



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 4th October 2024

It's been a brilliant week with some incredible writing across the school and the children are excited to share this with you during the upcoming Parents Evenings. Thank you to the parents who attended our SEND coffee session on Tuesday. If you have any suggestions how we can further support you during these sessions, we would love to hear from you!

Next week, to coincide with the Travelling Book Fair next week, we've asked the children to share their ideas for a 'dream' library. We'll be using their creativity and suggestions to help us redesign our library into a space of 'awe and wonder', celebrating the magic of reading.

All design ideas should be submitted by Friday 11th October. These can include ideas for wall designs, furniture or anything else their imagination comes up with!

Have an amazing weekend,
Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Travelling Book Fair

We are excited to have the Travelling Book Fair at school again next week, w/c 7th October. The year groups have been allocated a day each to visit the fair - please refer to the Dates for Diary section for timings. The book fair will also be open after school from Tuesday to Friday.



Parent Consultation Evening

Please be reminded that the Parents Consultation Evenings will run on the following dates:

- Tuesday 15th October - appointments: 3.45pm - 6.15pm
- Thursday 17th October - appointments - 5.30pm - 8pm

All appointments are in person in the school hall and we will also be opening up the whole school for pupils to "showcase" their fantastic work in classrooms. A letter was sent home with your child this week. Please contact the school office should you need help booking your appointment.

Be Safe

School Crossing Patrol Service – Safety Message

Cyclists and Scooter Riders

Could pupils who bring bikes and scooters to school, please dismount, and walk their bikes and scooters over the crossing. This advice is relayed to all pupils in Essex, to ensure the safety of pupils, pedestrians, and the patrol. This is also very good practise for when children get older and make unaccompanied journeys, as they will be used to dismounting and this will enable them to give their full attention to approaching traffic.

Holding Hands

There have been several incidents recently across Essex where young children have run ahead from parents straight out into the road. Younger children do not see the dangers as their periphery vision is not fully developed; therefore, they may attempt to cross. Please hold the hands of younger children as you approach the crossing site and please keep them alongside you when crossing over the road.

Drivers dropping off pupils at the crossing site.

It is illegal to allow passengers to disembark within the zigzag area of the zebra crossing. Other vehicles may accelerate to overtake stationary vehicles and may not see the patrol and crossing pedestrians up ahead. There is also the danger of pupils stumbling as they exit from vehicles and passing cyclists do not expect car doors to open and a cyclist could collide with the children exiting a vehicle. Please park up sensibly and allow children to disembark safely. Thank you.

Information

Parent Anxiety workshop—Monday 7th October (2-3pm)

Do you have a child who struggles with anxiety? We are lucky enough to have Kerry Williams, from the BATIC School Counselling Service, coming to join us for the afternoon to offer a bespoke session for KHJS families.

Come and stop by for a helpful and supportive workshop designed specifically for families. Click the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/tSdURex7442abWLE8>

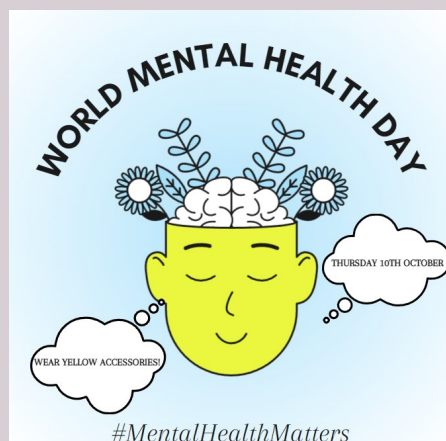
- Recognising signs of anxiety in children
- Practical strategies to ease anxiety around school
- Resources available to support you and your child

This workshop aims to provide practical tips, understanding, and a space for you to ask questions and share experiences.

Be Respectful

World Mental Health Day—Thursday 10th October

Please be reminded that it is World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October. For this we will be asking for pupils to come into school wearing a yellow accessory. Please note that normal school uniform for that day will need to be worn.



INFORMATION

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament

Congratulations to the following girls who took part in the Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament at The Deanes School on Wednesday. The team played brilliantly and were great role models for the school.

Melanie L Anna W Isla D Minnie B Amaia C

Florence D Marlee A Ada S Ellie L Ella P



Pupil Individual Photos

Please note that pupil individual photos will be taking place on Friday 11th October 2024. The pupils will also get the opportunity to have a photo with their sibling(s) if they are at KHJS.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

3LP	99%
5CC	99%
5EM	98%
4RE	97%
6NA	97%
3LJ	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
4RH	95%
3AB	95%
6CA	95%
4JC	94%
5MR	94%
6LT	91%



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	Olivia C	5CC	Malachi H
3LP	Jasmine H	5MR	Florence D
3AB	Matthew S	5EM	Harriet H-B
4RH	Esme H	6LT	Melanie L
4JC	Kourtney S	6NA	Minnie B
4RE	Mia D	6CA	Arabella J

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

Travelling Book Fair	W/C 7th Oct	All week
Class 3LJ Local Area Walk	Monday 7th Oct	AM
Parent Anxiety Workshop	Monday 7th Oct	2-3pm
Year 3 Travelling Book Fair slot	Monday 7th Oct	2:40pm
Class 3AB Local Area Walk	Tuesday 8th Oct	AM
Year 4 Travelling Book Fair slot	Tuesday 8th Oct	2:40pm
Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament	Wednesday 9th Oct	All day
Year 5 Travelling Book Fair slot	Wednesday 9th Oct	2:40pm
Class 3LP Local Area Walk	Thursday 10th Oct	AM
World Mental Health Day— <i>yellow accessories can be worn</i>	Thursday 10th Oct	All day
Year 6 Travelling Book Fair slot	Thursday 10th Oct	2:40pm
Pupil Individual & sibling photos	Friday 11th Oct	AM

DINNER MENU

The school menu this term is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 3 (week commencing 07.10.2024).

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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