# Kenton Primary School May Newsletter



Summer 1 has been a short but busy half term. The children have been working really hard in all areas of their learning. This has been reflected in the house points that they are earning. I am so proud to be giving out lots of house point certificates each week in celebration assembly. It is also lovely to see so many children getting star of the week. I hope everyone has a wonderful half term break and enjoys the Jubilee celebrations.

#### **KSPA Cake Sales**

That you to the KSAP for organising and running the class cake sales. Lots of lovely cakes were sold to raise money for the school. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the sale and of course for buying them!



# **Key Stage SATS.**

A massive well done to the children in Year 2 and 6 for their amazing effort and hard work in their SATS this half term. The staff worked incredibly hard to support the children through these assessments, and the children have shown great resilience and dedication in trying to do their best. We are all so proud of you all!



#### **Warmer Weather**

As the weather's getting warmer, please can you send your child/children into school with sun hats to wear at playtime and for outdoor learning sessions. Please apply suncream before school and you can also send some into school for the children to keep in their bags. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.



# **Year 1 Phonics Check Meeting**

The Year 1 children will be completing a phonics screen check after half term. This check looks at children's skills of decoding words that are nonsense and real. Mrs Narramore will be holding a parents information meeting to explain what the phonics check is. The year one children will be taking the check wk beg 6th June.

# **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

The Year 4 children will be completing a multiplication check after half term. The children have been working really hard with Miss Pavitt to practise their times tables in a variety of different ways as well as using games such as times table rock stars. Miss Pavitt and Mrs Bestwick will be holding a parents information meeting to explain what the check is. The children will be completing the check week beginning 13th June.

#### **Attendance**

Please be aware that I am unable to authorise any holiday requests during term time. Every day is important to the children's learning and attendance at school is essential as the children have missed so much schooling due to the pandemic. We must work together to ensure the children's attendance is the best it can be and we are aiming to be at 95 % by the end of the term.

# Behaviour around School.

The staff at Kenton have high expectations of behaviour and this is reflected in the behaviour policy. The children understand these high expectations, but I feel peer culture can be a factor which impacts on behaviour, and some pupils are not showing us their best. If the children value the culture of hard work and good behaviour they will learn more and hopefully go on to have improved life opportunities.

It is important for the school to always be a warm, caring, friendly and happy place where learning can flourish. There have recently been pockets of behaviour that have not reflected this ethos, which in turn have disturbed learning and have not represented our school values which are so incredibly important. We will continue to support the children in developing their personal skills of listening, working together and respecting each other as we strive to ensure that children are safe, happy and loving to come to school each day, keen to learn and experience all of the wonderful opportunities on offer at Kenton. Key to this success is the support from you as parents, so thank you for working with us and we look forward to an amazing final half term of this academic year.

### **Pre-School**

We have funded and paid for spaces available in our Pre-School for 3–4-year old children. We are open Tuesday – Thursday 8.45 -3:00pm term time. Please speak to the school office to arrange a tour or for further information.



Pre-School Places at Kenton Primary School

15 or 30 hours of free Early Years Funding for 3 and 4 year olds.
Full days 9.00am to 3.30pm Tuesday to Thursday, term time only.
Half day sessions also possible.
For more information
call Kenton Primary School 01626 890465 or email
admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk

### **Dawlish Library - Crown Making Workshops.**

Dawlish Library are hosting Crown making workshops. There will also be a Town Council competition and

parade on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

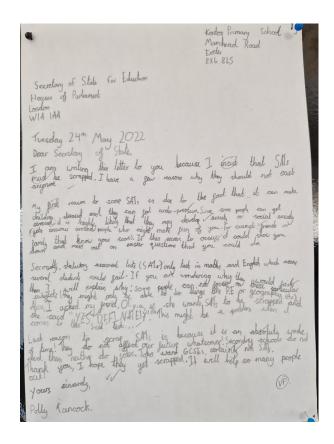


#### **Class News**

Lots of exciting things have been happening in class over the past few weeks. Here is a highlight from each class.

#### **Chestnut Class**

Chestnut Class have been focusing on their writing. Recently, they have looked at how to write formal letters and put this to use by explaining why they think SATs tests should be abolished. They have also written formal invitations asking the Queen to come to the tea party at school. Our topic work has looked at map work. Children have used OS maps to learn about direction, distance and map keys.



#### Oak Class

Mrs Bestiwck has been working closely with children from Oak class and KS2 lego club who have been busy designing buildings of the future! They have learnt to use code to make the wind turbines work and show messages in lights. Here is their entry for a competition run by RAMM - it is a solar farm with two wind turbines and a room with a giant crystal inside that absorbs light. They have worked hard together and learnt a lot! Well done to all the children who have attended the club.



#### **Cherry Class**

Cherry have been learning about the Great Fire of London this term. The children have been working in groups to act out scenes, such as seeing the fire for the first time and rowing away to safety. They used props around the classroom to help them. Can you spot what they are acting out from this photo?



# **Willow Class**

Willow class have been enjoying forest school this half term. The children have been making nettle pancakes, wild garlic pesto and flat breads as well as toasting marshmallows! We have been learning about different plants as well as exploring the beautiful meadow.





# **Dairy Dates**

Date	Event
WK beg 6th	Year 1 Phonics Check
June	
7th June	Parents meeting - Phonics Screening Check Year 1
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
9th June	Parents meeting - Multiplication Check Year 4
10th June	Year 5 Forest School
14th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
16th June	Year 4 Forest School
17th June	KS2 'The Mix' at Killerton House.
20th June	Seesaw Parents meeting.
21st June	Back up date for Sports Day
23rd June	Year 3 Forest School
1st July	Cherry Group A Forest School
7th July	Cherry Group B Forest School
15th July	Whole School Forest School
11th - 18th	Scholastic Book Fair
July	
22nd July	Last Day of the Summer Term

# <u>Term Dates 2021 – 2022</u>

# Summer Term 2022

Half term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Second half of term starts - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Non pupil day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Summer Term ends - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# Autumn Term 2022

Autumn Term begins Monday  $5^{th}$  September Half term holiday  $-24^{th}-28^{th}$  October Second half term starts  $-31^{st}$  October Autumn Term ends  $-16^{th}$  December

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