

Kenton Primary School September Newsletter



Welcome back to school after a glorious summer holiday. The children have already settled well into their new class and have been working really hard in all areas of their learning. We have started the term off with a whole school focus on art and writing, based on the book 'Five Bears' by Catherine Rayner. The children have created beautiful sketches of bears and composed writing based on the book, all of which we hope to display in the school soon.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniform this September. It is lovely to see everyone taking pride in what they are wearing. Please remember it is house colour t-shirts for PE days with a black jumper and trousers/shorts. Please remember that we are giving everyone a jumper/cardigan and polo shirt free of charge. Pop along to Thomas Moore in Exeter if you haven't collected yours yet.



Contacting School

We have changed the email address we would like you to use to contact school. Instead of the kenton parents email, please use admin@kentonschool.co.uk. In addition, we are using a new emailing system, so please add this address to your contacts. Some parents have made us aware that they are not receiving emails from us in their inboxes, so please check your spam / junk box. Adding our new email address to your contacts should resolve this issue.

You are able to use Seesaw to get direct messages to your class teacher as well.

Homework

The children will have brought home their first piece of homework in their new homework books last week. Thank you to everyone who filled in our homework survey. The majority of parents preferred weekly homework in a book, so this is what we have decided to go with this term.

Homework will be set on a Friday and the books will need to be returned with homework completed by Wednesday of the following week. There will be a homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime for anyone who may not have had time to complete this at home.

The teachers will mark the children's homework with either a tick or a stamp. Children can earn house points for completing their homework as well, and these will be given at the discretion of their teacher.

The tasks sent home will vary between maths and literacy each week. There may also be other subjects, e.g. geography or history. The children will also need to read daily. Please record in your child's reading diary when they have read at home with you.



Class Curriculum Letter and Maps

The teachers have been busy writing curriculum letters and maps to share with you, so you can see what the children will be learning at school. These will be posted to the class pages and shared via messages on Seesaw as well. Please see your class teacher if you have any questions or any expertise in these areas, where you may be able to help enhance the children's learning.

PE days

The children will be having PE on the following days:

Chestnut: Tuesday and Friday
Oak: Monday and Tuesday
Willow: Tuesday and Thursday



Seesaw

We are running Seesaw across the whole school again this term. We are changing the way we are logging into Seesaw. You will have received a link via email which you will need to use to log into the Seesaw Family App. This will enable you to see all your children at once, rather than having to log in and out of each child's journal with a QR code. If you are having any problems with setting up Seesaw, please let Mrs Sandercock know.



Attendance

What a fantastic first couple of weeks we have had. It's been lovely to see children arriving at school on time and being ready for learning at 9am. Just a reminder that the gates close at 8.55am now, so children are in class, ready for their learning to begin, at 9am. If you arrive after the gate has closed, please go through the main door. Any children arriving at 9am or later will need to be signed in.

Our celebration assembly is about celebrating various aspects of school, and this week we are going to be awarding a certificate for the class with the best attendance.

Just a reminder to 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 96 % by the end of the term.

Playtimes

We are currently developing resources for the children to use at playtime to support friendships and behaviour. The children currently have pens, books, colouring, wooden blocks and some other play equipment. If anyone has any outside play equipment they are no longer using and are willing to donate to school, please speak to Mrs Sandercock.

Pre-School

We have funded and paid for spaces available in our Pre-School for 3 and 4 year old children. We are open Tuesday to Thursday from 8.45am until 3:30pm, during 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

Toilets

We have had the building contractors in over the summer holidays and they have worked hard to restore the toilets from the damage caused by the flood. The children have voted for the colours of the cubicles, and Mrs McGrouther-Bradley is busy finishing off the mosaic mirrors that the year 6 children started before they left at the end of the summer term. The children are very pleased with them, and you are welcome to pop in after school to have a look!

KSPA News

Please see KSPA dates in the diary date section below.

CLOTHES RECYCLE

**KSPA -
RAISING MONEY FOR
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,
Bed Linen & Towels



DROP OFF POINT
@ KENTON SCHOOL ENTRANCE
Mon 26th Sept (8.30am-9.15am + 3.15-3.45pm)
Tues 27th Sept (8.30am-9.15am + 3.15-3.45pm)

Willow Class

In Willow Class our topic this half-term is called 'Wonderful me!'

We are all wonderful in our class, but we wondered what would happen if we didn't feel very wonderful and had to visit a hospital to get better. Nicki is a nurse and she came into Willow Class to talk to the children about her job on Bramble Ward in Exeter. She brought in some of the special equipment she uses everyday, and we found out about the amazing and funny things she does to look after poorly children when they go into hospital. We all said that she would be a very kind and smiley nurse! Thank you for coming in to talk to us Nicki!



Nicki is a nurse
and she looks after
kids. She is very
kind.

Nicky is a nurse.
she works with kids.
she does injections.
she works at a hospital.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 26 th September 2022	Years 2/3 - Dawlish Warren Trip
Tuesday 26 th September 2022	Year 4/5 - Solar Farm Trip
Friday 30 th September 2022	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Online Safety Meeting 3:30pm - Cockwood Primary School 6pm - Kenton Primary School
Thursday 6 th October 2022	Online Safety Meeting 3:30pm - Kenn Primary School
Fridays 7 th , 14 th , 21 st October and 4 th November 2022	Year 5 Forest School
Thursday 13 th October 2022	Theatre Alibi
Thursday 13 th October 2022	KSPA Cheese and Wine evening - come and meet the lovely KSPA. Venue TBC.
Monday 17 th October 2022	9:30am - Harvest Festival - Kenton Church
Week beginning 17 th October 2022	Parents evening - more details to follow
Thursday 20 th October 2022	Year 2/3/4 - Wild Escot Trip
Thursday 20 th October 2022	9am - Coffee morning at school for all parents
Friday 21 st October 2022	Non Uniform Day - £1 donation to the KSPA
November 2022	KSPA Quiz - date TBC
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Tempest individual school photographs
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	SCARF workshops
Thursday 10 th November 2022	Author Visit and workshops - whole school
Friday 11 th November 2022	7:15pm - KSPA AGM - Orangery Cafe 8pm - KSPA Quiz Night
Friday 11 th , 18 th , 25 th November, 2 nd December 2022	Year 4 Forest School
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November 2022	Chestnut - ICE theatre trip
Wednesday 23 rd November 2022	Chestnut trip to Parliament London
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th December 2022	4:30pm – 6:30pm - Children's Christmas Party - venue TBC
Friday 16 th December 2022	9:30am - Christmas Performance - Kenton Church
Friday 16 th December 2022	Last day of term

Term Dates 2022 / 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Autumn Term begins Monday 5th September 2022
Half term holiday – Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022
Second half term starts – Monday 31st October 2022
Autumn Term ends – Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Spring Term begins Wednesday 4th January 2023
Non Pupil Day – Friday 10th February 2023
Half term holiday – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023
Second half term starts – Monday 20th February 2023
Summer Term ends – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Summer Term begins Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023
Half term holiday – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Second half term starts – Monday 5th June 2023
Summer Term ends – Friday 21st July 2023