

Kennington Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 27th November 2020



Thank you for all your kind thoughts and wishes while I was off with Covid-19 and when I returned. Fortunately, it must have only been a mild dose as I didn't have the classic symptoms and I wasn't laid up in bed. Unfortunately, it seems to have hit Mrs Duffy a lot harder and she will remain off work for the foreseeable future. Mrs Riley will cover her class duties supported by Mrs Sawyer in Year 3. Mrs Richardson will also be on sick leave until after Christmas. Mrs Hayward will continue in Oak along with Mrs Holmes, an experienced EYFS supply teacher. Ms Derbyshire and Mrs Snookes both remain on sick leave. I'm hoping we can manage to get to Christmas without any more staff going off poorly but we shall wait and see!

Mr Goulds

An opportunity has arisen for Mr Goulds to take up a position as an acting Deputy Head Teacher in another local Preston school. He will take up this role at the start of January and remain there for two terms, returning to us in September 2021. We have sought a replacement to take on the role of Beech Class Teacher. This will be Miss Williams, a Newly Qualified Teacher who comes with excellent references. I've no doubt that Mr Goulds will shine in his new temporary role and we will get the very best out of Miss Williams who is excited about this opportunity.

Mrs Harrison

Congratulations to Mrs Harrison who is now expecting her second new arrival! She will be with us until sometime in the summer term when she will go on maternity leave. Please let us know if your child has COVID-19 symptoms or any other childhood illness that may affect Mrs Harrison and her pregnancy. Thank you.

COVID-19 Update

- **Face Coverings** – We can't enforce this but we really would appreciate it if ALL parents could wear a face covering when on the playground. This is to protect other parents and our staff. I will be reminding parents about this should I see them without a face covering.
- **Christmas Cards and Gifts** – We have made the decision not to accept Christmas Cards and gifts from parents and children this year. We have set up a donation facility on Parent Pay so that instead of spending money on cards and gifts, a donation can be made and this can be given to the children's ward at Preston Hospital this year.
- **Ventilation** – I have had some parents contact me regarding the temperature in school. We are following government guidelines around keeping buildings ventilated to reduce any spread of the virus. This does mean opening windows and

therefore rooms may be colder than normal. We are encouraging children not to take off jumpers and cardigans and also wear vests under shirts.

- Please could the parents of Year 3 children not come right up to the external classroom door when dropping off in a morning. Please keep a distance should you need to pass a message on.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who managed to join their child's teacher for the 'Virtual' Parents Evening. When the Google Classroom worked it was great but unfortunately there were too many variables that were out of our control so many parents couldn't log on for a myriad of technical reasons. I think if we have to do another one like that, we will simply use the telephone!

Dr Bailey, Chair of Governors

Dr Bailey is back in the country after suffering a heart attack whilst visiting his son in Spain. He is recovering but is isolating in hospital at the moment. We wish him all the very best with his recovery.

Christmas Activities

We won't be doing many of our usual Christmas Activities this year but we do aim to do a few for the children. Please see below for a list of activities and their dates.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December (Normal uniform just a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper or cardigan).

Christmas Party Day KS1–Monday 14th December (Party Clothes, we will provide food and drink)

Christmas Party Day KS2 – Tuesday 15th December (Party Clothes, we will provide food and drink)

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th December

Reception Class Nativity – 17th December. This will be recorded and parents will be able to 'Donate to Download'

Each class will be doing a Christmas Craft day and having a Christmas Film afternoon (Dates TBC). For these two activities we are asking for donations of a £1 minimum and all money raised will go to the children's ward at Preston Hospital. Parent Pay must be used to donate.



Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Suhaib A
Cherry: Zidan K
Willow: Aminah N
Beech: Mariam P
Y3: Safiyaa B
Y4: Jannat A/ Hamzah B
Y5: Sohan H
Y6: Assane D

Parking (Again)

Please don't park across residents driveways. I have had yet another call from one of our neighbours who's driveway was blocked because a parent had parked across a dropped kerb. It is frustrating for people if they don't have access to their drive when needed. Thank you.

Sports News

This week we had 3 teams in competition. The Y5 and Y6 were taking part in two football competitions and the Y6 were taking part in a Y6 rugby skills event.



Well done to Luke, Amaan, Oane, Sana P Alisha and Eshal (Y5 Football). Adam, Ibrahim, Jack, Hawaa, Amaya, and Aleena (Y6 Football). M.Quasim, Harley, Essa, Hibah, Bhumi and Yasmin (Y6 Rugby).