



# Kenton Primary School Christmas 2022



## Staffing

As the term draws to a close I would like to update you on a couple of staffing changes for January 2023.

Willow class – Mrs Ward will be leaving us this week, as she is going to be taking up a teaching post as the Nursery Teacher at Teignmouth Community School. Mrs Sandercock will be returning to teach the children on a Monday and Tuesday. Miss Laing will join us to teach on a Wednesday and Mrs Lunn will be teaching on a Thursday and Friday. We wish Mrs Ward all the best in her new post and want to thank her for all her hard work in Willow class this term. She will be missed.

Chestnut Class – Mrs Rowe will no longer be teaching the children on a Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Curry will now teach the children on a Thursday afternoon to allow Mrs Arrowsmith her planning and assessment time.

## PE

The children will be having PE on the following days:

**Willow** – Monday and Tuesday

**Oak** – Monday and Tuesday

**Chestnut** – Tuesday and Friday



Please can the children wear their PE kits on these days. It is important that they wear the correct school PE kit. This is a house team coloured t-shirt (with or without school logo), dark coloured tracksuit in the winter, without bright patterns or prints.

<https://www.kenton-primary.devon.sch.uk/school-office/uniform/>

## Car Parking

When dropping off and collecting the children from school, please can you ensure that you park sensibly outside of the school and along the roads to school. It is difficult for parents and children to cross roads when cars park on the corners or on yellow lines.



## Reading at Kenton

Children and staff have been enjoying the new library in Cherry room. The children can choose a book to love and a book to learn. They have a wide range of fiction to choose from. Thank you to everyone who helped move the library, logging the books, and organising the area. It is a fabulous resource.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from author Clare Helen-Walsh. She captured the children's imagination through her book 'Scissorella' at her workshops, where the children created shadow puppets. We have a range of her books in the library for the children to enjoy.



We are currently creating a reading blog for the school website. This will be a place for children and adults to share what books they have enjoyed, and for books they recommend to others. If anybody (children and parents) would like to share a book review, then please send it in to Mrs Sandercock via email or Seesaw.

### **Christmas Events**

We have a couple of Christmas events this week. Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers over their uniform on this day.

The Christmas Performance will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm in the Victory Hall. This will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The children can be collected after the performance from the hall. They will be dismissed from the back doors.



### **Consent Packs**

A big thank you to all the parents who have completed and handed in the pupil information and consent pack. Please could any outstanding packs be handed in ASAP to allow us to keep up to date records for the children.

### **Christmas Disco**

A big thank you to the KSPA for organising the Christmas Disco. The children all had a wonderful time dancing and playing games. These events could not go ahead without the KSPA volunteers.

Thank you to the parents for supporting the event as well, as the money raised goes towards supporting all the children at the school.



### **Crisp Packets**

Thank you to everyone who has brought in crisp packets to be recycled. Unfortunately we will not be recycling them anymore, so please do not bring them into school.

### **Pre-School**

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

### **New Winter/Spring Menu**

The new Winter/Spring School Dinner Menu is now available and will go out as part of this Newsletter. Please let us know if you need a printed copy by emailing us ([admin@kentonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@kentonschool.co.uk)) or popping into the office.

## **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 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Houses of Parliament. It was amazing to see the inside working areas of the Houses of Parliament and the chair where the King sits in the House of Lords. The children asked lots of questions and were great in the debating workshop. They came up with lots of great discussion points.



### **Oak Class**

In Science, Oak class have completed an egg experiment. We have placed 6 eggs into 6 different cups. We have used 3 different liquids: coca cola, vinegar and water and have placed two eggs in each liquid type. One egg is covered in toothpaste and one egg is not. We have measured the liquid and amount of toothpaste to ensure it is a fair test and have used the same cup size. We will be waiting and seeing what affect the liquid has on the eggshell, which will help us to know how the liquid affects our teeth and how toothpaste helps.





## Willow Class

The children in Willow class have been retelling the nativity story through the use of puppets and the theatre. They were able to take on different characters and show their understanding of the story. Year 1 children have been designing and making puppets as part of their design technology learning including sewing the puppets themselves.



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Performance – Victory Hall 1.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First day of Spring Term
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Swimming for all children in Oak and Chestnut Class
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Cap workshops
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	RWI/Phonics information meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Parent Forum 3.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Young Voices Concert
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	NSPCC Number Day

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Forest School Year 3
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Non-Pupil Day

### **Term Dates 2023**

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Non-Pupil Day – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
 Start of Spring Term - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
 Non-Pupil Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
 Half Term - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
 Second half of term starts – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
 Spring Term ends – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Summer Term begins - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
 Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
 Bank Holiday - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
 Half Term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
 Second half of term starts - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
 Summer Term ends - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023