

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

# Spring Term Newsletter 14th February 2014

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

14th February 2014—Last instalment for Stubbers due 17th - 21st February 2014—Half Term activities 24th February 2014—Non pupil day. 14th March 2014—Year 3/4 Warner Bros trip 18th March 2014—Year 1 Interhouse activity (time to be confirmed) 27th & 28th March 2014—Mothers Day Stall 28th March 2014—Clubs finish 1st April 2014—Lion King Theatre Trip 2nd April 2014—Parent Maths Workshop (2pm)

# Year 6 Mathletics Competition

On Thursday 6th February 2014, four of our year 6s took part in a maths competition against 29 other primary schools. It involved 2 hours of solving various questions and we are very proud to announce that although we did not win, we were the first school to solve one of the hardest problems! Even the teacher's team couldn't solve it! The children worked incredibly hard and were brilliant as a team.

# After School Clubs

E-letters via Parentmail will be sent to those who still have payments outstanding for clubs.



Drop in ses	sions after half term:
Tuesday 25th February	Kookaburras 3R
Thursday 27th February	1B 2M 6C

# Performance Poetry Competition

Last week we held our live auditions for the Performance Poetry competition and it was evident how hard the children have worked on learning their poems. There were 18 acts that took part but we were only able to take 9 through to the heats. As you can imagine, it was a very tough decision to make but the school has decided and the selected children will be given information about the next round through Parentmail. Thank you to everybody who took part.





Helping children to get better and better at everything they do

#### The Use of Social Media sites

Can we please remind parents that by using any social media sites to criticise the school or make defamatory comments about members of staff, they are directly contravening our Parent Conduct Policy. Please find a link to this policy below. <u>http://kenningtonsprimaryacademy.com/Policies-and-Reports</u>

We would also like to draw parents' attention to the following news story regarding a member of the public who has been taken to court after posting libellous posts. <u>http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/mother-faces-paying-20000-</u> <u>damages-over-facebook-libel-9114217.html</u>

### Important Information re School Dinner Debts

On Friday the 14th February 2014 our current contract with Thurrock and Havering Catering Service comes to an end. Subsequently anyone with outstanding debts will need to clear them before being able to order school dinners with Chartwells. A packed lunch should be provided for your child until debts are paid in full. A phone call home will be made if your child is not sent to school with a lunch. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that this happens.

Any outstanding debts must be paid in full by Tuesday 25th February 2014. Failing this we will claim the outstanding amount plus a fee of £25.00 plus annual interest of 8% via HM Courts and Tribunal Service Money Claim Online.



#### Mothers Day Stall

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March during breaktimes your child will be able to purchase a special gift. Gifts can be purchased for £1.50, £2.50 and £3.00. Please ensure any money your child brings into school is in a clearly marked envelope.

We would like to thank those parents who have put this stall together.

Year 1 please note that you are on a school trip on Friday 28th February so if you wish to purchase a gift you will only have the Thursday to do so. Please do not bring any monies to the School Office.

#### New Dinner Menu

We are pleased to announce that as from Tuesday 25th February 2014 we have a new catering contract with Chartwells. To see our new amazing menu please to the school website. We will be starting on week 1 from Tuesday 25th February.



#### <u>Lateness</u>

We had a "Lates on Gates" visit from the Educational Welfare Officers on Monday 10th February 2014. May we remind parents that if the children have already gone in and its after 8:50 please bring your child into school via the school office.

#### **Dickensworld**

With half term looming we would like to inform parents that from the 15th February 2014 through to the 23rd February 2014 Dickensworld are offering free entry to all children when accompanied by 1 paying adult (1 paying adult = 1 free child). For more details / directions visit www.dickensworld.co.uk