years.

You (and your nearest and dearest) are warmly invited to join us for both the service and/or the lunch. Please bring a plate of food, sweet or savoury, to share. Drinks will be provided.

We are also making a collection, on behalf of the church family and their friends in the wider village community, towards a suitable gift to be presented to Mark and Diana during the lunch. Should you wish to take part in this, please put your contribution in an envelope marked with your name and 'Leaving Gift'. If you wish to contribute by cheque these should be made payable to Kenton-with-Mamhead PCC. The envelope should be given to one of us or delivered to Susan Sawyer (All Saints' PCC Treasurer) at 16 Staffick Close, Kenton EX6 8NS **by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Judith Johnson and Nick Cox (Church Wardens)  
and Ceri Lee (Licensed Reader)



### Tempest Individual Photos

Next Thursday (13th), Tempest Photography will be coming into school in the afternoon to take individual and sibling photographs. As usual, please ensure that your child is in correct uniform. If you have pre-school aged children who you would like to be in a group photo with your school child, these photos tend to take place between

3pm and 3.30pm. Please see Mrs Moseley in the office and she will put you on the list.

## **Academisation update**

Kenn and Kenton Governors continue to focus on academising and joining the Teignmouth Learning Trust. The date of our academisation has been delayed due to issues with the lease on Kenton Primary School. As soon as this is resolved we will let you know how this is progressing.

# Diary of Events

Monday 10th September	Cherry Class Meet the Teacher Session	Cherry Class	3.30pm— 4pm
Tuesday 11th September	Oak Class Meet the Teacher Session	Oak Class	3.30pm— 4pm
Wednesday 12th September	Chestnut Class Meet the Teacher Session	Chestnut Class	3.30pm— 4pm
Thursday 13th September	Willow Class routines and reading books meeting	Willow Class	3.30pm— 4pm
Thursday 13th September	Tempest individual photos (including for younger siblings)	School Hall	1.30pm— 3.30pm
Friday 14th September	DCC talk for Year 5 and 6 children	School	PM
Thursday 11th October	Kenton Harvest Festival		9.30am— 10.30am
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening (appointments to be made nearer the day)	School	PM
Wednesday 17th October	Oak Class Assembly	Hall	3.00pm— 3.20pm
Wednesday 17th October	Flu Inoculations Reception to Year 5 children	School	PM
Thursday 18th October	Parents' Evening (appointments to be made nearer the day)	School	PM
Thursday 18th October	Eon workshop for Chestnut Class all day	School	All day
Friday 19th October	Tag Rugby Festival for Year 3 + 4		PM
Friday 19th October	Cherry Class Assembly	Hall	3.00pm— 3.20pm
Monday 22nd October	First day of half-term break		
Tuesday 30th October	Back to school after half-term.		
Tuesday 30th October	Chestnut Class assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 8th November	Willow Class assembly	Willow Class	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 29th November	Kenton Primary School Open Morning—See a Typical School Morning	School	9.15— 10.30am
Thursday 6th December	Kenton prospective early years open afternoon	Willow Class	1.30— 3.00pm
Friday 21st December	Last Day of Autumn Term		

## Term dates for the year

**AUTUMN TERM 2018** begins Wednesday 5th September 2018

Half-term 19th—26th October 2018

Monday 29th October Non-pupil day

Second half of term starts on Tuesday 30th October 2018

Autumn term ends on Friday 21st December 2018

**SPRING TERM 2019** begins Monday 7th January 2019

Half-term 15th-22nd February 2019

Second half of term starts on Monday 25th February 2019

Spring term ends on Friday 5th April

**SUMMER TERM 2019** begins Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2019

Half-term 24th- 31st May 2019

Second half of term starts Monday 3rd June 2019

Summer term ends on Friday 19th July 2019

### **Our Breakfast and After School clubs**

Our Breakfast Club is open every morning from 7.45-8.45am. The children have a healthy breakfast and can take part in a range of activities, which change on a daily basis.

Our After School Club is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-6.00pm. A snack is offered to the children between 4.00 and 4.30pm and they can take part in sport, craft and construction activities among many more.

Both of these clubs are run by trained and experienced staff. They can be booked and paid for on SchoolMoney according to parent requirements ie you can book the same day for every week for a term or individual days to fit in with your working pattern. Simply fill in a registration form for either or both clubs and return to the school office. Then your details will be added to School Money and you can start to book days required and pay.

