

Newsletter May 2023

What a wonderful half term we have had, and it is lovely to see the sun shining! A massive well done to all year 6 and year 2 children who have sat their SATS exams this month. All the children have worked hard with their teachers to showcase everything they have learnt!

I wish everyone a restful half term.

MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL – You have an opportunity to meet our new Head of School, Gemma Pattison on Thursday 8th June 2023. Please come along to either one of the sessions taking place at 4pm and 5:30pm. Tea, Coffee and other refreshments will be available.

Book Sale happening this term



Chestnut Class book sale will be on Monday 5th June and Wednesday 7th June. All books will be 50p.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As the weather is getting warmer the children can either wear grey school shorts or green gingham summer dresses.

Please could you ensure your child has a sunhat they can wear at playtime and while in PE lessons.

Please also ensure you have applied sun cream to your child before they come to school.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th June

SSCO PE Day

All children to be in PE kit.

Thursday 8th June

Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament (a few selected pupils only)

Year 6 Trip to the Orange Elephant

Meet our new Head of School
Sessions at 4pm and 5:30pm

Monday 12th to Friday 16th June

Chestnut Class Residential

Tuesday 20th June

Sports Day

27th June – reserve date

Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd June

Year 3/4 Camping Trip at Kenn

Wednesday 28th June

Meet the teacher

Come and meet your new class teacher for
September, 3pm or 5:30pm

Monday 3rd July

Willow Class Trip to the Donkey Sanctuary

Wednesday 12th July

Transition morning to new classes

Friday 14th July

Summer Show 5:30pm

Riding Stables at Powderham Castle

Friday 21st July

Leavers Assembly 9:15am

FOREST SCHOOL

WILLOW GROUP B

Friday 9th June

Friday 16th June

Friday 23rd June

Message from our Chair of Governors

Hi everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed the recent Bank Holiday weekends, and are back into your routines ... until the next one!

As a governing body of the three primary schools (Kenn, Kenton and Cockwood), we are always looking for new members to join us. It is a rewarding role, knowing that you are helping to shape the future of the schools, not only for your children, but for those coming up to school age.

It is a gentle on-boarding process, you won't be left to work it all out yourselves. There is a commitment to attend the board meetings (6 per year) and to be a link governor for one of the many subject areas.

We are actively looking for Parent Governors to sit on the board and application forms are available from our Local Governance Officer (clerk@cockwoodschool.co.uk).

Alternatively, if you have any questions please do ask any of the governors directly, or feel free to email me at nick.tallamy@cockwoodschool.co.uk .

Current Governors

Nick Tallamy – Chair of Governors

Judith McGrath

Glynis Buckle

Michelle Addyman

Bob Baker

Liz Price-Holden

Mark Gilchrist

Charlotte Wilkin

Carla Custons-Cole

Tracey Roberts

John Williams

Tania Weeks

Lorraine Curry – Executive Head

Nicola Rose – Local Governance Officer

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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.

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.

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.



PE Days and Kit

There is no change to our PE Days this 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 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer Term begins - Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holidays – Monday 1st May and 8th May 2023

Half Term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Back to School – Monday 5th June 2023

Summer Term ends – Friday 21st July 2023

TERM DATES 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Autumn Term begins - Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term – Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

Non Pupil Day – Monday 30th October 2023

Back to school – Tuesday 31st October 2023

Autumn Term ends – Friday 15th December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term begins - Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Non-Pupil Day – Friday 9th February 2024

Half-Term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Back to school – Monday 19th February 2024

Spring Term ends – Thursday 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer Term begins – Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term – Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Back to school – Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer Term ends – Friday 19th July 2024

EVENTS, TRIPS AND CLASS NEWS

Please like and follow our new Facebook page. It will be updated regularly with exciting things happening at school.

<https://www.facebook.com/kentonprimaryschool/>

Willow Class

In Willow's PSHE lesson, they practiced what they would do in an emergency. The children each phoned 999 and learnt to ask for the ambulance service because their patient was not breathing! Willow learnt to clearly say their address and also tell the caller if they are with a responsive adult. Well done Willow for being super sensible!



Oak Class

Last week, Oak class took part in a reconstruction relay and had to pretend they were entering Tutankhamun's tomb for the very first time, just like Howard Carter. The children had to go into the 'tomb' and had 10 seconds to look at what they found inside and then had to go back out and draw what they saw. The next person in their team then looked and added to their pictures. As a team, the children then recreated the 4 pictures they found in the tomb. The pictures Oak looked at were taken from the British Museum. The children then talked about what they knew about the items and took some guesses on what they might be. Then they found out they were Tutankhamun's death mask, deconstructed chariots, game of senet and an Egyptian bed and then found out some information about each item. Keep up the great work Oak!



Chestnut Class

Leading up to our Coronation Party, Chestnut have been creating Union Jack bunting and flags to celebrate. Keep up the amazing work Chestnut class!



Well done Year 6! With SATS finished, the year 6 children received their 2023 Leavers Hoodies and they all look amazing. You've all worked so hard so a huge well done from all the staff.



KSPA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 14th June 2023 –KSPA Summer Social – details to be confirmed closer to the time

Other NEWS

From time to time we are asked to advertise local clubs through school. We will include these in our Newsletter if appropriate.

NEW JUDO AGE 4 - 15 NEW
SELF DEFENCE - CONFIDENCE - EXERCISE
COORDINATION - DISCIPLINE AND
GREAT FUN TOO!



DEVON JUDO CENTRES

NEW JUDO CLASS
Starts Saturday 10th June
Westbank Community Centre
Message ALEX THOMAS 3rd Dan
on 07792534189 for more info and
to book your FREE session

www.devonjudocentres.co.uk