Kenton Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 25th February 2021

All children to return to school – 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers.

Following the government's announcement earlier this week, we are very excited to be able to welcome children back to school from Monday the 8th March 2021.

While our remote learning has been exceptionally well attended and the children's efforts and commitment has been outstanding, it cannot replace the experience for the children being in school. We would like to again thank you for your support in making our remote learning so successful and thank you in advance for your support in helping us welcome back all of the children to school.

What this means…

Attendance to school is mandatory for all school age children from Monday 8th March 2021. We will not have a staggered start. All children will start on 8th March.

Children will be in class bubbles with their usual class teacher

Children will need to attend school in school uniform, wearing trainers for regular PE sessions. Please send your child in wearing PE kit for the Mr Tyrell PE day on a Tuesday.

Children will access full-time education again

Children have access (where required) to breakfast club (7.45-8.45am Mon-Fri) and after school club (3.30-6.00pm Tues, Weds and Thurs based at Kenton Primary).

Mr Tyrell will be in contact with parents who use his club as this will also be resuming.

What we are doing to ensure a successful and safe return to school for all…

Implementing all elements of the Government's 'Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance' as a minimum

Each class will remain in a bubble and will not mix with other bubbles

Regular hand washing throughout the day and sanitization

Staggered start times and drop off times to reduce congestion and mixing at the school gate: Oak and Cherry drop off 08:45 and collection 15:15, Chestnut and Willow drop off 09.00 and collection 15:30 from same gates as the autumn term. Siblings can be collected at the same time, this needs to be a regular arrangement communicated with the class teachers

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Staggered play times to avoid children mixing

Ventilated classrooms to ensure a free flow of air (children are allowed to wear additional clothing such as coats in the event of cold weather)

Children will have their own equipment for learning such as pencils and pens so they do not need to share frequently used equipment

Toilet control systems so that the toilets do not become overcrowded or accessed by children from different bubbles

Staff will wear face coverings in common areas such as corridors and staff rooms to ensure they are not 'mixing' with adults from other bubbles

What we need from you…

Ensure that you are not mixing with other households (unless you are in a childcare bubble with one other household or in a support bubble with one other adult). Children have been reporting to us that they are mixing with other children outside of school and I'm sure you will understand our request for your support in ensuring this does not happen as it undermines the many steps we've taken in school to ensure your children, our staff and the community remains safe as we battle community transmission.

Punctual drop off and collection of the children this helps ensure children are ready for learning and controls congestion at the school gate

Maintain social distancing and wear a mask when delivering and collecting children at the school gate.

Keep what children are bringing in to school to an absolute minimum to reduce the risk of transmission, as was happening in the autumn term.

Order school lunches through School Money by Thursday 4th March.

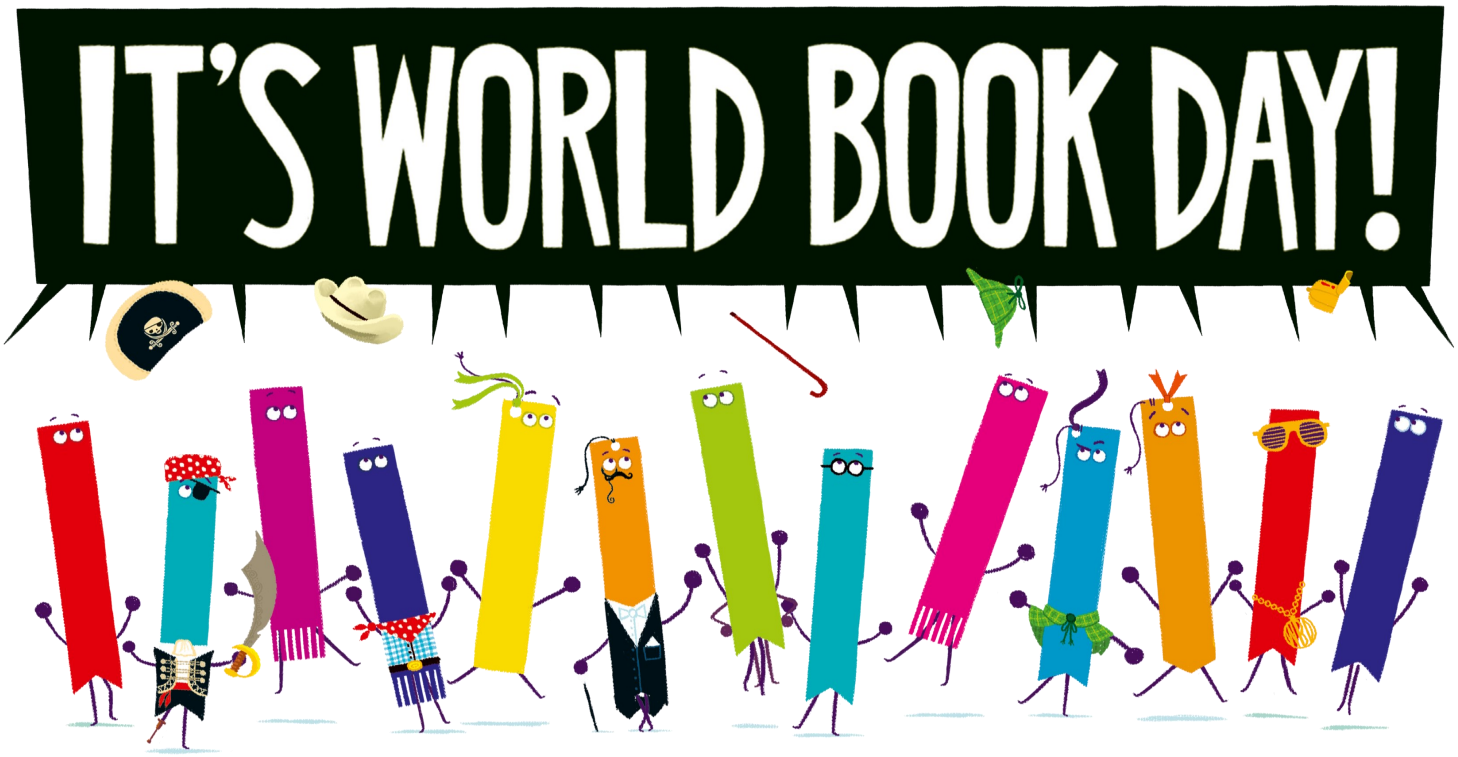
Adherence to the Track and Trace system, whereby children showing symptoms or who've been in contact with someone who's showing symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days. In the event of this, or if you are unsure of when this may apply to you, please contact us at school to clarify.

Your continued communication and support. Please contact us (via email or telephone) if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything further. Please prepare the children for returning to school by sharing with them some of the changes that may be in place when they arrive (such as those outlined above).

Your patience and understanding as we welcome the children back to school and reintegrate them back into learning, building their resilience while remaining mindful of their wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Kenn and Kenton Governing body and Amanda Somerwill.



Next Thursday 4th March is Word Book Day.. We will be celebrating this by:

- Offering the chance for children to 'wear some flare' - wear an item of clothing/accessory linked to their favourite book or character.
- KS2 Joining in with the David Walliams live assembly at 10.30am on the 2nd March.
- Having 'An afternoon of books' - a themed afternoon with art and project work linked to books, authors and characters.
- Having a special story Zoom at 2.30pm with a special guest reader (A clue—someone sporty who we all know well!)

WE NEED YOUR CRISP PACKETS! We, the KSPA have signed up to the crisp packet recycling scheme with Terracycle and Walkers crisps. All we have to do is send flattened empty crisp packets to receive funds for them (please do not fold into triangles or into a knot). Once collected, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products. All crisp packet types are accepted, including the outer packaging for multipacks. A drop off box will be placed in the entrance outside the school office from Monday 1st March. Also don't forget we are still collecting for the Terracycle Writing Instruments Recycling Programme. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted : Any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition. Remember the more we receive, the more we raise!

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Kenton Primary School

Where learning is Fun!!!!

and also

RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS!

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

and RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHILDREN TOO

THINKING OF GETTING RID OF CLOTHES? PLEASE DON'T QUITE YET!

CLOTHES RECYCLE COMING SOON TO KENTON SCHOOL … …

… Watch this space

CLOTHES

Email: admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk
Website: http://www.kenton-primary.devon.sch.uk

CLOTHES RECYCLE

Coming soon to ...
KENTON SCHOOL

Please save .... Don't throw away!

ITEMS WE WILL BE RECEIVING .....

Good Quality items for RE-USE:-

Men's, Ladies & Children Clothing,

Paired Shoes (tied together), Handbags, Hats, Bags,

Lingerie, Socks, Jewellery, Belts, Ties & Scarves

Friday 30th April
Watch this space for details

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 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

Email: admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk
Website: http://www.kenton-primary.devon.sch.uk

Some Useful Website Links if you Need Them!

Literacy

KS1

Nursery rhymes and songs https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-medleys/zf2792p

Phonics learning and free ebooks https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Oak Learning Academy: https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year

Writing inspiration and activities: https://www.literacyshed.com/the-ks1-shed.html

Online phonics games: https://www.phonicsbloom.com/

Online phonics activities: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics

Printable handwriting resources: https://linkpenfonts.co.uk/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=19&products_id=37

KS2

Handwriting: https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/index.html

Spellings https://www.edshed.com/

Nessy (for some children): https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/accountLogin

Accelerated Reader: https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2236362/public/rpm/login/Login.aspx?srcID=t

Book finder for AR https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/

Oxford Owl: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Free reading resource: https://en.fictionexpress.com/

Writing inspiration and activities: https://www.pobble365.com/

Maths

KS1

Counting songs and rhymes: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-medleys/zf2792p

Maths learning resources and activities: https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/resources/

Maths games: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting

Accelerated Reader: https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2236362/public/rpm/login/Login.aspx?srcID=t

KS2

My Maths: https://www.mymaths.co.uk/

Times tables rockstars https://ttrockstars.com/

Maths activities: https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/resources/

Maths activities: https://nrich.maths.org/maths-at-home

Maths games: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/

Support Numbers and website links for our mental health.

As this is an extremely testing time for all, please see these services that are available to help you:

NHS: Main mental health and well-being site

https://www.nhs.uk/search/results?q=mental%20health%20and%20wellbeing

Anxiety UK

Charity providing support if you have been diagnosed with an anxiety condition.

Phone: 03444 775 774 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5.30pm)

Website: www.anxietyuk.org.uk

CALM

CALM is the Campaign Against Living Miserably. A charity providing a mental health helpline and web-chat.

Phone: 0800 58 58 58 (daily, 5pm to midnight)

Website: www.thecalmzone.net

Men's Health Forum

24/7 stress support for men by text, chat and email.

Website: www.menshealthforum.org.uk

Mind

Promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems.

Phone: 0300 123 3393 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm)

Website: www.mind.org.uk

Samaritans

Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair.

Phone: 116 123 (free 24-hour helpline)

Website: www.samaritans.org.uk