



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 13th December 2024

This week we've continued to embrace the festive spirit!

Thursday's Christmas Jumper Day was a huge success, raising money for Save the Children.

Our movie night followed, filled with fun and laughter—thank you for all of the support.

We've also kicked off our popular 7 Days of Christmas countdown, with extra play and a voucher giveaway so far! Four lucky winners were drawn from raffle tickets earned throughout today.

We can't wait to see what is behind the doors next week!

We've been practising our singing too and are looking forward to showing you all next week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Be Respectful

PTA Movie Night

Thank you to the PTA and staff for organising such a fun Movie Night last night. The pupils had a great time!



Christmas Singing Assemblies

Reminder to parents and carers that we will be hosting Christmas singing assemblies for each year group, which you are invited to attend. These will be taking place at 2:30pm as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Monday 16th December | Year 3 |
| Tuesday 17th December | Year 4 |
| Wednesday 18th December | Year 6 |
| Thursday 19th December | Year 5 |



Christingle

The pupils will all be making their Christingles next week ahead of our Christingle service on Friday 20th December. Please could we ask that your child brings in an orange with them on Monday 16th December in preparation for this.



School Clubs

Please be advised that all school clubs finished this week. Therefore no clubs will be on during week commencing 16.12.24—this includes the before school clubs run by the Deanes School. The Deanes Mini Tennis club will still take place on Wednesday 18th December to make up for a missed session

A new club list will be sent out before we break up for Christmas.

For your information, the paid breakfast and after school clubs will continue to run as normal until the end of term.



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.



ACL Essex

The Community & Family Learning Team are offering sessions to help families cope during the Christmas period. For more information, go to <https://aclessex.com/courses/community-family-learning/>

Are you feeling the pressure of Christmas?

Christmas is often a time of stress and conflict within families. Expectations of perfection, tiredness, past grievances, and changing family dynamics can all contribute to tension. To avoid conflict, it's important to set clear boundaries, seek support, make time for yourself, suggest a family walk, and cool off when necessary. If you would like some tips to help yourself and your family over Christmas, we are here for you

The Community and Family Learning team at ACL Essex can offer a non-judgemental safe space to discuss concerns and to share tips on coping with difficult moments over the festive period. This December, we have the following FREE online session available:

- Zones of Regulation
- Positive Parenting
- Managing Big Emotions
- Talking so children will listen
- Sibling Rivalry

For more information and to sign up to one or more of the sessions, please click on the link below.

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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.

PTA – Easy Fundraising

Would you like to raise money for your child's school with nothing more than the click of a button?

Here is how you can:

- Log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Choose a cause 'The Friends of Kents Hill Junior School'.
- Enter a few basic details about yourself to set up an account.
- Search your retailer and you will be taken to their website where you can shop as normal.

The school then receives a percentage commission on your shop at no additional cost to you.

With Christmas approaching, and many of us buying on the internet, this is an ideal time to set up an account for yourself.

But remember Easy fundraising is not just for Christmas you can raise extra funds for the school all year round, just by remembering to go through www.easyfundraising.org.uk



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| 5EM | 97% |
| 3AB | 97% |
| KHJS TARGET | 97% |
| 6NA | 96% |
| 6LT | 96% |
| 4RE | 95% |
| 6CA | 93% |
| 3LJ | 93% |
| 4JC | 93% |
| 3LP | 93% |
| 4RH | 92% |
| 5CC | 91% |
| 5MR | 90% |

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.

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| 3LJ | Louis C | 5CC | Zara G |
| 3LP | Marni B-S | 5MR | Teddy H |
| 3AB | Charlotte D | 5EM | Melisa D |
| 4RH | Jackson H | 6LT | Mae H |
| 4JC | Erin P | 6NA | Melissa S |
| 4RE | Amy S | 6CA | Taksh M |

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>

#KentsHillDifference

KEY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
| Year 3 Christmas songs—parent/carers invited | Monday 16th Dec | 2:30pm |
| Year 3 & 5 Santa workshops | Tuesday 17th Dec | AM |
| Year 4 Christmas songs—parent/carers invited | Tuesday 17th Dec | 2:30pm |
| Year 6 Christmas songs—parent/carers invited | Wednesday 18th Dec | 2:30pm |
| Christmas Dinner Day | Wednesday 18th Dec | lunchtime |
| Year 5 Christmas songs—parent/carers invited | Thursday 19th Dec | 2:30pm |
| Year 4 & 6 Santa workshops | Thursday 19th Dec | AM |
| Non Uniform Day (Christmas parties!) | Friday 20th Dec | All day |
| Last day of term | Friday 20th Dec | All day |
| Non Pupil Day | Monday 6th Jan | All day |
| First day back after Christmas holidays | Tuesday 7th Jan | All day |

DINNER MENU

The school menu for next week is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 1 (week commencing 16.12.2024).

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.

**Don't forget it is Christmas
Dinner Day on Wednesday 18th
December—see special menu**



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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