



Kenley Weekly News

6 January 2023

Welcome Back

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year. I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The children have come back with a really positive attitude and behaviour for learning and it has been a pleasure welcoming them all on their return.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term and we already have several activities booked in, so please ensure you keep an eye on the dates and newsletters.

Parents' Evenings will be held in March and the date will be confirmed shortly. Year 6 will receive secondary school offers on 1st March and these will be received through your online account, usually available after 5.00 pm on the day.

If you have a sibling who is due to start reception in September, please ensure you complete the online application **before 15th January**. This form must be completed, even if you have a sibling currently at the school.

Attendance

We understand that there has been an increase in winter viruses over the past few weeks. Prior to the school holidays, we had a number of children absent with high temperatures, colds and sickness bugs. However, as we move into the new term, can we please remind you of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Whilst it is important that any child who is ill has the chance to recover at home, it is normal for children to have a runny nose or a minor cough at this time year. We educate children to adhere to the principals of "Catch it. Kill it. Bin it" and would encourage you to send your child in with a small packet of tissues if they have a cold. However, if your child is too unwell to attend school, please notify the school office by 9.00 am on each day of absence, letting us know the full reason for absence.

Requests for leave during term (which must be requested using the form available from the school office) will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and where previous attendance has been good. Our expectation for all pupils is that attendance is above 96%. This ensures the continuity of their education and them being able to make the best progress, which will support their future achievements. Children are expected to be in the classroom, ready to learn by 8.55 am. Therefore, children should be on the school site when the bell is rung at 8.45 am. Children arriving late must come to the school office to sign in.

Dates for your Diary

16th January	Netball match home game
17th January	Y6 Junior Citizens Morning in Croydon
1st February	Year 6 Dental Program, further details to follow
2nd February	Netball Match home game
10th February	End of half term (finish at usual time)
2nd March	World Book Day
16 March	Netball League Finals
31st March	End of term (finish at usual time)
17th April	School closed for Inset Day
18th April	Pupils return to school

The Healthy Street School Scheme will be live on 23rd January. This means that you will not be able to drive along New Barn Lane and part of Mosslea Road from 8.00—9.30 am and 2.00—4.00 pm. Advanced warning signs are currently being installed on approach and at junctions informing motorists of the closure times. Please see letter on our school website for full details.

Y5 & Y6 Activities Week will take place during the Summer Term, after SATs. A letter has been sent home today with all of the information. A copy of the letter can also be found on our school website.

Attendance for this week

Reception	91.7%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	94.9%
Total	94.3%

