



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Autumn Term Newsletter 7th November 2014

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DATES TO REMEMBER

10th November 2014: Y5 Planetarium trip

28th November 2014: Y6 Imperial War
Museum trip

1st December 2014: Y4 Interhouse

5th December 2014: Parent Consultation Day

9th December 2014: Reception memory
making

12th December 2014: Christmas jumper day

17th December 2014: Christmas Evening Event

18th December 2014: Christmas dinner /
Christmas craft afternoon

19th December 2014: Last day of term

Parent Drop In Sessions

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

6W - Tuesday 11th November

5M - Monday 10th November

4G - Tuesday 11th November

3C - Tuesday 11th November

2G - Thursday 13th November

1R - Tuesday 11th November

**Reception (Miss Bannon/Miss Kiely) -
Monday 10th November**

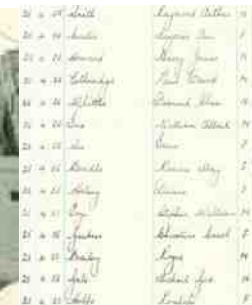
Meetings with the 6R, 5N, 4S, 3H, 2F and 1B class teachers will resume the week beginning 17th November 2014.

WE NEED YOUR KENNINGTONS MEMORIES!

If you or a family member attended Kenningtons we would love to hear from you!

For the 60th anniversary of the school next year we are collecting stories, memories and photographs from pupils past and present.

If you have any stories you would like to share please email them to enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk. Please include your name, the year you joined the school and your contact details so we can keep you updated on progress! If you have any photographs or other documents you would like to share, please bring them in to the main office where we can take a scan and add to our collection.



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PARENT CONSULTATION DAY—5TH DECEMBER

Appointments for Parent Consultation Day, Friday 5th December 2014, will be made **via ParentMail**. This will reduce human error in the booking of appointments. Appointments will be available from 8:30am - 3:45pm in 15 minute slots.

Tickets for appointment slots will be made available via Parentmail at midday (12:00pm) Friday 14th November, at which point you will be able to go in and book your appointment time. Please sign up for one appointment per child.

Bookings will only be made via ParentMail for this event. If you have not signed up for ParentMail please do so prior to the 14th November. If you have any issues with accessing the ParentMail site please raise them prior to 14th November. Office staff are not permitted to make appointments on behalf of parents. If you are unable to access the site from home, please come into the school where we will guide you through the process on our school computers.

If you experience technical difficulties while using ParentMail on your mobile, **please try again with a computer or laptop**. Some recent mobile updates have not worked with the ParentMail site. Technicians are working to resolve the issue.



Grays Town Band Xmas No.2's Concert

An early Christmas concert featuring the Learner Band, craft stalls and an Xmas quiz.

Free admission Saturday 8th November 2014 at 7pm. Socketts Heath Baptist Church, RM16 2SB.

For more information call Claire on 01375 329807.

School Uniform Changes - September 2015

A reminder that from September 2015 girl's school uniform will be as follows:

Girls will wear **grey** skirts, dresses or trousers with **navy blue** cardigans or jumpers and a **white** polo shirt and **grey** or **white** socks. This will bring the girl's school uniform in line with the boy's school uniform. Summer dresses are to be **navy blue and white** (checked or striped), and **grey** tights are to be



worn when the weather is cold.

Boy's school uniform will remain the same; **grey** bottoms and **navy blue** jumper (with a **white** polo shirt).

Parents can order uniform online at <http://www.sues-schoolwear.co.uk/>

Essex Community Messaging

There is a new service provided by Essex Police to help keep local people informed about policing and community safety issues.

Please visit **www.essex.police.uk/ecm** for further information.

E-Safety Training Local Safeguarding and Children's Board

Parents and carers are invited to attend E-Safety training on Monday 17th November 2014 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Culver Centre, Daiglen Drive, RM15 5RR.

To book a place on the event please complete the online booking form on the LSCB website at **www.thurrocklscb.org.uk**

The Health Spot - Making Winter Walks Fun

Walking is good for a healthy body and mind. Here are some tips for activities to keep little ones excited about winter walks:

- Play traditional 'I spy' games or challenge children to spot as many objects as they can beginning with a particular letter.
- Make up a 'scavenger hunt' list, including items like acorns or feathers, for children to collect as you walk (make sure everyone washes their hands afterwards!)
- Funky gloves, boots, hats etc. add novelty and bring a smile.
- Build in other outdoor activities, such as climbing trees, taking bread to feed birds, or taking a football to stop for a kick-about on the way.
- Borrow a friend or family member's dog to join you on the walk.
- Use a pedometer to keep track of how many steps you have taken. Try to beat your record each time, or set a goal for the week.
- Let children have a go with a camera or get them to bring along a notebook and pen to document your walk.
- Vary the route you take each time. Local footpaths can be found on the Thurrock website by copying and pasting this link:

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/documents/rightsofway_map_201406.pdf

If the worst comes to the worst, perhaps the offer of a piggy-back on the way home may convince more reluctant walkers to join in!

