

Kenley Weekly News 16 September 2022

Welcome New Reception

This week, we have welcomed all of the new Reception pupils into school. It has been a pleasure to meet the children and their families. We are so proud of how well they have settled into life at Kenley and look forward to getting to know both the children and parents/carers over the coming years.

Communication

Following on from the parent survey carried out in the summer term, we are considering the most effective means of communication. At present, we use the website for key events and dates, menus, clubs, policies, term dates and class letters. We also use Class Dojo for specific reminders pertinent to individual classes such as PE days and the school newsletter for diary dates, celebrations of events and weekly news.

Over the last few years, we have followed up on all of this information with reminders by text in order to ensure children and families do not miss out. However, many of you have commented that there are too many texts being sent and that these do not contain sufficient information. We are limited to the number of characters we can use in a text and are also conscious of sending constant streams of texts to families.

We are therefore, this year, going to focus on three main streams of communication which will be newsletters, our school website and Class Dojo. We will continue to celebrate events on social media but will limit the number of texts sent to parents each week.

It is therefore vital that all parents check the newsletter weekly and the school website on a regular basis. Letters regarding parents' evenings, trips or special events which require written permission will continue to be sent by letter.

Introduction to the New School Year

Our Introduction to the New School Year event will be held on Tuesday 27th September at 6.30pm. This will be a chance to hear about our key priorities as a school, including recent changes that have been made to the curriculum, as well as meeting the class teachers who will discuss learning and expectations for the coming year.

During this evening, we will also be speaking to the Year 6 parents about transition to secondary school and the application process for Year 7.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 30th September, we will be hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall from 9.00 am—10.30 am. Please bring in any donations of home made or pre-packaged cakes into the school hall on Thursday 29th September or Friday morning at the latest. We would welcome any volunteers. If you are able to help on the morning, please contact Miss Colliety or email the school office.







Dates for your Diary

26th September Y4 Orienteering at Lloyd Park

29th September School Photographs

30th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

4th October Y1 & Y2, Y3 & Y4 Cross Country at Lloyd Park

10th October11th OctoberY2 trip to Kenley Airfield

14th October Sponsored Walk

18th October Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Check

20th October KS1 & KS2 Spooky Disco

21st October Harvest Assembly

8th November Open Day for prospective parents

10th NovemberParents' Evening Meeting14th NovemberOdd Socks Day / Book Fair15th NovemberParents' Evening Meeting

18th November TT Rockstars Day

9th December Reception & Y1 Christmas play followed by Y2 Nativity

Morning Routine

Please ensure your child is in school by 8.45am so that they are in class and ready for registration at 8.55am.

We start morning lessons promptly after registration, so children who are regularly late miss key learning opportunities which will affect their progress. Any child who is late must go to the school office to sign in.

School Uniform

The children have all come back to school looking extremely smart. However, can I please remind parents that trainers should only be worn on PE days and that long hair should be tied back.

Please also ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

Label It

School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Thursday 29th September. All children should come to school in their uniform. If they have PE on that day, they should bring in their PE kit and they will change after the photos have been taken.



Fireworks

We are currently organising the Kenley School Fireworks event, which will be held on Friday 4th November. We are still looking for volunteers to help in the organisation of the event and during the event itself. If you are able to help. please contact the school office.

