



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Autumn Term Newsletter 17th October 2014

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

From Monday 20th October we are changing the way that pupils enter school in the mornings. Children will no longer be required to line up in the school playground.

Instead, the doors will be open at 8.45am and pupils will be able to enter their classrooms. There will be a member of staff at each entrance to meet them. Please note only children will be allowed into the school building. If you have a message for the teacher, please ensure that you write a note to be handed to the member of staff at the entrance to be passed on to the relevant class teacher.

- **Reception, Years 1 & 2 and 3H are to enter via the KS1 doors of the Main Building.**
- **3G and Year 4 are to enter via the Annex Hall doors.**
- **Years 5 & 6 are to enter through the Years 5 & 6 doors of the Annex Building.**

We hope that this will be a calmer start to the school day, and will alleviate worries for parents who have children lining up in different places.

As usual the doors will be locked at 8.55am and any late children will need to enter school through the school office.

If you need to speak directly with your child's class teacher, please approach them at the end of the day or ideally during their fortnightly Parent Drop In session.

Parent Drop In Sessions

Teachers will hold Parent Drop In sessions from 3:15pm-4:00pm on the days specified below:

6W - Tuesday 21st October
5M - Monday 20th October
4G - Tuesday 21st October
3C - Tuesday 21st October
2G - Thursday 23rd October
1R - Tuesday 21st October

Reception Drop In sessions will be starting after half term.

Meetings with the 6R, 5N, 4S, 3H, 2F, 1B class teachers will also resume after half term.

DATES TO REMEMBER

24th October 2014: Year 4 trip to British Museum
27th October 2014: Half term begins
27th - 31st October 2014: Half-term holiday activities
3rd November 2014: Inset day
4th November 2014: Children return to school / Reception classes Library visit
7th November 2014: School photographs
10th November 2014: Y5 Planetarium trip

Whatever the Weather

Please make sure children come to school with a warm and waterproof coat. The weather has become awfully unpredictable of late!



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PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up for Parentmail at the Main School Office and check Parentmail regularly.

Harvest Festival - Aveley Methodist Church

Sunday 19th October 2014, Aveley Methodist Church will be holding their Harvest Festival Service from 11:00am-12:00pm, followed by an informal gathering with tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. They would like to invite all families to attend.

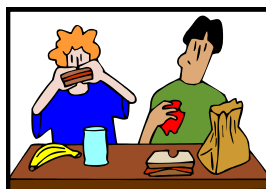
The church is collecting food, toiletries, washing powder, clothing and bedding for The Whitechapel Mission and would be very grateful for any donations.

Headteacher's Awards

This week our focus was
'Perseverance'
Well done to...

Mario 1B
Jack 1R
Olivia 2F
Amy 2G
Harvey 4G
Zak 4S
Benjamin 5M
Laina 5N
Tommy 6R
Elise 6W

Summer - Music
Oliver - PE



School Trips - Packed Lunches

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and will require a packed lunch to be provided by the school on the day of a trip, please inform the school office as soon as possible upon being notified of the trip date.

Food is ordered by the kitchen staff up to a week in advance, so it is important we have as much notice as possible!

October Half-Term Holiday Activities 2014

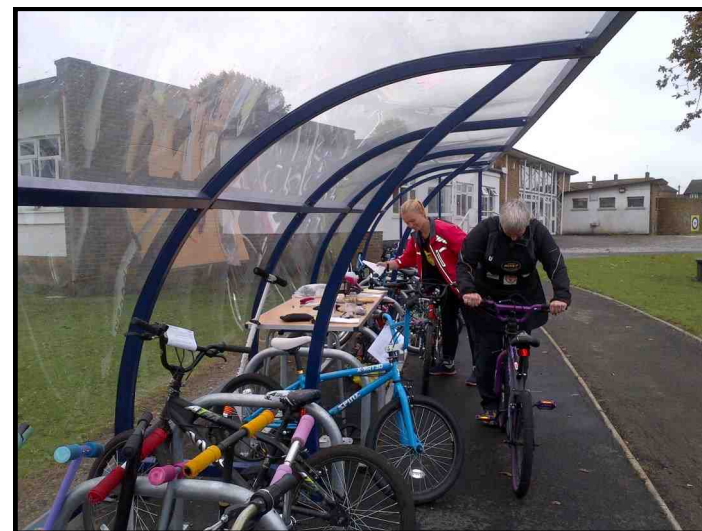
A reminder that we will be running holiday activities for children for the half-term week 27th - 31st October 2014. If you have not yet received a form, please visit our school website to download a copy:

www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/October-Holiday-Activities-Programme-2014

Please return completed booking forms and payment to the school office by **22nd October**. Children are welcome to attend from other schools if you have any siblings or friends you would like to invite!

Dr Bike/Bike Security Day

Thank you to all those who participated in our Dr Bike/Bike Security day. It was fantastic to see so many bikes brought in for maintenance checking and security marking. We will be looking to run another session in collaboration with Sustrans and Essex Police early in 2015!



Fostering in Thurrock

Information sessions for those considering becoming foster carers are being held on Monday 10th October (Linford Village Hall), Friday 7th November (7th Day Adventist Church) and Wednesday 3rd December (Cowdray Hall) by Thurrock Council. Parents are invited to check the www.thurrock.gov.uk/fostering website for details or alternatively to call 0800 652 1256.

The Health Spot - Getting your 5 a day

Some tips from change4life to help you and your family get your 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day:

- Shop for in-season fruits and vegetables (these should be cheaper from local farm shops and big supermarkets!)
- Canned fruit and veg will also contribute to your 5 a day, provided the fruit is preserved in it's own juices rather than sugar water, and will not go off as fast as fresh produce.
- Frozen vegetables will also last longer than fresh veg (so may be a better option if you do the weekly shop in bulk!) and can be healthier than fresh vegetables if they have been frozen immediately after harvesting.
- Carrot and celery sticks, as well as bags of grapes, bananas e.t.c make for healthy alternatives to chocolate and crisps.
- Remember, a handful = 1 portion!

The www.nhs.uk/change4life/ website has lots of tips and ideas for healthy eating for the whole family.

Tour of Britain Bike It Race Challenge Complete!

Well done to everyone who participated by walking, cycling or scooting into school over the past two weeks. We will report our total accumulated miles in next week's newsletter!

INSET DAY

Please don't forget our school inset day on Monday 3rd November after half term!

Speaking With Class Teachers

Parents are reminded that class teachers are not available to speak with parents during Breakfast Club. Teachers use their time in the morning to make their final arrangements for lessons.

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher please approach them after school, or ideally during their fortnightly Parent Drop In sessions.

Road Safety - AUTUMN Poetry Competition

The deadline for the acrostic AUTUMN poetry Competition has been extended to 3rd November 2014. Please submit all entries to the main school office.

High House Production Park Big Draw 27th October 2014

Monday 27th October 2014 (10:30am-4:00pm) High House Production Park will be hosting a free fun day of drawing. Visitors will be encouraged to draw their favourite parts of the park and then see how a scenic artist turns a small drawing into a huge backcloth or how those drawings might also be transferred on to silk through the batik process.