



Welcome Back to the Summer Term!



A warm welcome back to everyone for a very busy term ahead. This newsletter will hopefully outline some of the plans we have for this term including important dates. There's lots going on which means we might finally be getting back to normal! We are still being affected by staff illness but that can't be helped. We'll make sure it doesn't affect the children too much. Unfortunately, Mrs Duffy will be absent for at least the first half of the term, possibly the second as well. This is so she can concentrate on getting fully better so she can return to school in full health. Mr Sudell and Mrs Riley will continue to support myself while Mrs Duffy is absent. I'm pleased to say that Mrs Richardson will be returning this term so it will be good to see her back. Mrs Worden (Year 6 TA) is recovering after an operation and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Hutabarat also remains absent.

Ramadan & Eid

A great many of our parents will be fasting as part of Ramadan at the moment before the celebrations of Eid begin. This could be Sunday/Monday or Monday/Tuesday. The day after Eid we would like to invite our children from Muslim families to come in dressed in their Eid celebration clothes and with any Eid food they would like to bring in to share with their classmates (and teachers and head teacher!).



Earrings

Quick reminder. Ear retainers are available from the office. Earrings must not be worn.

Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Easter Bingo at the end of last term. It was a lovely, fun, family evening and we managed to raise £159. A big thank you to the PTA for organising and everyone who donated chocolate eggs!



Summer Fair

The PTFA will soon be holding a meeting on Monday 9th May at 6pm in school to organise the summer fair which will be held on Saturday 9th July 11-2.

KS1 & KS2 SATS

The Year 6 children will be completing their SATs week beginning 9th May. These are statutory assessments on which the school are judged. The KS1 children also have to complete tests in Reading and Maths. This will be week beginning 16th May. The tests that the KS1 children take are used to help the teacher make an overall judgement on the children's performance during their time in the infants. Mr Sudell will be holding a parents meeting in the hall for the parents of Year 2 children to give you more information and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th May at 2:30pm. For both Y2 and Y6 children we ask that you make sure the children are in attendance all week.



Head Teacher Awards

Oak: Theo M

Cherry: Eva-Lily W

Willow: Rumaisah M

Beech: Zidan K

Y3: Mariya S

Y4: Sultan R

Y5: Rhys R

Y6: Bushra I

Youth Cup Final Tickets

We have 5 pairs of tickets for the Youth Cup Final up for grabs! The final is taking place at Old Trafford on 11th May (19:30 KO) between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest. The tickets have been donated by Mrs Harris' husband who works for Manchester United.

We intend to hold a raffle for the chance to win a pair of tickets, one adult & one child. Raffle tickets will be on sale next week on the playgrounds before and after school.



Induction Meeting for New Starters

Almost half of our new September intake will be younger siblings this year which is great! Mrs Harris and Mrs Richardson will be holding parental induction meetings for new (and old) parents on 11th May 2:30pm and another in the evening TBC. There will also be a recording available on the website. Please try and come along even if you already have children at the school.



EYFS to Year 1 Meeting for Parents

We will also be having a Reception to Year 1 meeting for parents so that we can outline what happens when your child transitions into Year 1 and how classes are organised. As you will know, we have to split the Year 1 and Year 2 children over three classes as infant class sizes cannot exceed 30 children. There is always some worry amongst parents about this. The meeting is to allay any fears and answer any questions you may have. The meeting date will be confirmed ASAP.



Requests for Leave

Please remember that the vast majority of leave requests will not be authorised unless they are for exceptional circumstances. A Penalty Notice will only be issued by the Local Authority if the unauthorised absence is 5 days or more.

Pupil Information Sheets

The next batch of pupil information sheets will be sent out on Friday 6th May. These are just to keep you up to date with your children's progress. A final one will be sent out along with the annual reports at the end of the term.



Jubilee Celebrations



It's a busy year for HRH Queen Elizabeth II this year. Not only is it her 96th birthday but it is her Platinum Jubilee. There will be lots of celebrations going on around the country and this includes our own at Kennington. We will be having a Jubilee street party on Tuesday 24th May and asking that the children come dressed in red, white and blue clothes for that day. We will be having a traditional 'street party' in the playground with everyone provided with a party lunch!