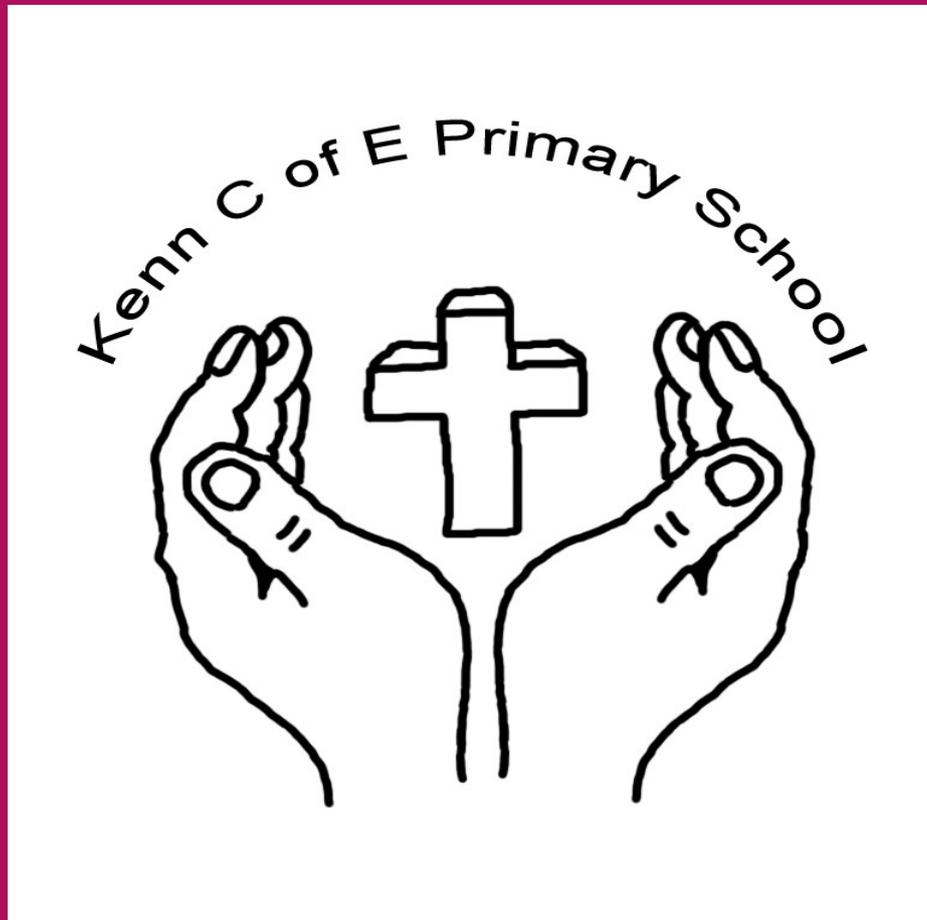


Kenn Church of England Primary School
Kennford, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7TX
Tel and Fax: 01392 832347



Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Important Information

Contact tracing over the Christmas break

If your child tests positive for Covid 19 at the start of the Christmas break, between 18th and 24th December, it is important that you email the school through kennparents@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk, telling us the date of the onset of symptoms, the date that the test was taken and the date of the positive test result. We need this information so that if necessary we can inform other members of the class if they need to self-isolate during the Christmas break. Many thanks for your help in this.

Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

Devon County Council have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

They don't want anyone to miss out on this vital support.

From Tuesday 8 December Devon will be sending a unique code per child to all families registered for Free School Meals with the Local Authority, those currently in receipt of Free School Meals. The LA will provide every school with a list of all their students that are being issued a voucher early next week. Each code can be used once on a [website called 'Hawk Select'](#) to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

The website requires families to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once they have chosen their preferred supermarket. When received, they can save the vouchers to their phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, they can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

If you are eligible please look out for a detailed letter or email next week.

Finally, if any families are worrying about money and struggling to pay for basic household essentials, please contact us so that we can direct you towards funding available via the District Council hardship funds.

Christmas Events

Virtual Christmas Show—Christmas joy!

From Monday 14th December you can see all the children bringing some festive cheer, virtually, on our website!

EYFS have recorded their own fabulous version of the Nativity, and you can see the other year groups performing lively and fun Christmas dances with great energy.

Every class has also produced some beautiful seasonal art, which you can also view online .

We hope that in the absence of a live Ks1 Nativity performance and Ks2 carol singing , you will enjoy this alternative offering.

Talent Show

The talent show will still be taking place this year, but with a twist. Instead of performing live, we ask that children record their entries at home (no longer than 3 minutes) and for these to be emailed to school by Friday 11th December. The talent show will take place on Wednesday 16th.

Christmas Parties

On Tuesday 15th December, all classes will be having their class Christmas parties. These will be socially distanced, and will include a Christmas film and some suitable games. Children need to bring in a snack box (a small box containing some party snacks such as biscuits, crisps etc). These snack boxes are not to share and will be for the individual child only. Children will need their normal lunch as well. Children can also come to school wearing their party clothes. Please ensure these are suitable for playtimes (sensible footwear and warm).

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December children will have their Christmas lunch. They are also invited to wear their festive jumpers for the day.

Cards and Gifts

We know that our children like to spread Christmas cheer by sending cards to their friends and the staff. However, you may remember that last year we tried to reduce the amount of cards being sent in school as part of our 'reduce, reuse, recycle' promise. We would like to continue this again this year and also adhere to our Covid guidelines for only essential items being brought to/from school. Alternatively, if your child would like to send a Christmas message to another class instead, then please email this to school and it can be read out in classes during the last week of term.

Diary of Events

Dates may be added or amended so please check the website for up to date information:

<http://www.kenn-primary.devon.sch.uk/calendar/>

Cold weather

Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school each day so that they are warm enough for outside learning and playtimes.

We advise children to wear extra layers under their school jumper, if they are feeling cold in school. Please do not bring blankets from home.

The latest Covid guidelines inform us that we are to ventilate the classrooms frequently throughout the school day rather than having to keep all windows and doors permanently open. This now allows us to have the highest windows open throughout the day but smaller gaps in windows and doors to keep everyone a bit warmer.

Thank you

Thank you for socially distancing outside of the school gates and following our latest Covid rules by:

- Wearing a facemask when you are dropping off or collecting your children
- Being prompt (not early or late) to collect your child/ren from the allotted gate and time
- Ensuring that 2m social distancing is respected between you and people from other families
- Crossing the road to collect your child—we will not send them across the road to you
- Leaving the areas as soon as you have collected/dropped off your child/ren

Catch up curriculum

Due to the Covid Lockdown causing great disruption to the education of all children, the government introduced a National Tutoring Programme to support schools in providing additional catch up for those children who have been most academically effected.

At Kenn, we have already seen great improvements in our children by simply returning to daily lessons and a normal school structure. However, as all schools are aware, there are still gaps to fill so we have been busy assessing the children and identifying the areas that need rapid attention.

This term, the focus has been on Phonics by providing additional support for KS1 and some Y3s.

Next term, we will turn our attention to catching up in Maths for Y3-6.

Kennford Playbox

Christmas Raffle Monday 14th December

To purchase Tickets

Please text 07706108742 Jillian Williams with your full name and contact number and the amount of tickets you would like. They are £2 per strip. I would deliver them on Monday morning wearing a green Christmas hat outside the school grounds please bring your money then.

Prize list;

- **A Christmas Hamper (From The Seven Stars)**
- **A JDBug Scooter (rrp £50) (From Partridge Cycles)**
- **A half hour pony lead out for 2 children (From Haldon Riding Stables)**
- **A veg and salad BOX (From The Veg Patch)**
- **A Christmas Hamper (From Playbox)**

If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and feel free to contact me for any other info.

Jillian Williams

A polite reminder that we are doing our utmost to ensure that all children stay in year group bubbles at all times throughout the school day. We realise that siblings will cross bubbles when going home together but please support our vulnerable staff, children and parents by keeping to the government rules when outside of the school hours.



NHS Covid 19 phone app

Schools have been asked to promote the downloading and use of the NHS Covid 19 phone app among parents and staff. The aim of this is to assist the track and trace capacity across the country to slow down the spread of the virus.

Have you downloaded yours yet?



Covid symptoms

What to do if your child is unwell with Covid Symptoms

Dear Parents,

Please see this information below, taken directly from the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test. Do not send your children into school until you have received a negative test result.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.
- Upon receiving a negative result, please send this to school via email for our records.



The Fresha Schools Christmas Lunch 2020

Thursday 17th December

Freshly prepared, moist and tender turkey breast, from our butcher in Exeter with traditional sage and onion stuffing

Award winning, succulent, sizzling, honey roast chipolata sausages produced in Newton Abbot

Crisp and delicious Vegetable Wellington, filled with Quorn, seasonal West Country vegetables & lightly seasoned mouth-watering vegetable sausages

Golden roast potatoes, with a tasty selection of steamed, fresh, local vegetables all topped off by a rich and luscious gluten free gravy

Handcrafted Chocolate Fudge Cake made with rich and velvety Fair Trade Cocoa, served with smooth and creamy strawberry West Country ice cream

Sweet and juicy, fresh fruit, hand cut and combined into a refreshing fruit salad

Prize winning natural rich and creamy fruit yoghurt

This isn't just Christmas lunch,

This is FRESHA CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

Pre-order now in the usual way so your children can enjoy this special lunch with their friends



AUTUMN TERM 2020

Autumn Term Ends Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021 begins Tuesday 5th January

Half-term 15th to 19th February

Spring Term Ends Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2021 begins Tuesday 20th April 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Half-term 31st May - 4th June 2021

Summer Term Ends Friday 23rd July 2021

Festive Folk Tales By FAIRYLIGHTS

SUNDAY 20TH December 4pm

Kenn Centre Car Park

Pre registered tickets only (available
on Eventbrite)

Link address:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/festive-folktales-by-fairylights-tickets-132323935453>

Can you find them
all in time for
Christmas Day?



Create your own nativity scene with this fun, family friendly trail around the village.

There are 5 stones to collect. Follow the trail to reunite Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in time for Christmas.



Trail maps available on Facebook @Kennfordevents from 14.12.20. Don't forget to snap and share your nativity scene and @Kennfordevents in your post. Prizes to be won for the most creative nativity stone scene.

Damaged Car

On Tuesday 8th December, a parent's car was hit by another car whilst parked just up from the school on the main road. As the other driver didn't stop or leave their details, if anyone witnessed what happened, please could they contact the school office. Many thanks

Email: admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk