

Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 8th March 2019



World Book Day 2019

Yesterday, the children and staff celebrated World Book Day. The theme this year was Share a Story. The children all enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies and sharing their favourite stories with each other. If you visit our website, you'll be able to download some ideas to help you share stories with your children and view some more photos. <https://goo.gl/Hvb2V8>



Improved Punctuality

Thank you for your efforts to improve the children's punctuality since we started locking the gates early. There has been a marked decline in the number of children who are coming late into the classroom in a morning. This is great news and allows the children to get settled quickly into their learning. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations!



Miss McClean in Oak Class would like me to announce that she is expecting her first bundle of joy in the summer. We would like to wish her and her partner all the very best. Exciting times ahead for them both!

Although its difficult, please try and make medical appointments for your child towards the end of the school day or after 3pm.

Online Safety

There has been much publicity on social media and in the main stream media surrounding children being exposed to scary images online. Thankfully these have been hoaxes and there has been no evidence to suggest any children have been harmed if they have seen these images of scary puppets. It is however important that you keep your children safe online. At the bottom of the newsletter is a leaflet showing parents how to set up devices safely for their children. We hope you find it useful.

When leaving a message on the school answer machine, please state the reason for absence. If it is an illness, please state what is wrong with your child. Thank you.

CYPAD Launch

You should have received a letter via email or Parent App regarding the launch of our new school meal ordering system. Hopefully this new local authority initiative will help alleviate the problem of some children not getting what they ordered for lunch. It will work in conjunction with ParentPay so if you haven't signed up yet, please do so.



Governor Vacancy



We have a vacancy on the governing body for a co-opted governor at the moment. If you are interested in becoming a school governor and can commit to at least 2-3 hours of meeting time each term, please contact the office for more details.

Early Drop Offs

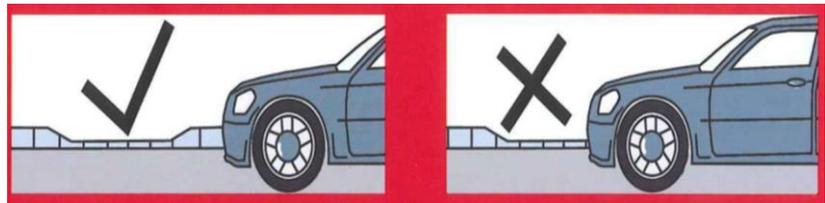
Please do not drop off your child to wait in the playground too early in a morning. We are responsible for them 10 minutes before the bell at 8:45am which is why we open the doors at 8:35am. Some children are appearing in the playground as early as 8:15am and without any adult supervision. If you do need to drop off early, we do run a Breakfast Club at a very competitive price. Please contact the office for more information.

Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Zaynab M/ Inaayah G
 Cherry: Livi Z/ Safiyaa B
 Willow: Sulayman T/Rhys R/Hibbaab A
 Beech: Muhammad Ismail P/Yusuf I
 Y3: Tyler B/Evie P
 Y4: Hibah V/Muhammad Q
 Y5: Tyreeq F/All of Y5
 Y6: Zaid P/Muhammad R H

Considerate Parking

I was contacted by a local resident this week about parking across driveways. Please avoid doing this as parking across a dropped kerb is not only illegal but also causes an obstruction when people are expecting deliveries to their properties. PCSO Jon Suel will be making spot checks over the next few weeks and has said that he will be issuing parking tickets to anyone who breaks the law.



Attendance

Target: 96%

Last Week: **95.3%**

This week: **96.2%**

KS1 Best: Willow

KS2 Best: Year 6

Breakfast Club

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding your children, those of you who use the Breakfast Club in a morning will now be required to sign in your child. This is so we know that the child is on the premises. Some parents are dropping off at the gates for the children to make their own way in. You will now be required to bring them to the door and sign them in.

Parent App



We now have 133 active users on our Parent App. Thank you if you have downloaded and registered already. If you haven't please do try and do so as we would like it to be our main way of communicating with you. As long as at least one parent has registered and got the app that will be fine.

Sports News



Miss O'Brien took a team of gymnasts to the Under 9s Gymnastic competition at The City of Preston Gymnastic Club last week. The competition involves floor work and vault and one in which the children are expected to perform to a high standard. Although we did not come in the top 3, a special mention goes to Jack G who came 10th overall in the Boys competition out of around 40 boys. Well done to Jack, Assane, Hafsa, Yasmin and Aleena.

Miss McClean and Miss O'Brien took a team of swimmers to the schools swimming gala on Monday. The children competed in a number of races swimming different strokes. Well done to Abigail, Obaid, Muhammed P, Leanna, Zaid, Charlee and Hannah.

Dates For Diary

- Monday 11th March: Parents meeting for children going to Borwick Hall 3.15pm.
- Tuesday 12th March: PTA sponsored Pancake Toss.
- Thursday 14th March: Choir at Sing Together concert.
- Monday 18th March: CYPAD goe live.
- Tuesday 19th – Wednesday 20th March: Y3/4 Borwick Hall
- Monday 25th March: Tempest Photographer in school – class photographs.
- Wednesday 27th March: Learning Pit Day
- Friday 29th March: Non-uniform day for donations of Easter Eggs.

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| | Oak Family assembly for parents of children in Oak class. |
| Tuesday 2nd April: | PTA Easter Bingo 6pm. |
| Thursday 4th April: | Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm |
| Friday 5th April: | School closes for Easter at 3pm |
| Tuesday 23rd April: | School opens for the Summer term. |

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE

SETTINGS →
TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING
→ TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER (IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE

(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES
ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)

ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES
DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE ← PARENTAL
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE
AND OTHER DEVICES.

SAFARI

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE
FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS

(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS
→ SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING ← ACCESSIBILITY
→ GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

