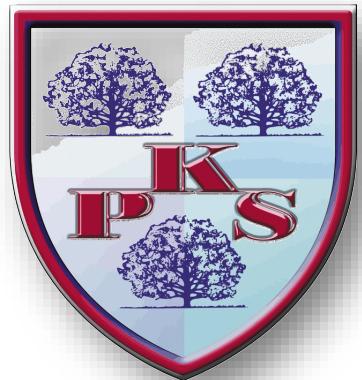


Kennington Primary School

Newsletter

7th September 2018



Welcome Back!

As ever, the Summer flew by and we find ourselves at the start of another new school year. Our new Reception Class are settling in well to their routines as are all the children in both KS1 and KS2. We have lots of new pupils around the school and in fact there is only one spare place available with quite a long waiting list for places in other year groups.

On the baby front, Mrs Harrison gave birth to baby Jake in August and we wish the family well. Mrs Harris will be starting her maternity leave after today and we wish her well as we await the arrival of Harris Junior.

I would like to welcome Miss McClean who will be the class teacher in Reception alongside Mrs Richardson and also Miss O'Brien who will be the class teacher in Beech class.

It always gives me a great sense of pride as I welcome children and parents back after the summer break especially this year when I think about all the fantastic achievements we have had so far and all the great things we have planned for the future.

Remember, if you have any concerns, speak to your child's class teacher first as they will know your child best.

Here's to another great year!

School Improvements

Over the summer, we have had many improvements made to the school environment. We now have a new and improved library which has been fully refurbished and is already in use. The KS2 cloakrooms and toilets have been rejuvenated and the offices have been decorated.

If you have a child in KS1 you will have noticed that the KS1 playground has been resurfaced, hopefully cutting down on the mount of grit and stones that get into cuts and grazes when children fall. There are more playground improvements on the way for both KS1 and KS2.

Medical Tracker

We now have a new system in place for recording accidents and injuries to children. This is called Medical Tracker and is an online system. The main difference you will see as a parent is you will no longer receive paper notifications that your child has had an injury. You will now receive an email notification. This is why it is important that we have up to date contact details for you. Please see below.

Contact Information

Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact details for you and anyone else you would like us to contact about your child or children. We need your most used telephone number, address and an email as many of our communications are online. You can update your details yourself via the Parent Portal or by contacting the office directly.

Communications

We have many ways that you can stay up to date with everything that goes on at school. Most of our communications are done electronically via the internet. These include:

Twitter: @KenningtonCPS

Facebook:@kenningtonprimaryfulwood

Remind messaging app: code Kenn100

School Website: www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk

School newsletter sent via email

School Uniform

The children all look very smart in their school uniform on their return. Please remember we are in Autumn/Winter uniform at this time. Details of our school uniform are on the website. If children do come to school in clothing that is not part of our school uniform policy, they will be given a note outlining which item is incorrect and there will be an expectation that it is corrected as soon as possible. This applies to jewellery also including earrings for both girls and boys and extreme haircuts. Indoor PE kit consists of plain, white t-shirt, navy shorts and slip-on pumps. Tracksuit bottoms should not be worn indoors. Outdoor PE kit is the same, however as the KS2 children go outside in colder weather, tracksuit bottoms can be worn by the juniors in the winter months.

Thank you for your positive response to the notification about rucksacks sent out before the Summer Holidays. Since not allowing large bags, our cloakrooms have much more room in them with hardly any belongings ending up on the floor. Book bags are on order and extra ones should arrive at the office in the next couple of weeks.

Sporting Inspiration

I was told a wonderfully inspiring story by a Mrs Alam, one of our parents this week and I would like to share it with you all.

Just before the Easter break this year, the children had a Fun Run at school. Faheem came home and said,

"Mum, I would like you to run with me."

I smiled with surprise at his sweet suggestion but didn't think I would actually be running.
"OK, I'll run with you." I replied.

On the day, I sat and watched as each year did their lap on the muddy school field. As I watched each class run, I began to feel a sense of eagerness to run. By the time it was Faheem's class' turn to run, I was filled with compounded excitement to run! I wondered where this feeling came from. I remembered that the last time I ran was when I myself was in Year 6! Now here I was, running again with my son now in Year 6!
I hardly walked, let alone run.

So I ran 3 laps and I loved it! I enjoyed it so much that when the news of the Preston 10K run showed up on my feed, I booked straight away. The run takes place on the 30th September. Not long left!

I have been training since, and I have been enjoying it. I have also made so many friends and this journey has changed my life in more ways than one.

Also I have booked a half marathon on 6th January which is with St Mary's Catholic School.

All the excitement aside, I thank my dear son Faheem, who has opened up this opportunity for me with his one little suggestion,

"Mum, I would like you to run with me."

Thank you Faheem! You are my motivation.

Here is the article about why I took up running:

<https://northernrunningguide.com/news/breaking-down-cultural-barriers-one-10k-at-a-time>



I am sure you'll agree that this is a marvellous story of how a charity event can inspire someone to challenge themselves even more. Well done Mrs Alam.

Late Pick-Ups

If you are going to be late picking up your child after school, please could you ring ahead and let us know. When arriving to pick up after 3:05pm please use the main entrance. Your child will be in their classroom awaiting your arrival. Please remember to sign them out as well.

Parking

I was contacted by Councillor Freddie Bailey, councillor for this ward, regarding the situation with parking around school. The concerns have been brought to his attention by the local residents. I did outline the strategies we have tried to put in place over the last few years but did highlight the fact that I as head teacher have very little power when it comes to the roads outside school. I did say that all I could do was keep reminding parents to be considerate and safe when using vehicles around school. I did ask him if he as a local councillor if he had any ideas about alleviating the problems before there is a serious accident or even a fatality. He is yet to respond. The photograph below was taken today and is an example of dangerous parking. Please be considerate when parking.



Admissions 2019

Do you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2019 and live in Lancashire?

Applications are now open.

Please use the link below to apply for a primary or secondary school place:

www.lancashire.gov.uk

When will you find out:

School places for September 2019 admissions will be announced for secondary schools on **1 March 2019.**

School places for September 2019 admissions will be announced for primary schools on **16 April 2019.**

Parent Pay

Parent Pay is now live! Thank you to those parents who have already activated their accounts. If you haven't yet activated your account please do so as soon as possible. The cost of school dinners increased to £2.30 on 1st September as advised in previous newsletters.

Dates For Diary

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| Mon 17th Sept: | Tempest photographer in school. |
| Mon 24th Sept: | Bright Sparks Science Day Y4 (in school) |
| Fri 28th Sept: | Kennington 'Bake Off' to raise funds for MacMillan. |
| Tues 2nd Oct: | Cherry class visit to Pets at Home. More details to follow. |
| Weds 3rd Oct: | Y6 parents information evening 3pm. More info on Y6 class newsletter. |
| Thurs 18th Oct: | Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm. |
| Fri 19th Oct: | School closes for half term 3pm. |
| Mon 29th Oct: | School re-opens. |