

# Kenton Primary School

## Newsletter



Thursday 23rd September 2021

### Important Updates on Class Bubbles

As the Covid restrictions in schools have eased and we continue along our path towards 'normality', we have decided to make a few changes, detailed below. The aim of the changes is to ensure that children, parents and staff are as safe as possible, whilst allowing children to enjoy school life to the greatest extent possible.

We are now in a position to be able to allow children to mix across key stages, so will no longer have our bubble system in place.

We have had a close look at all of the recent changes, and can see that some have benefits that can continue beyond Covid, for example staggered lunchtimes ensure that there is more space on the playground at any given moment for the children. Although it is tempting to jump straight back to how things were before Covid, we are determined to keep in place anything that has further reaching benefits.

Points to note: (starting from Monday 27th September)

Beginning of the day—Cherry, Oak and Chestnut children to enter through the left hand side gate between 8.45 and 9pm. Willow to come in through the right hand gate between 8.45 and 9am as before.

End of the day—Cherry, Oak and Chestnut parents to come in through the left hand gate from 3.20pm. Children to be sent out at 3.30pm—Cherry to be dismissed from their side classroom door and Oak and Chestnut children to be sent out to find parents on the playground. PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK WHEN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. If you don't have a facemask, we ask that you wait outside of the school grounds and your children will be sent out to you, alternatively we can offer you a disposable mask.

Willow to be dismissed as before, from the right hand gate at 3.30pm.

Assemblies and Play Times will go back to all children together. We will put extra adults on the playground to help with this transition.

Lunch times will continue to be staggered, to allow more space on the playground.

However, there will now be times when KS1 and KS2 children are out at the same time, which will be lovely for siblings to meet and different age groups to socialise.

Buddies and cross - Key Stage activities: these are now possible—yippee! We have always found that children have very much benefitted with time spent older or younger children. It gives older children a sense of responsibility and builds confidence, and is lovely for the younger children to have older ones helping them or playing with them.

We are very excited about the benefits that these new freedoms allow us. If you have any concerns or questions about any of these changes, please let us know. We are delighted with the way that school and parents the whole

## Harvest 2021

We are delighted to announce that we can invite parents into school for an event for the first time in what seems like ages! For Harvest this year, we will be having special outdoor assemblies on the playground. There will be one for Willow and Cherry, and one for Oak and Chestnut. The children will be sharing a range of Harvest themed art, poems, prayers and songs.

We will be collecting food donations for Shelter at the assembly—you can bring these donations along when you come in to watch.



The assemblies will be on the playground from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please enter the school grounds (wearing a facemask) through the front door.

Willow and Cherry—Friday 8th October 3.00pm on the main playground

Oak and Chestnut—Monday 11th October 3.00pm on the main playground

On the day of their assemblies, children can wear autumnal coloured clothes of their choice (red, brown, yellow etc)

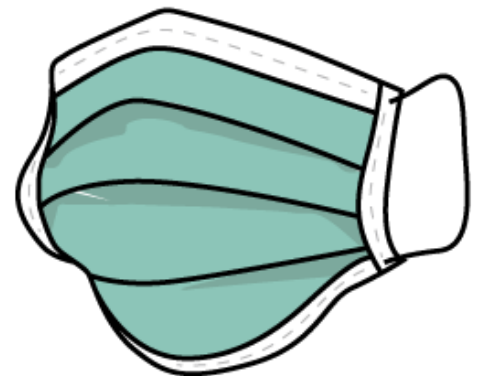
Chairs will be put out for parents to sit on. Please arrange these in your family groups, leaving a

# Harvest



## Facemasks

Please remember to wear a facemask whenever you are on the school site. This includes when you come onto the playground to collect your children. Staff will ask you to wear a mask if you are not wearing one already. This is to keep us all as safe as possible. Many thanks.



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## KiVa Anti-bullying Programme

We are delighted to be now using the KiVa anti-bullying programme. This is a successful programme from Finland that is being trialed in randomly selected primary and secondary schools. It has been rolled out by Exeter University and has been proven to reduce the chance of bullying happening in schools. The aim of the programme is to ensure that:

- Children, parents and staff have a full understanding of what bullying is.
- Children feel empowered to point out bullying—both the victim and the bystanders/observers.
- Emotional understanding and social skills are taught to children to avoid bullying taking place.
- Parents of children who feel that they are bullied, or accused of bullying, are given clear and systematic information about the situation.
- When bullying is found to be occurring, the school's anti-bullying policy is followed.



KiVa leaders will be present at playtimes and lunchtimes to be available for children to share any concerns. When a concern is raised, a KiVa leader will record the incident. After passing through a threshold tool, if the situation is classed as bullying, parents of both sides will be informed via the KiVa reporting forms. These reports will not be judgmental, simply a factual record of what was reported by the children involved and any other witnesses. Copies of these records will be also be kept in school. The school anti-bullying policy will then be used to administer any sanctions, as appropriate to the situation and children involved.

KiVa defines bullying as an act that intentionally hurts someone physically or emotionally, is on going AND an imbalance of power is present between the victim and perpetrator.

KiVa lessons will be taught regularly in class to help children understand what bullying is, why it is wrong, and how to stop it. The programme pays particular attention to the role of the bystanders, and helps to empower children who notice something happening to act upon it, support the victim and inform adults. Attached to this email is the KiVa parents information sheet and PowerPoint.

We look forward to children benefitting from this learning, both in terms of their attitude to each other, their social understanding and their enhanced feeling of empowerment and confidence to deal with unwanted situations and behaviour.

Please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about this programme or subject content. Like you, we always aim to create a fun, safe place for children to learn.

The Kenton Team

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an unprecedented demand for our early community Flu vaccination clinics and these early clinics are now full. Most children and young people will be vaccinated in school as in other years and we will be visiting schools from now until January 2022. We will be arranging further community clinics for children who are clinically vulnerable or who have missed their immunisation in the school setting. As soon as we have more clinics available to book into we will send out further information to you, in the meantime please do not call into the Single Point of Access (SPA) to book a community clinic appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and we will be in contact with you again as soon as there is an update.

Best wishes  
Immunisation Team

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### Forest School

It was a lovely start to Forest school last week for the years 5&6 back at the Woodland at Bickham farm. The children were so pleased to be back in the woods and soon got going building Dens and enjoying being in the space. We had a great game of Eagle eye too. Just a reminder to parents that now that we have our fabulous new minibus we are doing all we can to keep it clean so water-proof trousers and wellies are essential even if the weather is good. This is less about keeping dry and more about being able to change out of muddy clothes and shoes before getting back on the bus!

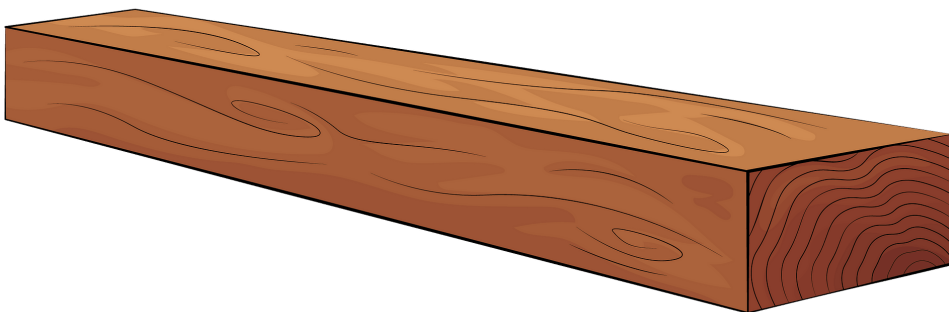
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
Mrs Tetlow in Willow has put together a lovely collection of outdoor equipment that children can use to build and create structures with. This set contains things like old car tyres, planks of wood, drain pipes etc.

We are looking for any spare planks or wood, roughly between 1m and 3m, that children can use for their creations. If anyone has any spare wood, it would be gratefully received! If so, please see Mrs Tetlow for details.





## A Guide to Social Media Apps and their Age Ratings

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter	17+	18+
 TikTok	 Kik		
 YouNow	 Yubo		
 House Party	 Monkey		
		 Sarahah	 MeetMe
		 YOLO	 LiveMe

### Social Media and Internet Safety

This term, Internet safety will be a big focus in school. Please see the above table with the age restrictions for these popular Apps.

It might be surprising to you that all of these Apps have been deemed inappropriate for all Primary aged children. Please keep your children safe and happy by not allowing them to use these Apps, and by monitoring what they do and access online.

Diary of Events			
Friday 1st October	Year 3/4 Bikeability level 1 for all of Oak Class	School	All day
Monday 4th October	Community Forum via Zoom	Zoom	2.00pm—3.00pm
Friday 8th October	Willow and Cherry Harvest Assembly—parents invited! On the playground at 3pm (doors to open at 2.55pm)	Playground	3.00—3.30pm
Monday 11th October	Oak and Chestnut Harvest Assembly—parents invited! On the playground at 3pm (doors to open at 2.55pm)	Playground	3.00—3.30pm
Monday 13th—Wednesday 15th	EYFS and Y1s Balanceability + Year 3/4 Bikeability (details to follow)	School	All day
Monday 25—Friday 29th	Half term	Home!	
Monday 1st—Thursday 4th	Parents Meetings via Telephone (details to follow)	Via Phone	After school Monday—Thursday
Wednesday 3rd November	Theatre Alibi school visit	School	AM
Friday 17th December	Last day of the Autumn term—Merry Christmas!		

### Term Dates

#### AUTUMN TERM 2021

begins Wednesday 8th September 2021

Half-term Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn term ends on Friday 17th December 2021

#### SPRING TERM 2022

begins Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half-term Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 28th February 2022

Spring term ends on Friday 8th April 2022

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

begins Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half-term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 6th June 2022

Trust non-pupil day Friday 8th July 2022

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