

Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 15th October 2021



Harvest Festival Assembly



This week, we had our Harvest Festival Assembly. Thank you for all your generous donations once again. We had Debbie and Dom join us from the Salvation Army who spoke about the work they do through their food banks. Although there was high demand and some shortages during the summer months, supplies in the food banks are

back to a reasonable level now and the Salvation Army continue to support those less well off in the Preston community. Here they are pictured with our new head boy and girl.

PE Hoodies

These are now ready for collection from Bang Bang clothing in Preston town centre if you ordered one in advance. They are also available for general sale from their shop. Please remember that the hoodie should only be worn for outdoor PE. It is not a replacement for the school jumper.

Water Bottles

Please only fill children's class water bottles with water and not juice/cordial/flavoured water etc unless there is a specific medical condition your child has that has been discussed and agreed on with a member of of the Senior Leadership Team

School Dinner Saga!



Thank you for being so patient with us regarding the school dinner situation. As we have mentioned, it is completely out of our control and our kitchen staff have worked hard to ensure that the children are fed as well as possible with the limited supplies they have been getting. They've even been buying supplies such as butter and mayonaise out

of their own pocket! We have one more week on the emergency menu and then from the 1st November we will be on the new Autumn/Winter Menu although we still don't know what this will consist of yet. As soon as we find out, we will let you know.

School Swimming

This year we will be trialling a new system of school swimming. The children in Years 4 and 5 will be going to the pool this year. Each year group will have two blocks of swimming, each block being 2 weeks long and the children will go EVERY DAY! The evidence points to this being the best way for children to learn quickly and stick with them longer. We shall see! Year 5 will start on Monday 18th for two weeks. Hopefully they will remember their swimming kit each day. Year 4 will start their first block in the Spring Term.



Christmas (Already!)

We will be trying to do as many of our festive activities as normal this year but there may be some adaptations along the way. We are hoping that our



Reception Class can put on their nativity play again which we film and make available to download. This seemed to work well last year.

Half Term

We finish for half term on **THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER** and return on **MONDAY 1st NOV.**



Online Parents Evening

On Tuesday, you will have the chance to speak to the teachers about how your child has settled into school this term. We will be holding our parents evening online via the School Cloud Platform. Hopefully this will go smoothly (!!). Many of you have already booked an appointment using the system and it all seems straight forward. You will receive an email reminder an hour before your appointment which are only 5 minutes long. **PLEASE BE ON TIME AS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO JOIN IF YOU MISS YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME!!** Mr Sudell will be doing his on 3rd November and half of Oak class will be doing theirs on Wednesday 20th October.



Prize Winner

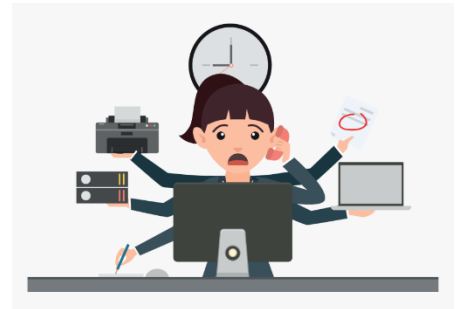
It has been Open Evening season for the High Schools recently. One of our pupils, Nathan in Year 6, visited Moor Park for a look round and it was certainly worth his while as he won a Nintendo Switch! This was presented to him by the deputy head teacher of Moor Park, Mrs Roberts, during our Friday Assembly. Well done Nathan!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Currently we have a vacancy for a parent school governor. The governing body is responsible for the strategic running of the school and acts as a critical friend for the head teacher and senior leadership team. They also have the opportunity to visit school to see the strategic plans in action. The process of choosing a parent governor is by means of an election. A parent puts themselves forward, and if there is more than one nominee, an election takes place. Parents should be able to spare a minimum of 6 hours a year to attend meetings (possibly more depending on what committees you are on). More information will be sent out via letter shortly.

Office News

Unfortunately, Mrs Royle will be on her own in the office until after half term. Hopefully, she will have an assistant in place when we return. In the meantime, please be patient when calling as she is extremely busy at the moment!



High School Applications

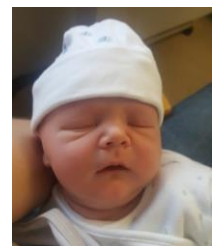
Don't forget to apply online for your child if they are due to start High School in September. Remember, **ONLINE AND ON TIME!** The deadline is 31st October

Borwick Trip

We have 36 children who want to attend the Y3 and Y4 Borwick Residential Trip in March. This is a great, 1 night residential and the children get lots from it.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Sudell and his wife, Mrs Sudell, who welcomed their new baby boy into their family last Thursday. Jacob Alexander Sudell was born at 9.38am and weighed exactly 9lbs! All the family are doing well.



Sports News



More of our children have been in sporting action over the last couple of weeks. The boys football team competed in the Kids Cup at Play Football with Mr Sudell. They won two, drew two and lost one so a great effort all round! Well done Amaan, Muhammed B, Umar, Muhammed T, Muhammed Yusuf, Oane, Tyler and Sohan

Mrs Bentley took a team to Preston Collage to compete in the mini-skills competition. They came 7th overall and worked extremely hard. Well done Rio, Hamza, Fatima, Freya, Patryk and Jayden.



The hockey team played in their final game this week and beat Brockholes 2-1. Well done to Alisha, Tyler, Amaan, Jasmine, Luke, Ayman and Sana.

Online Safety – Video Content

With more and more children gaining access to shows such as Netflix's Squid Games, here's a guide from the Online Safety Group Think You Know about videos online. Click the links for more information.

From animals doing funny things, to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

To understand what type of content might not be suitable and advice on how to help your child watch safely, watch this short [video guide](#).

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Find out what to do if [you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online](#) or what to do [if they already have](#).

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

Late Comers

If your child is late and has to come in through the front entrance, please use the sign in screen to sign them in. Thank you

Book Machine Winners

We have more children who have earned a Gold Book Token to use in the machine this week. Well done Hamza, Freya, James, Abdullah, and Ayman



Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Still settling in

Cherry: Habeeba T

Willow: Adam A

Beech: Amina H

Y3: Bailey B

Y4: Arshia M

Y5: Ammarah T

Y6: Oane S