



Thursday 19th November 2020

Christmas 2020

Christmas is on it's way! Although we are greatly restricted by COVID, we are determined to make the Christmas period in school as fun and festive as possible.

As we cannot have a normal school Nativity, we are going to create a Christmas section on our website where each class will be sharing dance and artwork, Year 6 will also be sharing some readings. We know that this can never be the same as a real performance, but we hope that the children will enjoy creating the material and you will be proud to see their work on the website.

We will also have our normal **Christmas dinner** in school on **Thursday 17th December** which will also be **Christmas Jumper day**.



Anti-Bullying Week

As you read this, we will be part the way through our anti-bullying week. It has been a real privilege to work with the children about this subject and hear their thoughts and experiences. It is very common for strong, emotive feelings to come up during this work. Please could all parents keep an ear out for children talking about such matters at home, and support them accordingly. It has been particularly enlightening hearing about children's experiences of online bullying and friendship issues. It seems very clear that pressures from online chatting/gaming which children experience day to day are very strong. This is something that children need monitoring and support with.



Don't forget -
FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY
is tomorrow (20th Nov).
Children can come into
school wearing colourful
clothes!!

Social Distancing Outside of the School Gates - NOVEMBER UPDATE

Following the Government's new stricter rules from Thursday 5th November, the school asks:

- Please wear a facemask when you are dropping off or collecting your children
- Please be prompt (not early or late) to collect your child/ren from the allotted gate and time
- Ensure that 2m social distancing is respected between you and people from other families
- If you wait on the pavement on opposite side of the road, please cross the road to collect your child—we will not send them across the road to you
- Please leave the areas as soon as you have collected/dropped off your child/ren

As you will know, the COVID numbers are increasing at an alarming rate in our area, and we desperately want to do our best to keep children, parents and staff as safe as possible.

What to do if your Child is Unwell with Covid Symptoms

Dear Parents,

Many parents have asked for more advice about what they should do if their child is feeling unwell and one or more symptoms are linked to Coronavirus.

Please see this information below, taken directly from the NHS.



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test. Do not send your children into school until you have received a negative test result.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.
- Upon receiving a negative result, please send this to school via email for our records.

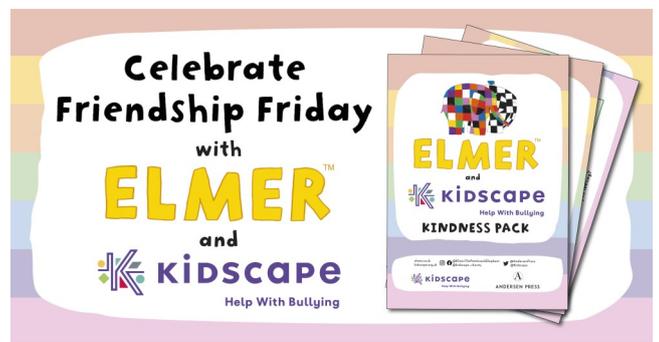
Friendship Friday –20th November

As part of our anti-bullying week, we are joining in with the national 'Friendship Friday' scheme.

Friendship Friday encourages everyone to see they have a role to play in creating a world that is friendlier and kinder.

We passionately believe that children are never too young to start thinking, learning and talking about caring friendships, how to treat others, and what to do if someone is being unkind.

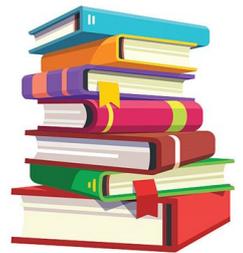
As well as taking part in various activities in school, children are invited to wear a colourful outfit to school-to celebrate the diversity and collective values that we hold.



Tutoring and catch up

At Kenton we are working very hard to ensure that the children are catching up on what they have missed during the lockdown months of this year. Years 1, 2 and 3 have been catching up with their phonics to ensure that any gaps are addressed. KS2 have been having tutoring with Mrs Slater, with a real focus on maths.

After Christmas, we will be able to access the National Tutor Programme, where we will have specialist tutors coming into school to work with small groups.



We would like to say a big welcome to Hannah May, a final year student from University of Plymouth. She will be mainly in Oak class, but will also spend time in other classes. Hannah will be with us until the end of January.



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Chips

Our chef Martin has offered the chance for children who normally have a packed lunch to buy a bowl of chips on a Friday, at a cost of 75p. These need to be ordered in the same way that School dinners are ordered via the School Money website. Children can enjoy something warm to go with their sandwiches.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to this amazing cause. We raised £70.62 from the collections at the gates. Well done to you all!



Diary of Events

20th November	Friendship Friday—wear a colourful outfit to school	School	
7th-8th December	SCARF project pupil workshops	School	
14th December	Christmas work and performances available on the website	Website	
17th December	Christmas dinners and Christmas Jumper day	School	
18th December	Last day of term		

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2020 begins Wednesday 9th September 2020

Half-term Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020

Second half of term starts on Monday 2nd November 2020

Autumn term ends Friday 18th December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021 begins Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half-term Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 22nd February 2021

Spring term ends on Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021 begins Tuesday 20th April 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Half-term Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 7th June 2021

Summer term ends on Friday 23rd July 2021

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