



Kents Hill Junior School



Be Ready ~ Be Respectful ~ Be Safe
Successful ~ Creative ~ Kind
For Today ~ For Tomorrow ~ For the Future

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Dear Parents/Carers, Newsletter

Term: Autumn | Date: Friday 10th January 2025

We've had a fantastic first week back following the holidays!

The children have settled back in beautifully and their behaviour has been absolutely brilliant—what a great way to start the term.

We are also thrilled that we've started back on another high having met our whole school attendance target of 97% attendance this week! This is a fantastic achievement and the children will enjoy a special celebration during lunch on Friday 17th January. Well done to everyone!

Across the whole school we have been diving into our exciting new termly topics:

Year 3—Empowerment, Dare to be Different; Year 4—Make a Difference; Year 5—Space and Year 6—Japan

It's been inspiring to see the enthusiasm and curiosity the children are bringing to their learning already. I can't wait to see everything they'll achieve this term!

We're also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our drop-in session on Wednesday 15th January, where you'll get the chance to see the incredible work your children have been producing.

Here's to a brilliant term ahead! - Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Be Respectful

School Clubs

A letter detailing all of the clubs was sent out to parents and carers before the Christmas break. All clubs will start from next week, including the before school Deanes Clubs. All pupils have gained a place on their club of choice unless informed otherwise.

Please note that there will be no Cricket Club on **Monday 13th January** due to no sports coach being available and no Year 5 & 6 Football Club on **Wednesday 15th January** due to a football match taking place.



Spring Term Diary

The dates for the Spring Term Diary were sent out via before the Christmas break. A copy can also be found on our school website via the following link:

<https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

Hot Dog Day - Lunch Menu Change

Please note that on Thursday 16th January 2025 we will be holding our special "Hot Dog Day" lunch. The menu will be as follows (there will also be the option of a Jacket Potato as usual):

HOT DOG DAY!

Thursday 16th January

MAINS

- Hot Dog & Chips
- Veggie Hot Dog & Chips (V)
- Jacket Potato

SIDES

- Sweetcorn
- Spaghetti Hoops

DESSERT

- Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce

Considerate parking

Please may we ask that all of our parents and carers park considerately around the local area. We have been contacted by some local residents who have mentioned that their driveways have been blocked or cars have been parked in dangerous locations making it unsafe for people to cross safely. Thank you for your understanding.

Why not try our new WOW, Walk to School Challenge.....

There are 8 badges to be earned from December 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of their annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils' walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.

How the challenge works?

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at **least three times a week for a month**, they get rewarded with a WOW badge. It's that simple!



Be Safe

Smart Watches

Please be reminded that 'Smart' watches are not allowed to be worn at school. This is because these watches could potentially cause a safeguarding issue at school. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



INFORMATION

Year 2- 3 admissions for September 2025

Please be informed that the junior school admission round opened on Monday 4th November 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. Parents of current Year 2 children in the infant school need to make a formal application to the Council via the website: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Havens Hospice

Can you spare the gift of time?

Can you spare a few hours each week to help to raise vital funds for the people they care for by volunteering at one of their charity shops or events.

Volunteering is a great way to share your skills and to learn new ones, it can be very rewarding and become a fulfilling part of your life. Making new friends and creating new opportunities is all part of the volunteering experience.

To learn about volunteering for Havens please speak to your local shop manager or call 01702 886399. For further information *please go to their website*, havenshospices.org.uk/volunteering



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

6CA	99%
5CC	99%
3AB	99%
5MR	98%
6NA	98%
4RE	97%
3LP	97%
4JC	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
4RH	96%
5EM	96%
6LT	96%
3LJ	93%

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts



The following pupils have received the most points in their class this week for being Ready, Respectful and Safe and being Successful, Creative and Kind.

3LJ	Darcey B	5CC	Aliona A
3LP	Sophie A	5MR	Chase V
3AB	Tyler A	5EM	Paige W
4RH	Poppy T	6LT	Erin M
4JC	Harry G	6NA	Henry M
4RE	Elizabeth K	6CA	Aubrey T-G

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Social Media accounts can be found on the following links:



<https://www.facebook.com/Kents-Hill-Junior-School->



<https://www.instagram.com/kentshilljuniorschool/>



<https://twitter.com/KentsHillJnr>



<https://youtube.com/@KHJS-mm4gd>

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KEY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

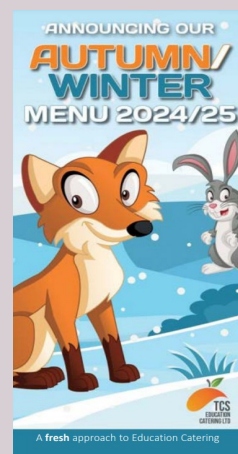
Deanes Clubs start this week	W/C 13th Jan	8—8:45am
Staff run after school clubs start this week	W/C 13th Jan	3:20—4:20pm
SEND Drop-in session <i>Invite to follow</i>	Tuesday 14th Jan	PM
Closing date for Year 2-3 applications	Wednesday 15th Jan	All day
Young Voices Choir Event @ O2	Tuesday 21st Jan	All day
Dance Festival	Wednesday 22nd Jan	AM
Parent/Carer Drop in	Wednesday 22nd Jan	3:30pm—3:50pm
BATIC's Got Talent Event	Wednesday 22nd Jan	6:30pm
Rock Steady Music Launch Day	Friday 24th Jan	All day
Year 3 Taster Cricket Session <i>Selected pupils</i>	Friday 24th Jan	PM

DINNER MENU

The school menu for next week will be from the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 2 (week commencing 13.01.2025).

A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

School dinners cost **£2.60** per child per day and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app.



At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss J Parkes

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