

# Newsletter March 2023

It has been another incredibly busy term. Our children have taken part in lots of events and projects this months, ranging from an author visit to an exciting science assembly, from sporting events to mindfulness sessions and culminating in a very special Music and Arts project and performance at Teignmouth Community School in collaboration with other Ivy Education Trust Primary Schools.

As you know, we have had to postpone our Easter Assembly due to Mrs Lunn's absence. We are all missing her and wish her well in her recovery. And we are looking forward to sharing our special Easter Assembly with you when we return for the Summer Term.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### Pupil Absences

Please call us as soon as possible in the morning, and no later than 9 o'clock if your child is unable to attend school. You need to do this every day your child is not in school, unless you have arranged something different with your child's class teacher or the head of school. You can also email us at [admin@kentonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@kentonschool.co.uk).

Please also be reminded that we are not able to authorise holidays in term-time. Every day is important to the children's learning and attendance at school is essential.



### Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

It is important that you book your child/children into Breakfast and Afterschool Club on SchoolMoney before they attend a session. If you need to add a session on the day, please call or email the school office to check that spaces are still available.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

First day back to school

### THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Postponed Easter Assembly

### WEEK COMMENCING 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Bikeability Year 3 and Year 5

### MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY and 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Bankholidays

### FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Afternoon Street Party for pupils  
their families at school

### MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

### JUNE

Chestnut Class Residential

### FOREST SCHOOL

OAK - YEAR 2s

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### WILLOW GROUP A

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

### WILLOW GROUP B

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

## **IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS cntd.**

### **School Dinners and Trips**

To fall in line with other Ivy Education Trust Primary Schools, we are introducing new Dinner Money Arrears Guidance. The new guidance is attached to the end of this Newsletter.

We also want to thank you all for your continued support in paying for trips and extracurricular activities to enhance our children's' learning here at school. We recognise that times are hard for many families and want to reassure you that we always strive to get the best value for money for your children's trips and activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### **PE Days and Kit**

There is no change to our PE Days next term. They will remain as follows:

**Monday – Willow and Oak**

**Tuesday – All classes**

**Friday – Chestnut**

**PE Kit reminder – house colour T-shirt, black jumper, black trousers/shorts, trainers**

**Please ensure your child wears the correct kit on PE days.**

## **TERM DATES**

### **SUMMER TERM**

Summer Term begins Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Bank Holidays – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Half Term Holiday – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Second half term starts – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Summer Term ends – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Autumn Term begins Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Half Term Holiday – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Non Pupil Day – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Second half term starts – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Autumn Term ends – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## EVENTS, TRIPS AND CLASS NEWS

### Science Assembly

The whole school enjoyed our recent science assembly provided by FIZZPOP Science. It was very inspiring with all sorts of experiments taking place. There is still time to sign up to the Afterschool Club they will be providing for us after the Easter Holidays. You would need to contact them direct on 01278 448602 or [Taunton-exeter@fizzpopscience.co.uk](mailto:Taunton-exeter@fizzpopscience.co.uk) .



### CHESTNUT CLASS NEWS

**Book Sale -** Chestnut Class are busy trying to raise funds for their Residential in June. To support their efforts, they will be holding a Book Sale next term and would really appreciate it if you could bring any unwanted books to school after the Easter Holiday for them to sell. Watch this space for more information!



Children from Year 5/6 have started working with a local Kenton Artist to create a picture of Paddington to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. The children have taken inspiration from the picture below.





On Tuesday evening, a selection of pupils took part in the annual Rotary Club Primary Schools Quiz Challenge. The team were asked questions about 'Things we learn in School', 'The World' and 'Things we learn outside School'.

The children did really well and answered a lot of questions correctly against 7 other schools from the local area. A good time was had by all.



## OAK CLASS NEWS

Year 2s have enjoyed their Forest School sessions so far, despite the wet and windy weather. They collected sorrel to add to their pancakes.



This month, Oak class explored the properties of different rocks. The pupils investigated if they were hard or soft, permeable or impermeable, durable and measured the density.



### Aesthetics Festival

It was also the turn of our Year 2 children this month to take part in an Aesthetics festival that involved activities such as yoga, dance and gymnastics. The children had a wonderful time meeting pupils from our neighbouring schools. See the link below for more information and photos.

<https://www.kenton-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/KS1-Aesthetics-Festival-Write-up-1.pdf>

### Handball Festival

And some of our Year 3 and 4 children went along to a handball festival organised through the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership. The children played games of handball against other schools and had a fantastic time! See the link below for more information and photos.

<https://www.kenton-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Dawlish-Year-34-Handball-Tournament.pdf>

### WILLOW CLASS NEWS

Willow class worked with Mr Baxter, the Trust School Sports Co-ordinator (SSCO) when he visited Kenton Primary School. The children worked well together in their teams to develop their sportsmanship skills.



Children also learnt the rules to simple number games and enjoyed applying them when playing their games.



And our inquisitive children were curious about the physical and human features around the school and used Google Earth to explore. They then drew maps of the school.





## KSPA NEWS



# OPEN MARKET GARDEN

FREE ENTRY  
LIVE MUSIC  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
PIMMS, WINE & CIDER  
HOT DRINKS  
CAKE & CREAM TEAS

22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
2pm - 5pm

Refreshments served by kspa  
fundraising for the children at  
Kenton Primary School



## 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**

**Tues 16th May + Weds 17th May**

**(8.30am-9.15am + 3.15-3.45pm)**

**SAVE THE DATE – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 –Summer Social –  
details to be confirmed closer to the time**

## **DINNER MONEY ARREARS GUIDANCE**

This guidance has been produced to align Kenton Primary School with other schools in the Ivy Education Trust.

When a pupil's parent/carer has failed to keep up with dinner money payments the school may allow a meal to be provided where it is felt that this is a temporary situation. Details should be recorded in writing and maintained as a record.

Where a pupil continues to require meals and no payment is made, the matter should be referred to the Head of School and/or the Executive Headteacher, who should consider the individual circumstances of the pupil and parent.

If, in the opinion of the Head of School and/or the Executive Headteacher, failure to provide a meal could have serious consequences for that pupil, a meal should be provided and details recorded in writing and maintained as a record.

Where a pupil's parent/carer has failed to pay for the meals taken, after a MAXIMUM of 10 DAYS, the school should, in the first instance, write to, or contact the parent/carer advising them of the situation and the amount outstanding and discuss a repayment plan or termination of the service.

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