

# Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018



## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

It doesn't seem like two minutes since I was welcoming everyone back in September. It has been a packed term in which we have seen our new Reception class settle in really well. They have started to develop their confidence and also good learning habits. The rest of the school have made a very promising start as well. I am particularly pleased with how the children have taken to our new Accelerated Reader program in KS2. This has helped them to really develop their reading skills. Our Christmas celebrations have gone well. The Infant children put on two fantastic performances entitled The Inn-spectors and Oak Class performed songs and had a lovely Family Christmas Activities afternoon. Santa himself made a visit and all the children in KS1 received a book courtesy of the PTA.

The Parental Survey produced some quite pleasing results with 91.2% of parents being overall happy with their child's experience at Kennington. Hopefully we can address some of the issues that were raised later in the new year. In this time of uncertainty, political wrangling and general polarisation that the topic of Brexit has caused over the last two years (and with more to come it would seem) it is heartening to see that as a school community we can come together and support our children through events such as the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Shows.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period and we will see everyone again in the new year.

### Mrs Halsall

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Halsall who works in the office. She has secured herself a new role at St Catherine's Primary School in Leyland. She has been a real asset over the two years she has been with us and I know you have got to know her well. We would like to wish her all the best for the future and I am sure she will become as valuable to St Catherine's as she has been to us. Thankfully we have been able to recruit a new member of staff for the office. Mrs Royle will be taking up her new position in January.

### Team Point Winners

**Congratulations to Sapphires for winning the Team Point Competition this term. As a reward, they were allowed to come to school in their own clothes today. Well done!**

**The deadline for September Primary School Admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January. You still need to apply even if a brother or sister is already in school.**

### School Uniform

A quick reminder about uniform as many of you will no doubt be replacing worn out clothes in the new year. Please avoid buying trainer style shoes. The supermarkets don't help as they are pushing these types of shoes rather than traditional school shoes. When we return, we will still be wearing Winter Uniform.

### Parking Around School

I have now received two emails from Councillor Freddie Bailey (College Ward) on behalf of the local residents. His emails have been concerned with the parking around school especially at around 3pm. In his message he mentions about the unsafe way parents are parking on corners and even moving the yellow signs so they can park their cars. In order for him to see the challenges we face, I have invited him down to school so he can witness first hand some of the dangerous parking that goes on. I will also be purchasing some more road signs and banners to put up on the railings to remind parents about parking safely and courteously. Parking a little further away and walking for a few minutes would go a long way in helping to alleviate the problem.

## The Choir at Fairmont Care Home

Miss Hartley took her choir to sing at Fairmont Care Home on Tuesday to sing for the elderly residents. Although only 11 children went, Ms Hartley said that they really raised the roof and had the residents joining in with them. They were a real credit to the school. Thank you Miss Hartley and Mrs Billington for taking the children.



## Clubs

There will be no clubs in the first week back. New clubs will be organised and letters will go out.

## New Parent App

As a result of feedback from the Parental Survey, we will be launching our new communication platform, Parent App, in the new year. The app, which can be downloaded to mobile devices will be our main form of communication for letters, notices, calendar etc. It will use push notification technology to get messages to you. We promise not to bombard parents with messages day and night though! We will have the app for a three month trial period and in that time we are hoping to get as many parents on board as possible. Information about the app can be found at <https://parentapps.co.uk/school-apps/> IT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD YET! So please don't try. We will let you know as soon as it becomes available on the App Store and Google Play. Hopefully this 'One Stop Shop' approach should solve some of the communication problems a few of you have raised.



### Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Musa Touray  
 Cherry: Zayan Fagan  
 Willow: Evie Finch  
 Beech: Alfie Lynch  
 Y3: Eshal Ali  
 Y4: Isaac Brame  
 Y5: Adam Bagas  
 Y6: Josef Al Wisabi

### Parent Pay

After Christmas we will no longer be accepting cash payments in school. Payments for school meals, trips etc will need to be paid via your ParentPay account. If you have yet to activate your account or cannot access the internet please contact the school office.

## Attendance

Target: **96%**

Last Week: **94.5%**

This week: **96.3%**

KS1 Best **Cherry**

KS2 Best **Y5**



### Sports Desk

Congratulations to our Tag Rugby team who finished top of the Division 3 League table this year. Although they were level on points with St Maria Goretti at the end of the season, their superior points difference meant they finished as champions and secured our first sports trophy in four years. Well done to Tyreeq, Oskar, Hazik, Muhammed P, Adnaan, Xander, Summer, Darci, Charlee, Georgia and Abigail.

### Dates For Diary

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January: School Reopens for the Spring Term

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Oak trip to Liverpool

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