

# Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## Welcome Back!

**It's so good to have everyone back without bubbles, masks or 2m rules! You'll be pleased to hear that over the last week, the children have all settled in well to their new classes. They've been working on routines and the high expectations of their class teacher. I'm sure you'll agree, after home schooling, most children need secure and consistent routines! Our new Reception children have also made a great start. Hardly any tears and no one has fallen asleep in the afternoon yet! There's lots to inform and remind you in this newsletter. We are also looking at other ways this information can be passed on to you e.g. via our social media channels. If you don't already know, we are on both Twitter and Facebook.**



# Book Wishlist

Many thanks to all the parents who donated books through our Scholastic Book Wishlist over the summer. We had a great response and the children are looking forward to reading their new books. The children have all done really well with their reading over the summer and many have made an excellent start on their Hundred Book lists. If you still have one of the books we lent out over the summer, please send it back in as soon as possible. Thank you to Miss Clarke for organising.



## New Staff

We would like to give a warm welcome to some new members of staff who have started with us this term. Miss Kuczera is our new teacher in Ash Class (Year 5), Miss Griffin will be supporting children in Acer Class (Year 4) and Mr Ghakou will be supporting children in Sycamore Class (Year 6) on Thursdays and Fridays. If you see them, please say hello!



Miss Kuczera



Miss Griffin



Mr Ghakou

# PE Hoodies



Many parents have been enquiring about Hoodies for PE. Bang Bang uniform have agreed to supply PE hoodies to our parents if they wish to purchase them. They will be maroon with the school logo on. The hoodies should be ready to purchase in a weeks time. They can also purchase plain black or navy blue jogging bottoms for when the weather is colder for outdoor PE. The jogging bottoms do not need a logo on them but must be blue or black. If a hoodie has not been purchased, children may wear their school jumper or cardigan. The standard PE kit still remains as plain white, round neck t-shirt and plain navy shorts or skirt and PE pumps. We do not allow skorts or cullotes, colourful leggings, etc. Please refer to our uniform policy for more detailed information.

## After School Club

This is run privately by Mrs Shepherd and her staff over in Little Acorns Nursery. At the moment she is only able to open Tuesday – Thursday as there is not enough demand on Mondays and Fridays for it to be viable. If enough parents want the service on those days then she has said that she will run it. Please contact Mrs Shepherd on 717881 for more information. Some of you may be wondering why school itself does not offer an after school club. This is because we simply do not have space to accommodate such a service. If you know anyone who would like to donate around £80,000 for a new build, please let me know as soon as possible!

# Mrs Molloy

As I mentioned at the end of last term, Mrs Molloy will be leaving us at the end of September. She has been at Kennington for over eight years and served the staff, children and parents well in that time. We are having a collection for her as a thank you and parents can also contribute too through Parent Pay.

## Packed Lunches



We are classed as a 'Healthy School' due to the work we have done around eating healthily over recent years. One of the things that makes us a healthy school is the fact that we do not allow sugary food in children's packed lunches. This week we have noticed that there are a number of children who have a large amount of sweets and confectionary in their lunches. Please do not send your child to school with sweets, sugary drinks or bars of chocolate. Please use a healthy alternative.

## Admissions to School

The closing date for admissions to primary school is

**15 January 2022**

The closing date for admissions to high school is

**31 October 2021**

All applications must be done online at

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>



**You must still apply for a place at primary school even if you have a sibling who already attends!**

# Individual Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school to take the children's individual photographs on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Children with siblings in school will have the chance to have their photograph taken together. Those parents who wish to have their children's photograph taken with a younger sibling who does not attend school should come to school at 8:30am to have it taken.



## Parental Consent

We need you to agree or disagree to a large number of things that we do in school. The consents tick list can be found online on our Parent Portal. To sign into this go to <https://kennington.uk.arbor.sc/> If you have never signed in click 'First Time Logging in?' and follow the instructions for setting up a user name and password and linking to your child or children. Click the green Student Profile button on the left hand side. You will see all the consents in brown that need addressing. Click each one and either consent or decline.

## School Uniform

There are just a small minority of children wearing incorrect school uniform at the moment. I know that there have been supply chain issues but just a reminder that it is Autumn/Winter uniform now. Short sleeved shirt/blouse, jumper, cardigan (with school badge), tie, grey shorts/trousers, grey skirt/pinafore, white socks or grey/black tights (girls), grey

**socks (boys). Girls may wear grey school trousers. Please refer to the uniform page on the website if unsure.**

## **Earrings**

**I have noticed a more than usual number of girls with earrings in at the start of this term. Earrings are not part of the school uniform policy and should not be worn. We always suggest having ears pierced at the beginning of the school's six week holidays then they can be worn constantly before being removed on our return. We will be stocking a small supply of earring spacers which are transparent and can be used to keep the hole open. These can be purchased in pairs for a small cost. Alternatively, they can be purchased from online suppliers. We do not provide tape to go over the earrings.**

## **Clubs**



**After school activity clubs run by staff for different age groups will start up again soon. Permission slips will be available via Parent Apps shortly. Most will be on a first come first served basis depending on limits on numbers. Pick up points will be included in the information.**

## **Halal Meat**

**Although we do not serve Halal meat as an option at lunchtime, there is always a vegetarian option available (Quorn). We take the utmost care when serving our children and always ensure they are served the appropriate food. Sometimes the menu may say something like sausages but**

**non-of our Muslim or vegetarian children will be served actual sausages. It will be a Quorn alternative.**

# **COVID-19**

**Nothing to report!**

# **Head Teacher Awards**

**Oak: Still settling in!**

**Cherry: Habeeba T**

**Willow: Muhammad P**

**Beech: Aderonke A**

**Y3: Logan H**

**Y4: Amelia M**

**Y5: Hibban A**

**Y6: Muhammad B**

# **Open Days**

**We will have several opportunities for prospective parents to look round school for the September 2022 intake. These will take place on**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October (afternoon)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October (morning & evening)**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October (afternoon)**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October (morning & evening)**

**And can be booked via the following link:**

**[www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk)**

# PTA

We will be holding a virtual PTA meeting via Zoom on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend to find out about what the PTA is all about and how you can get involved.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82389572984?pwd=OWo2UG90UzdoUk5WWXBsZ2FJaXVtdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 8957 2984

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