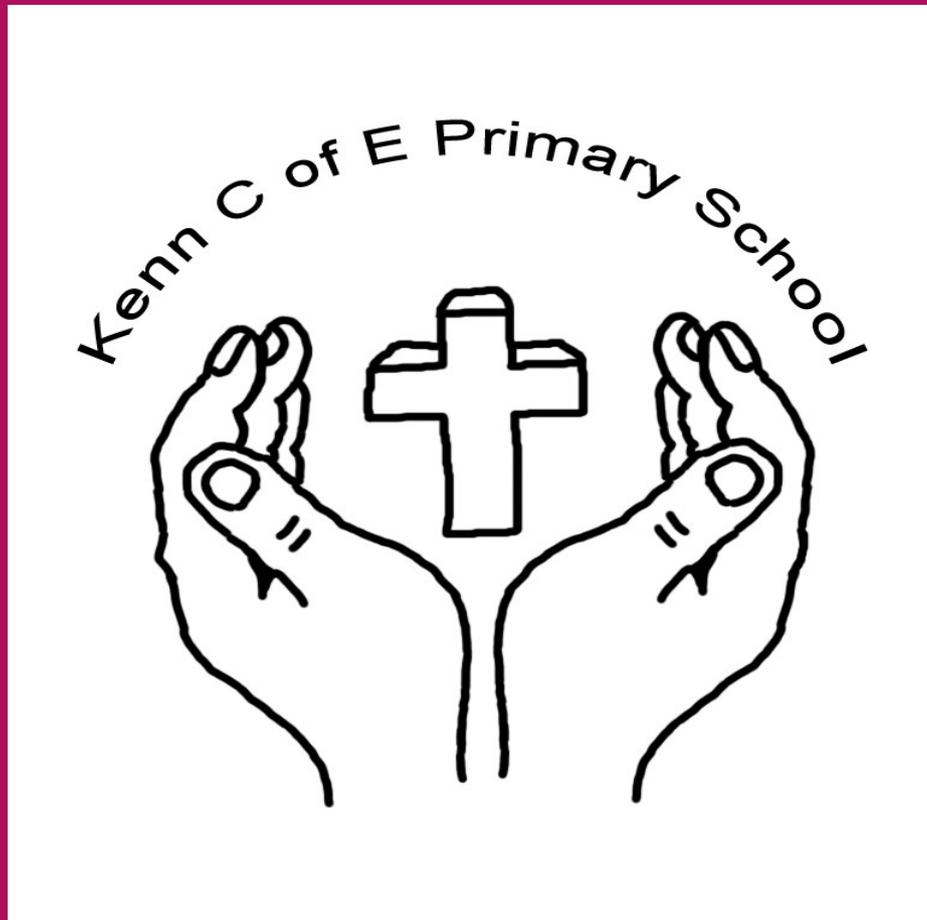


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# Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

## Diary of Events

Every year we have a short 'meet the teacher' session for parents to meet the new class teachers, say hello and ask any questions about routines or procedures. These meetings tend to last anything from 10 to 20 minutes. Due to the current situation, these meetings will take place via Zoom. Look out for an invite via email nearer the time and date.

Meet the teacher via Zoom:

- C1 Thurs 24th Sept 4.15pm
- C2 Thurs 17th 4.15pm
- C3 Wed 16th Sept 4pm
- C4 Tues 15th Sept 4pm

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

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

Please spread the word about our meal-time assistant vacancy -

**Mealtime Assistant Vacancy**— pay grade A1 £9.00 per hour— (due to rise to £9.25) If you are interested please can you contact the School Administrators or Mrs Somerwill for more details.

Welcome back!

It has been an absolute delight to have the children back in school. The laughter, chatter and smiles have returned, lighting up the building. Hooray!

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for being so willing to work *with us* in this extremely challenging time, to enable us to keep the children, parents and staff as safe as possible. Many rules and procedures are new or different, some have had to change and some are evolving, but we are really grateful for your ongoing patience and communication. This parental support has, and can continue to make the whole process work much better.

Now that the children are back in the classroom, we have a dual focus of helping all children make excellent progress, whilst ensuring that children are happy, confident and feeling secure in school. We have developed a curriculum that aims firstly to ensure that children are ready to learn—building on their confidence, resilience, self-esteem and sense of play—all things that are likely to have been adversely affected by lockdown. The first weeks of school will be designed to focus on these elements, whilst gently upping the level of academic expectations, to ensure children don't feel threatened by their school experiences. This approach is what has been recommended to us by the Government and child psychologists, based on scientific evidence of children's wellbeing and brain development, to enable children to make maximum progress in the longer term.



Children should not be left unattended in the school field/playground in evenings and weekends. Please be respectful of our new equipment and adhere to handwashing guidelines.

8.45-3.15: C2 and C4.

9-3.30: C1 and C3.

Email: [admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk)

# Our new-normal expectations

These have been put in place to ensure that children, parents and staff are kept as safe as possible by preventing a transfer of the virus between home and school.

Please adhere to the following and if there are any queries please contact your child's class teacher.

- Water bottles to be brought in to school on a **Monday** and taken home to be thoroughly washed on a **Friday**. They should not be taken home daily.
- Trainers can be worn daily to school, if this is preferred, to allow for more regular physical activity. No change of shoes or PE kits are to be brought in to school.
- Children to come to school wearing their PE kits for the full school day on a **Friday**.
- Bags are not required in school to minimize a home-school transfer. If a bag is essential, then this must be as small as possible so that there is no chance for it to fall off pegs or out of lockers.
- Timings— **8.45-9.15: C2 and C4.** **9-00-3.30: C1 and C3.**

Please be on time as we are doing everything we can to prevent bubbles crossing paths. If you are early or late this causes bubbles to be waiting together.

- If you have siblings in school that are needing to be in/out at different times then please let Susie in the office know whether both children are going to follow the 8.45-3.15 OR 9-3.30 timings as all class teachers need to be made aware of this.

Our next stage of safety precautions are to mark the car park with dots for parents of KS1 children to wait on so that they can collect their children near the KS1 gate. We will also be marking dots on the road towards the cul-de-sac area of behind the gate for KS2 parents to stand on whilst waiting. This will prevent parents becoming too close to each other and also blocking the gate way when children are needing to safely walk to their parents.

You can view the Covid 19 risk assessments linked to our school on the school website, following this link - <http://www.kenn-primary.devon.sch.uk/covid-19-info/>



The health and wellbeing benefits of children travelling actively to school are well-known, from improved behaviour and concentration, to a stronger sense of independence. As pupils return to school following lockdown, active travel is more important than ever to help pupils get to school safely and healthily.

HELP!!!

We have a massive plea for resources...

Class 1 are trying to **update and develop** their outdoor area, as budgets are tight, we wondered if anybody has any of the following they would be **happy to donate** to school. It would be greatly appreciated! **Thank You** in advance! Items would need to be new or not used, apart from the toys.

- Plastic piping (any sizes)
- Fence Trestle
- Hose pipes
- Plastic guttering tubes
- Plastic funnels
- Plastic downpipes
- Mops (cloth)
- Pegs
- Padlocks
- Metal door chains
- Heavy duty tarpaulin
- Brooms
- Paintbrushes
- Toy diggers
- Lego base boards

# Dawlish College

Please contact [Kbukowski@dawlish.devon.sch.uk](mailto:Kbukowski@dawlish.devon.sch.uk) for a tour of the college - we would love to welcome you at any time to support you in making your child's secondary school choice.

I hope you enjoy our promotional video to give you a little taste of Dawlish College where ambition is unlocked:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1ovyw7nq4vz7d9k/Dawlish%20College%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

## Thank you

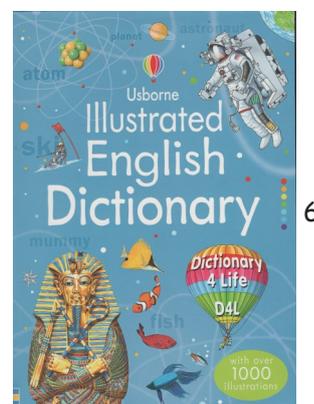
We have had lots of staff coming in to school over the summer to get the school grounds and classrooms ready. A big thank you to Mrs Garner and Mrs Tetlow, alongside their husbands, for organising the EYFS outside area and revamping it for the new children.

Your children may have mentioned how excited they have been to see the train and outdoor equipment back up and running. A huge thank you to Mrs Coles and her husband for fixing all of these items for our children and the community to enjoy. Please be respectful of the equipment and only use after school and at weekends if supervised by an adult and following hand hygiene procedures.

## Rotary Club

Robin Buchanan of Dawlish Water Rotary Club was delighted to present to our school, on behalf of his Rotary Club, a set of Dictionaries for Life for the new Year students.

This is part of a project to provide dictionaries to schools. Rotary believe that by encouraging the intelligent and self-guided use of dictionaries, learners become more independent. The Y6 children will be receiving these shortly.



## Forest School

We are delighted that Dea Annison will be leading our forest school programme again this year. Each class will have time during the year to go with Dea to our forest school site or school grounds and take part in various lessons, games and activities that are designed to boost happiness, wellbeing, confidence and understanding of the outdoors.

The first class to take part will be Class 3, each Tuesday for the rest of this half term.



# TERM DATES

**AUTUMN TERM 2020** begins Wednesday 9th September

Half-term 26th to 30th October

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