



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 September 2024

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been brilliant to see all of the children back in school and looking smart in their uniform.

We have had an excellent week across the school with our hook activities for our new topics, it has been wonderful to see all of the children so positively engaged in their learning. Our term's topics are in Year 3: 'Explorers', Year 4: 'Astonishing Contraptions', Year 5: 'Crime and Punishment' and Year 6: 'The Reality of Freedom'

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week and the various drop-in and other events across the term. Here's to a continued long and successful partnership with you as we work together to provide the highest standards of education for all Kents Hill Junior School's amazing pupils.

Have an incredible weekend, Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Be Safe

Payment system and email communication

We have our School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system at Kents Hill Junior School. This is a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school dinners, school trips, breakfast and after school club at anytime from anywhere.

All school related communication, newsletters, breakfast & after school club bookings, dinners and payments should go through School Gateway (Schoolcomms).

Please note that all children attending breakfast club/after school club are required to be booked into sessions using the app.

To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you **download the app for free**. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download.



For any new parents/carers—your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we already have, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to admin@kentshill-jun.essex.sch.uk.



PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024, ALL COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL AND NOT IN PAPER FORM.

School Drop off and Collection

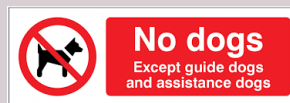
The gates will be open in the morning from 8:40am to 8:50am. The end of the school day is 3:20pm for the whole school.

Please ensure that if your child is due to be collected by another parent at the end of the day the office has been informed. They will then make sure the class teacher is aware of the end of day arrangements for your child. No pupil should be taken home by another parent unless this has been prearranged.

No dogs on school site

Whilst we love animals at Kents Hill Junior school, dogs are not permitted within the inner perimeter of the school grounds at any time (this includes in arms or inside jackets).

May we seek everyone's co-operation and your support in not leaving dogs unattended, tied up to school fencing. This is for the safety of the dog as well as for the benefit of others including ensuring a clear path in and out of school for those who wish to avoid dogs. Our priority is always the safeguarding of our pupils and whole school community.



Online Safety

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MINIMUM AGES
Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook

13

Whatsapp

16

Tik Tok

16 to register

13 to use

YouTube

18 to register

13 with parental permission

Games – check PEGI rating.

For more online safety advice, please go to:

www.saferinternet.org.uk or <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

Be Respectful

Mobile Phones

Only Year 6 children are allowed a mobile phone. These must be switched off as soon as the pupil enters the school site in the morning and placed in the mobile phone boxes located at the front and back playground. They can only be switched on again when they leave the site at the end of the day. Any infringement of these rules will lead to the phone being confiscated until an adult can collect it from the office. The pupil will also lose the privilege of bringing a phone to school.

School Clubs

A letter has been sent out this week regarding staff lead school clubs & The Deanes sports clubs. The following staff clubs will start next week and **all others will start from Monday 16th September 2024. The clubs run from 3:20pm to 4:20pm:**

Monday: Tag Rugby Club

Wednesday: Year 5 & 6 Girls & Boys Football

Tuesday: Basketball

Thursday: Year 3 & 4 Girls & Boys Football

INFORMATION

Year 6 Walking

Please can we ask that you let the school know if your Year 6 child is to walk home by themselves. This can be done by giving permission via the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/UwVpeuyaaW6rumaU9>

Allergies

This is a polite reminder to all Parents/Carers that we have several children who have severe allergies to nuts and nut-based products. In the interests of their wellbeing we have banned all nuts or nut-based products from the school site. Please support this by ensuring that you check the labels of the processed items that you send into school for your child's snack or packed lunch. Thank you.

Medication in School

Should your child need medication during the school day, we will require parental permission to administer this.

Medication should not be sent into school with your child, this must be handed into the school office who will give you the necessary paperwork to complete. Please note that we are only able to administer prescribed medication.

School Uniform

The pupils look incredibly smart in their new school uniforms.

This makes an enormous difference to the ethos and image of the school. **Please can you ensure that you mark every item including ties with your child's name and class.**

Parents of Year 3 Pupils

To ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child, please could you complete and return your child's Data Collection form to the school office as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

Messages for Pupils

The school office operates a 'Messages for Pupils' system whereby you are able to get an important message to your child for the end of the school day. **Any message for your child must be received by the office staff by 2:45pm to ensure it is delivered to your child on time.**

Attendance

Please report any absences via the normal procedure by contacting the school office before 9:00am. It is now mandatory that any absence is reported using the absence phone line and must not be communicated via email or on the School Gateway App.

Our Wellbeing Team are available to support you with any concerns or queries you may have. Please contact the Wellbeing Team on the main office number if you would like to discuss.

PE Days

Please be reminded of the PE days for this year:

- Year 3 = Tuesday
- Year 4 = Thursday
- Year 5 = Wednesday
- Year 6 = Monday



Free School Meals and Additional Funding

Your child may be entitled to not only a free, hot meal but also additional funding to support in raising their attainment even higher. Applications can be made online via:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

KEY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deanes before school clubs start	W/C 9th Sept	8am—8:45am
Tag Rugby, Basketball & football clubs start	W/C 9th Sept	3:20pm—4:20pm
Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' session	Monday 9th Sept	2:40pm
Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' session	Tuesday 10th Sept	2:30pm
Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' session	Wednesday 11th Sept	2:30pm
Year 3 'Meet the Teacher' session	Thursday 12th Sept	2:40pm
Homework commences	W/C 16th Sept	-
All other staff run clubs start	W/C 16th Sept	3:20pm—4:20pm
Parent/Carer 'Drop-in' session	Wednesday 18th Sept	3:30pm—4pm
Jeans for Genes—non uniform day	Friday 20th Sept	All day



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.

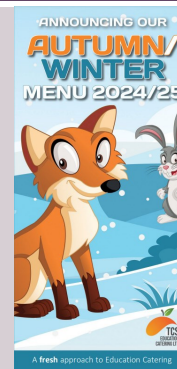
3LJ	Saylor P	5CC	Freddie T
3LP	Michael B	5MR	Amelie C
3AB	Vinnie B	5EM	Hettie S
4RH	Joseph H	6LT	Millie S
4JC	Jack A	6NA	Jude I
4RE	Tristen W	6CA	Elsie G

MENU

The school menu this term is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 2 (week commencing 09.09.2024).

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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