

# Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019



## Parent App is Here!

Our new parent app has now launched! You should have received a communication via email or text with details of how to download the app and register with it. Please do try and download it as it will be our main way of communicating with you. We have sent out 362 invites to parents. So far, 85 parents have registered with 277 still to do so. Hopefully, we can have the app on everyone's phone by Easter.



## Word Millionaire Club



We have our first two children who have read over one million words since September as part of our Accelerated Reader Program. Well done to **Hannah Wadiwala** and **Rayaan Ahmed**. Hopefully we

will have more word millionaires very soon!

## 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.

**Try and read once a day over the half term break everyone!**

## Safer Internet Day

Last week the children took part in activities as part of Safer Internet Day. The focus of the activities was 'Consent'. The children learned a lot about the issue of consent online at age appropriate levels and all wrote pledges about how they can stay safe online. Thank you to Miss Clarke for organising the activities.



**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.**

## Contact Details

We have had some real challenges recently in trying to contact parents via the telephone. Issues such as not having an up to date number, not answering calls, not having both parents or relatives number etc. Please can you make sure we have correct contact details. Thank you

## Uniform

Please do not send your daughters into school wearing both dresses AND trousers. It should be one or the other for Winter uniform. Also, a number of girls have been coming to school in boots. Boots of any kind are also not part of the school uniform.

## Attendance Policy Change

In a bid to improve the punctuality of the children in a morning, the governors have agreed to move forward the time we lock the gates and a child is marked down as 'Late'. We open our doors at 8:35am. This has been appreciated by parents for several reasons and this arrangement will continue. Our official start time is **8:45am**. ALL children should be through the door by this time. The doors and gates will be locked at **8:50am**. This is when children will have to use the main entrance and sign in as 'Late'. The large driveway gate on Beechway will remain locked for safeguarding reasons. We will start the new timings the second week back after half term to give people chance to get use to the new arrangements. Please try and be punctual.

### Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Zara Z/Abu-Bakr I  
 Cherry: Safiyaa B/Callum E  
 Willow: Ameera D/ Hamzah B/Maryam P/Brendon K  
 Beech: Isa A/ Amelia F  
 Y3: Muhummed H/Amaan A  
 Y4: Hafsah A/Mustafa A  
 Y5: Rayaan M/Darci F/Adam B  
 Y6: Charlee G/All Y6/Fatimah A

### Attendance

The children's attendance has dropped dramatically over the last few weeks. There have been a lot of families taking term time holidays and many children absent with illness. Some of you will receive letters about attendance today reminding about the importance of regularly attending school. Please do not be offended if you receive one of these letters. As a head teacher, I am expected to monitor attendance on a regular basis and intervene if it looks as if attendance is falling. This is an expectation of OFSTED and one which I would be questioned about. Hopefully the break will help everyone to recover from their illnesses.

## Attendance

Target: 96%	Last Week: <b>94.1%</b>	This week: <b>93.2%</b>	KS1 Best: Willow	KS2 Best: Year 6
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# Road Safety

Thank you for your patience and cooperation last week whilst the roadworks took place on Watling Street Road. Although the first day was chaos, the next two days were a lot calmer due to people parking further away and walking. We now have new signs on the corners of certain roads to try and stop people causing obstructions when parking there. One school in Lancashire has recently taken drastic action about parking on the zig-zags by staging this photograph. It certainly conveys a powerful message. Thank you to Mrs Chamberlain for sending it in.



## Sports News

The Tag Rugby team were in action last week at the Tag Tournament. They managed to get to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Final but were beaten by a strong Queen's Drive side. Well done to Tyreeq, Muhammed, Xander, Adnaan, Darci, Abigail, Charlee, Georgia and Hazik.



Mrs Nuttall took a group to Ashton High School to take part in a Change4Life event on Wednesday where the children took part in Clubbercise and Aikido. Well done to Solomon, Katie, Rowan, Oliver, Amina, Muneeb, Nicole and Aaleyah.

Finally, Mr Pritchard took a team of athletes to the U9 mini skills event at Corpus on Thursday. They competed in several activities and had a great time coming 15<sup>th</sup> out of 23. Well done Xander, Jack, Hawaa, Khadijah, Luke and Aleena.



## Dates For Diary

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February: School closes for half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February: School re-opens.

SEN drop in from 1pm with Mrs Richardson.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Cherry class visit to Sharoe Green library.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March : World Book Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Tempest Photographer in school – class photographs.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Oak Family assembly for parents of children in Oak class.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: School closes for Easter at 3pm**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: School opens for the Summer term.**