



# Kenningtons Primary Academy



Autumn Term Newsletter 8th September 2017

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## Dates to Remember

**Monday 11th September 2017** - After-school clubs go live on ParentMail

**Monday 18th September 2017** - Afterschool clubs and squads begin

**Friday 22nd September 2017** - Jeans for Genes non-uniform day (£1 donation Genetic Disorders UK)

**Friday 22nd September 2017** - Year 1 Great Fire of London Day

**Friday 6th October 2017** - Year 6 Muslim Faith RE Visitor (in-school event)

**Friday 6th October 2017** - Year 5/6 Football Tournament @St Cleres

**Monday 16th October 2017** - Year 3 Diwali RE Workshop and whole school assembly

**Tuesday 17th October 2017** - Reception visit to Aveley Library

**Wednesday 18th October 2017** - Kenningtons Showcase Event

**6th November 2017** - Individual and Sibling School Photograph Day

## Parent Drop In Sessions

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

**1B - Monday 11th September**

**2MA / 2M - Tuesday 12th September**

**3S - Tuesday 12th September**

**4OC - Tuesday 12th September**

**5W - Tuesday 12th September**

**6N - Thursday 14th September**

Please check next week's newsletter for details of Parent Drop Ins in the week commencing 18th September 2017. Reception Drop Ins will begin week commencing 18th September 2017.

## Modeshift Stars

We are delighted to announce we have achieved our Silver Modeshift STARS Award. Modeshift STARS is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools

that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. Thank you to everyone for supporting us to promote road safety and taken part in walking, cycling and scooting to school in the past year!



## Medical Tracker - A new system for reporting First Aid

First Aid recording in school has gone digital. Now, instead of receiving a carbon copy form at the end of the day, parents will instead receive an email to notify them of any First Aid treatment their child has received during the day.

Parents will continue to be notified by phone in the case of potentially serious incidents (e.g. injuries to the head) as per usual procedure.



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### PE Kit in School

One of our school Core Values is for all members of our school community to work collaboratively to have the skills and knowledge to be healthy in mind and body. Unfortunately lots of pupils have come back to school after summer without their PE Kit. It is really important that pupils have their PE Kit with them in school every day. Can everyone please bring in their PE Kit on Monday and make sure it is kept in school (apart from when it goes home for washing!)



**The Kenningtons PE Kit: Black slip-on plimsolls, navy blue shorts or black shorts; plain white T-shirt. Jogging bottoms and sweatshirts may be worn when the weather is cold.**

Pupils cannot be excused from participating in PE lessons if they do not have their PE Kit; and will be much more comfortable if they remember to bring their own PE Kit rather than needing to borrow someone else's!

### Jeans for Genes Day

We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. We would like to invite pupils to come to school that day dressed in jeans. They may wear non-uniform tops but please note no football kit is to be worn. We will be making a donation to the Jeans for Genes charity, Genetic Disorders UK. We ask that each pupil make a donation of £1.00 on the day if they are taking part. Please send this to the class teacher in a clearly marked envelope showing your child's name and class.

### Community Service Scheme 2017/18

The lunchtime detention system met with limited success in 2016/17; rates of frequent visitors were high and, while the system reduced disruption, it did not seem to be benefiting the pupils who received lunchtime detentions for poor behaviour.

This academic year 2017/18 we will be piloting a new scheme in which disruptive pupils will instead receive a task to complete (for example being in charge of helping to keep the playground or dining room tidy one lunchtime) to enable them to give back to the school community and hopefully encourage an active engagement and sense of pride in their school.

### Mathletics 2017

Welcome back after the holidays! We are pleased to see how eager the children are to get back on Mathletics.

All children's login details are in their Reading Records. Please encourage your children to complete some of the activities every week.

### Mathlete of the Week

Just like last year, the class teacher will announce their 'Mathlete of the Week' who will receive a certificate in class on a Monday. The 'Mathlete' is the person who scored the highest percentage for activities correctly completed. Please note that this is NOT the same scores that the children can see when logged in on Mathletics. The teachers' assessment system is different.

### Lucky Draw - A chance for everyone to win!

This year, when a child scores 50 points or more (on the teacher's assessment system) during the week, they will receive a Lucky Dip ticket. The children will write their names on these and put it in the Lucky Dip boxes in the hall. At the end of every half term, we will have a Lucky Draw out of the KS1 and KS2 boxes in assembly. The winners from each key stage will each receive a Lakeside voucher. Please remind your child that the more tickets they have in the box, the better their chances of winning. This half term it is possible to receive 6 tickets for the Lucky Draw!

**Remember: The only way to *learn* maths is to *do* maths!**





**Kenningtons World Carnival**

We would like to thank you all again for supporting our World Carnival on 14th July 2017!





### Term Dates for 2017 - 2018

Term dates for the upcoming academic year 2017 - 2018 are available online on our school website:

<http://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/Term-Dates-Insets>

**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 5th September 2017 to Tuesday 19th December 2017 – 70 days

Half Term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017

**Spring Term:** Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018 – 57 days

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018

**Summer Term:** Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018 – 63 days

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

### Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

Parents of **pupils who are now in Year 3** will need to pay for their child's school dinners. Families who would like to apply for free school meals will need to apply online. Applications can be made online by visiting

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

There is the option to create an account online if you don't already have one. You will need to log into the 'My Account' services and select 'Education and childcare', 'Free school meals' and then 'Apply online.'

### Animals on the school site

We are trying to locate the owners of a Bengal cat on the estate which has unfortunately injured one of our school chickens. If anyone has any information can they please contact

[enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**If your child has just started the last year of primary education you must apply now for a secondary school place**

If your child was born between **1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007**, you must apply now for a secondary school place for **September 2018**.

**APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Apply online at: [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)**



Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock secondary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account.

You should also go along to school open evenings/days and one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Thursday 14 September 2017 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU from 4.00pm - 5.30pm and 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 1 March 2018 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **Tuesday 31 October 2017** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all



on-time applications have been dealt with.

Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for them are in a booklet entitled **Secondary Admission Information September 2018** available online at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Please read the booklet carefully.

Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

**School Admissions  
Thurrock Council  
Civic Offices  
New Road  
Grays  
RM17 6SL**

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## CORE VALUES

At Kenningtons Primary Academy, we believe that every child is an individual. All members of our school community should work collaboratively to:

- Have high standards for excellent achievement
- Embrace and adapt to change
- Be included in all aspects of school life
- Support pupils to attend school everyday
- Ensure everyone has the right to be safe
- Enjoy learning through different experiences, have a range of opportunities and experience success
- Demonstrate respect for one another, our environment and ourselves
- Celebrate what makes us different and the same
- Have the skills and knowledge to be healthy in mind and body

Through all of the above, members of our school community will aspire to make ambitious choices about their future.

### School Handbook 2017/18

Our updated School Handbook for 2017/18 is available online at:

<http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Handbook>

### Learning Overviews

You can access your child's weekly Learning Overview online at:

<http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk/Children-Introduction> (click the 'Year Groups' tab on the left)

### ParentMail

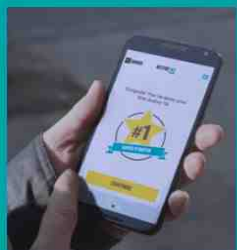
If you are having any issues accessing ParentMail please contact the school office as soon as possible or come to the office hatch to discuss in person.

### The Health Spot: Change 4 Life - 10 minute active app

#### EXERCISE ... MADE EASY

Our free Active 10 app takes away the guess work. Whether you're popping to the shops, walking the dog, or just getting to work, it shows you how much brisk walking you're doing and how you can fit more into your day. You can also use it to set your own goals and keep track of your progress.

So, what are you waiting for? Download the app today.



Change4Life are promoting their 'Active 10' app to help families track how active they are being during the day. It can be downloaded at the link below:

<https://content.email.change4life.co.uk/?SjIUzCMTc3vtTLq6hCNaSC3CtR4mCg3uS>



**Welcome back to Autumn Term!**