



# 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 6th December 2024

What an incredible week we've had at KHJS!

A huge congratulations to Year 6! We're bursting with pride over their hard work and determination during their assessment week. Their progress has been phenomenal, thanks to their grit and the fantastic support from our dedicated staff. Well done, Year 6—you've truly shone this week!

We had a busy start to the week as Year 5 visited Southend and Westcliff Synagogue. Their respectful behaviour was highly praised—what wonderful ambassadors they are for our school! Meanwhile, our choir spread festive joy at Goldenley Care Home, delighting everyone with their beautiful Christmas songs. What a heart-warming way to kick off the season!

And the festive fun doesn't stop there! The next two weeks are packed with exciting activities, starting with the PTA movie night as part of our 7 Days of KHJS Christmas celebrations. Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers on Thursday—it's time to get into the holiday spirit!

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Parkes

### Be Ready

### Be Respectful

#### Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 12th December

On Thursday 12 December KHJS will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils are to wear their Christmas jumpers with their normal school uniform. To make donating easier we've set up a JustGiving page. The minimum donation is £1 (remember, you don't have to add the tip if you don't want to!) <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240005940>

There's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas. We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater. Thank you for your support.

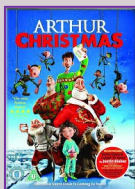


#### PTA Movie Night—Thursday 12th December

Our PTA movie night will be taking place on Thursday 12th December from 3:20pm to 5:30pm. Children can bring pyjamas and blankets into the school for the event, along with a small amount of money – drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.

We will need parent helpers for each evening to supervise & sell refreshments – please email the school office if you can help!

Payment of £5 per child to be paid via the Schoolcomms app. **Please indicate film choice at the time of booking.**



#### Year 3 & 4 Boys Football Match

Congratulations to the following boys who took part in the Year 3 & 4 Football match against Kingston away yesterday. The score was 7-1 to KHJS. Well done boys!

Luca L     Albie G  
Harley H     Sebastian G  
George T     Harry E  
Caelan B     Teddy C  
Jack A



#### 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### School Clubs

Please be advised that all school clubs will finish next week, week commencing 9th December. This includes the before school clubs run by the Deanes School. The Deanes Mini Tennis club will still take place on the last week of term



(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.

### SEND One Plans

Please be advised that all SEND One Plan Reviews will take place next week. Parents and carers will receive a telephone call from their teacher December to discuss their One Plan. This will be after school. Updated plans and reviews will then be sent home with your child.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

6NA	99%
3AB	99%
6CA	98%
5CC	97%
4JC	97%
<b>KHJS TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>
5EM	96%
3LJ	96%
4RE	96%
4RH	95%
6LT	92%
5MR	92%
3LP	92%

### **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	Cole F	5CC	Zara G
3LP	Ronnie R	5MR	Grace O
3AB	Ronnie A	5EM	Arabella S
4RH	Bradley B	6LT	Charlotte B
4JC	Freddie W	6NA	Macey E
4RE	Sienna K	6CA	Charlie C

## 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

Class 6CA Benfleet Library Visit	Tuesday 10th Dec	PM
SEND Coffee & Topic afternoon—Autism Central visiting	Tuesday 10th Dec	2:30pm
Class 3LP Benfleet Library Visit	Wednesday 11th Dec	PM
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12th Dec	All day
PTA Movie Night (all years)	Thursday 12th Dec	3:20pm—5:30pm
Class 3AB Benfleet Library Visit	Friday 13th Dec	PM
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 3 & 5 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

## DINNER MENU

The school menu for next week is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 3 (week commencing 09.12.2024).

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.

**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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