



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 25th October 2024

What an incredible first half-term we have had with lots of fun and learning taking place!

This week we have rounded off the term with the PTA disco—a very big thank you to everyone who helped out to make this possible. The children had a brilliant time and lots of money was raised for the children!

Over half-term there are few areas of the school beginning to be developed, including the library. All of the children's ideas have been brought together to create the beginning of our library development—I can't wait for the children to see their ideas come to life.

Have a wonderful half term, Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Odd Socks Day

Don't forget that Friday 15th November is Odd Socks Day! School uniform to be worn with odd socks to join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



Be Bright Non Uniform Day – Friday 22nd November

It is Road Safety Week during the week of 20th November and we will be having a 'Be Bright' non-uniform day on **Friday 24th November**. We would be grateful if the children could come in on this day and wear something bright, reflective or particularly eye catching.

Any donation of spare change will be gratefully received and will go to the road safety charity – 'Brake'.



In order to help your child be more visible in the dark evenings we will also be selling various reflective and luminous items for the children to purchase during that week. They will be priced between £1 and £2 and will be sold during breaktimes.

Be Safe

Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination Is Now Due, please click the link to complete a consent form.

[LINK HERE](#)

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the most effective vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation. For further information, please refer to the following leaflet:

[Flu vaccination primary school - for parents - Health Publications](#)

If you have any queries, or need to discuss the alternative flu vaccine injection please

Contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0597 or at epunft.SE-Immunisations@nhs.net

Information

PTA UV Disco—Thursday 24th October

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we raised over £1600 for the PTA from the UV Disco. We would like to thank everyone that helped out at the event, especially the parents that gave up their time.

Stay tuned for our next fantastic PTA event!

Christmas Decorations donations

Please be advised that we would be very grateful for any Christmas decorations for the school. Please could these be handed in via the school office.

Be Respectful

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Please be advised that we will be selling the Remembrance Poppies after half term at the school. They will be available each day for the pupils to purchase for a small donation.

We will also be selling some of The Royal British Legion stationery, comprising of pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and rulers for pupils to purchase as well. The prices of these will range from 20p - £1 each and will be sold during breaktimes.



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.



INFORMATION

Year 5 & 6 Boys Southend United Community Games Football

Tournament

Congratulations to the following boys who took part in the Year 5 & 6 Boys Southend United Community Games Football tournament at Garons Park On Wednesday. They performed brilliantly!

Bertie WP Charlie C
 Ronnie G Jesse M
 Finley H George T
 Ciaran T Kai A



Secondary School Admissions Process

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday 12th September 2024. This is for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national **closing date for applications is 31st October 2024**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above. **Please ensure that you have logged onto the website and have made an application by the closing date of 31st October 2024**. Should you require any help with applying for a school place, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

4RE	100%
3LP	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
5EM	96%
6CA	96%
4JC	96%
4RH	95%
5CC	95%
6NA	95%
5MR	94%
3AB	90%
6LT	89%
3LJ	86%



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	Jayden D	5CC	Hallie F
3LP	Toni A	5MR	Layla T
3AB	Rishik B	5EM	Esme M
4RH	Harley H	6LT	Ellie-M L
4JC	Ava M	6NA	Del R
4RE	Alice P	6CA	Lila S

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

First day back after half term	Monday 4th Nov	8:40am
Health & Relationship Week	W/C 4th Nov	All week
Year 3 Campfire Evening	Monday 4th Nov	4pm—5pm
Year 6 Portals to the Past workshop	Tuesday 5th Nov	All day
Flu immunisations	Thursday 7th Nov	All day
Year 4 Science Museum trip	Monday 11th Nov	All day
SEND Topic/Coffee session	Tuesday 12th Nov	2:30pm
Year 4-6 My Futures Programme	Tuesday 12th Nov	PM
Kindness Day—pupil event	Wednesday 13th Nov	All day
Parent/Carer Drop in (Book look)	Wednesday 13th Nov	3:30pm
Year 3 My Futures Programme	Thursday 14th Nov	PM
Odd Socks Day	Friday 15th Nov	All day

DINING MENU

The school menu after the half term is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 1 (week commencing 04.11.2024).

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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