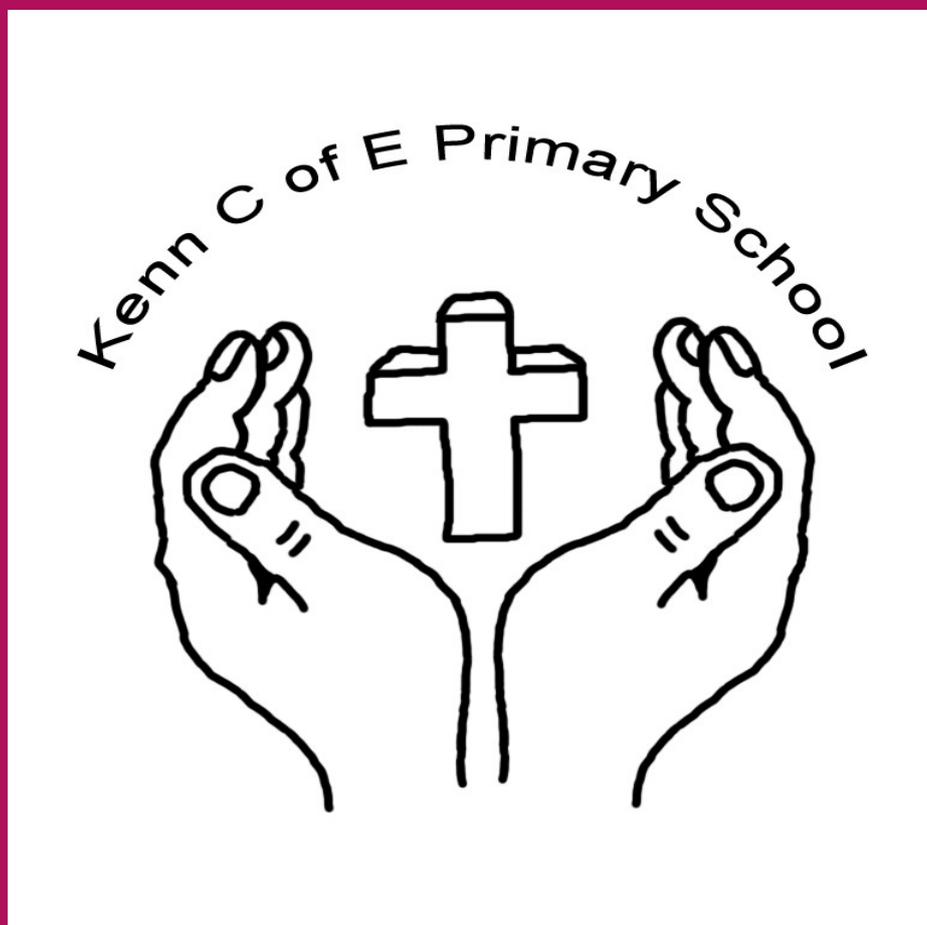


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# Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

## 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/>

# 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
- Not driving in the road outside of the school during the drop off or collection times in order to keep our children safe

# 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.



- Bowl of chips on a Friday available to order on schoolmoney for 75 pence.
- Christmas dinner - Thursday 17th December please order no later than 9am 10th December.
- Children are still asked not to bring bags to school. Only lunch boxes should be brought in daily and water bottles on a Monday.

- Virtual Christmas will be uploaded to our website for the last week of term. Please take a look and share our festive creations with your family.

-To support our staff wellbeing, we would like to remind all parents that emails to school will not be answered over weekends and evenings. Many of our teachers work part-time so they will respond on their next working day.

# 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 in the last week of term and the date will be confirmed nearer the time.

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

## Kenn Primary Community Forum

Our Community Forum meets each half-term. This group of parents and community members brings forward the thoughts of parents and the local community and acts as a sounding-board for Governor and school developments.

We haven't met since March, but now is the time to resurrect our meetings via Zoom. In particular to discuss what the last few months have taught us about our children, ourselves and the school within the community. We want to make the most of this difficult experience and see what we can take forward from it.

Minutes from this group are posted on the school's website once agreed by Community Forum members. The group continues to seek new members to reflect the whole school community. Please phone or email the school to let Mrs Somerwill know if you are interested in being a representative by Monday 30th November, so that a Zoom invitation can be sent to you.

The next meeting is 2pm Tuesday 1st December via Zoom.

# Christmas

## Cards

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 card/message to a whole class instead, then please email it to school and it can be shown in classes during the last week of term.

## Gifts

We are also aware how generous our parents are when it comes to buying gifts for the staff. As much as we truly appreciate them, it doesn't feel like it is the right thing to be doing this year with the Covid restrictions, on top of the financial burden that this Pandemic has caused for many of us.

Instead, we would love to share your appreciation by simply receiving a message to the staff or individual via email or offering a donation to our Exeter Foodbank charity box that is at the front of the school building.

Many thanks,

The Kenn team.

## Christmas party clothes day!

We will be recording the children performing their Christmas contribution for the website on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Class 1 children to please dress in warm, comfy clothes that will fit under a nativity costume.

Years 1-6 to come to school dressed in warm, Christmas party clothes.

Christmas hats/headgear are optional.





The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school this term.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the **SCARF** resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

### **Workshops – LifeBase**

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.

Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship, how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks of drug use, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as learning about how few people in their age group actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

### **Wider PSHE education and SCARF**

Over 45,000 teachers across the UK are now subscribers – here are some reasons why we have chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially
- Supports learning across all ages
- Timetabled lessons to support mental health & wellbeing
- Covers all the new DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Regularly updated online curriculum
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations

UK's leading charity provider – not for profit

Click [here](#) to find out more about Coram Life Education & SCARF

© Coram Life Education information for parents and carers/LB/V5

# 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.

# Children In Need

Mr Tyrrell created a Children in Need 4 minute run where the children ran laps of the playground in their classes in an attempt to run as many laps as we could as a school. Here are their impressive results:

Class 1 - 93 laps - 15 children - average: 6.2 laps per child

Class 2 - 197 laps - 25 children - average 7.88 laps per child

Class 3 - 238 laps - 29 children - average 8.21 laps per child

Class 4 - 272 laps - 25 children - average 10.88 laps per child

Grand total of 800 laps of the school playground!

94 children participated averaging 8.51 laps each - well done to all of the children for working so hard!

# Sustainable school

- one of the aims in our outdoor learning is to foster respect for the natural world and an awareness of living sustainably on the planet. When you pack a healthy fruit snack for your child's break-time please consider:
- does it need to be wrapped in plastic? Oranges, bananas and apples have their own protective skin!
- can you put fruit into a reusable tub? Raisins, grapes, soft berries etc can be protected in a tub you can wash and use over and over again
- can the fruit be unprocessed, in its natural state? Fruit winders and other packaged snacks often have an excess of sugar, as well as plastic packaging that cannot be recycled

# Continuing our anti-bullying week

## WHAT IS BULLYING?

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.



## HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD IS BEING BULLIED?

You know your child best. Look out for any changes in their behaviour – for example becoming quieter or withdrawn or acting out and getting in trouble. They may also be reluctant to go to school or take part in their usual activities, may become upset after using their phones or devices, or may complain of frequent unexplained illnesses like tummy upsets or headaches. You may also find that their sleep is disturbed, and they are showing signs of sadness or anxiety.

## HELP! MY CHILD IS BULLYING OTHERS

We are all capable of bullying behaviour. What is important is that we recognise it and endeavour to stop it, and where we have hurt others, learn to take action to put things right. If you have been told by others that your child is showing bullying behaviour, it's important to stay calm and ask for examples of the things they have said or done and the impact this has had on others.

## WHEN SHOULD I STEP IN?

It is a fact of life that your child will not be liked by everyone, will probably be on the receiving end of name calling or negative comments, occasionally will feel left out or alone, will make friends and lose friends, have arguments and disputes, may be involved in physical fights and may get in the occasional spot of bother for hurting someone else. It's important to prepare them for this and work through strategies for handling these situations.

As a parent you have a vital role to play in helping your child recognise bullying and what you can do together to stop it.



Help With Bullying

Kidscape provides advice and support for parents and carers concerned about bullying. Information is available through the Kidscape website and social media channels, through the Kidscape Parent Advice Line, and regular peer to peer support groups. Parents also can attend workshops to help them support their children through their school journey. For more details visit [www.kidscape.org.uk](https://www.kidscape.org.uk)

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.



# TERM DATES

## 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

## Moldova shoe boxes

Thank you from us and the Rotary Club for your kind donations this year.

They will be greatly appreciated by their recipients.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are taking part in this year's 'Dartmoor Christmas Tree' Schools competition.

They have kindly donated a Christmas Tree to the School which will be decorated over the next couple of weeks. A picture of the finished tree will be posted on Dartmoor Christmas Tree's Facebook page on week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the tree with the most likes after 1 week will go into a final where DCT staff and Forestry England will pick one winner who will receive a £250 prize for their school.

As part of the competition, Dartmoor Christmas Trees have asked us to pass on the attached e-voucher for you to claim a FREE Santa hat and £2.50 off the purchase of any Dartmoor Christmas Tree from their retail outlets at Haldon Christmas Tree Centre, their Dartmoor Farm or at Morrisons Paignton & Totnes.



**£2.50 OFF**  
the purchase of any tree

**Voucher code: KENNB20**

Present this voucher at any of our retail sites including Haldon Christmas Tree Centre, Choose and Cut from the farm and Morrison Paignton & Totnes.



**FREE SANTA HAT**  
This can be redeemed at any of our local outlets (no purchase necessary)

Terms & Conditions apply. one voucher per customer. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer

### 4 ways TO BUY

-  Forestry England Available at Haldon Christmas Tree Centre
-  ORDER ONLINE FOR HOME DELIVERY Order online for UK home delivery
-  CHOOSE YOUR OWN AND CUT Choose your own tree from our Dartmoor farm - BOOKING REQUIRED via website
-  MORRISONS Available at Paignton and Totnes stores

