



# Kenley Weekly News

## 23 April 2021



Welcome back to the summer term. It is great to see all of the children return, looking refreshed and ready to learn. We have been blessed with lovely weather this week and have been able to make the most out of our outside space.

Due to the easing of restrictions we are now able to recommence our extra-curricular programme, which has already seen netball, tennis, iRock and football start this week. It has been great seeing the children engage in activities outside of the curriculum.

The Summer term programme is usually really full with events and activities for the whole school community. As we slowly move out of lockdown we hope that we are able to put some events on the calendar for later this term, I will update parents as and when events are able to take place.

I am really grateful for all of your continued support with regard to the current restrictions. We can now make some adjustments to our risk assessment and are able to allow pupils to be picked up by other parents. However, in order to ensure the safeguarding of pupils we will need to know in writing in advance if your child is to be picked up by another parent. Please send this via the school office.

I am really looking forward to a busy and productive term.

### Consultation with TCT

The consultation for the proposal to become part of The Collegiate Trust closed on Monday.

Many thanks to all of those who completed the questionnaire. All of the responses will now be sent to Governors so that they can make a final decision during our next Full Governing Board meeting.

### Attendance

Most children's attendance since the return to school has been 100%. It is of paramount importance that all children attend regularly at this time when we are continuing to work really hard with their learning and prepare them for the next stage of their educational journey. We are unable to authorise any holidays during term-time and appreciate all medical appointments being made, where possible, out of school hours. We appreciate your support with this.

### Retirement

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the retirement of our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Helen Ovenden, at the end of this academic year. Mrs Ovenden started at Kenley in 2001 and, having made the transition from a secondary school science teacher to a primary teacher, has worked across all of Key Stage 2 during her time at Kenley. Having been promoted to Deputy Headteacher in 2017, during the last 4 years Mrs Ovenden has been an invaluable member of the SLT, leading on many aspects of school improvement as well as being a great support to pupils, families, staff and especially myself. We will all really miss her and will ensure that her last term with us is particularly memorable.