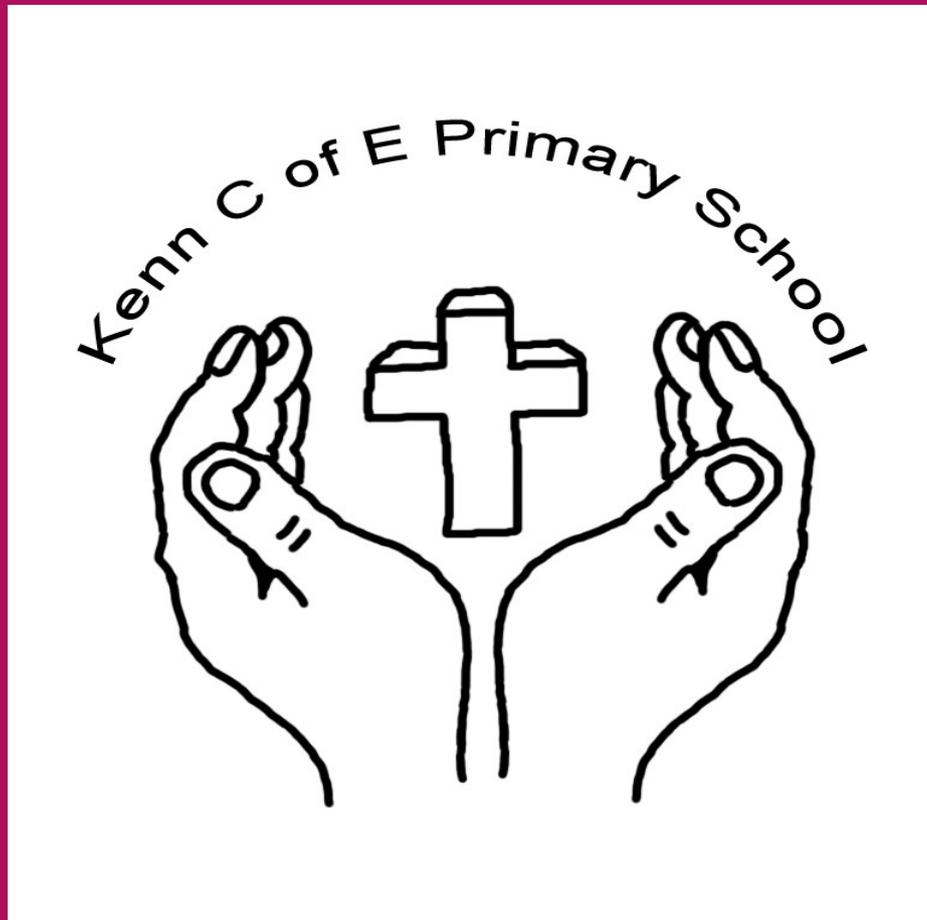


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# Newsletter

Friday 9th July 2021

# Changes to Covid Restrictions in Schools...

## ...No Changes for Kenn C of E (just yet)

We are sure that many of you will have heard Education Secretary Gavin Williamson's announcement earlier this week on changes to restrictions in school. He outlined new plans for bubbles, test and trace, mask wear amidst other guidance. However, we have decided that continuity and consistency at Kenn C of E is best and safest for the children.

Therefore, despite any changes to guidance, we respectfully ask that:

- \* You continue to wear a face covering when collecting, dropping off or accessing school site
- \* You continue to adhere to drop off and collection times (these will not be changed)
- \* You continue to respect our school bubble system as this will remain in place
- \* You continue to keep us up-to-date with any symptoms, need for isolation or positive testing
- \* You continue to social distance on at the school gate and on school site

As a school, we will continue to operate our bubble system, ensure the staff body wear masks when in communal areas of the school, wear masks at the gate, inform you of any positive tests that affect your child and welcome the children in and out at the staggered times.

To add additional continuity (for example these systems and routines are the normal for our youngest pupils—they've not experienced anything else) **we will continue to operate these systems for the first two weeks back in September.**

Again, we'd like to thank you for your continued support.

# Class Four Residential

Last week, Class 4 had their residential trip to Grenville House, Brixham. While there, the children engaged in five amazing activities, each challenging them in different ways. Stood on top of a huge drop, watching the children as they prepare to abseil it was easy to identify the challenge to the children. However, residential trips are about so much more than the challenges children face within the activities they do. It's about the children being away from home for a couple nights and how they cope with that, about sharing an experience with their peers, about managing their clothes and kit, about participating in some simple chores to ensure we have a respectful and clean shared space, about helping each other and collaborating to ensure all succeeded. Perhaps summed up best by one child who sited the most challenging activity as being 'putting the duvet cover on my duvet!'. Another spoke about the daily struggle with a wetsuit! The children have learned so much from this trip and have been challenged and grown in many different skills. They were



# Class Four Residential!



# End of Year Reports

Your child / child's end of year report will have been released to you today. Hopefully you will see that these are comprehensive and cover a summary of children's achievements, learning and progress across the whole year. While in the whole, we expect that you will be satisfied by this comprehensive overview of the children, we understand that for some of you, you may wish to have further discussion, conversation or added context to some of the remarks.

If this is the case, please use the form on the report to identify this. The class teacher will then be in contact to arrange either a Zoom appointment or a phone call.

We're very impressed with how well the children have done this year, their academic achievement, progress, behaviour for learning and their resilience at doing all this following the disruptive year of education they've experienced. We also acknowledge that without the support of our parents, we would not have had this success—THANK YOU!

## Would you like to support our children with their learning?

If you have any available time in the afternoon's, we're always looking for volunteers to come and work with our children. They'd love to have more adults to read to and they'd love to see even more friendly faces in school.

We can make sure we offer you some great resources and a supportive staff team to ensure the children get an amazing experience from your generosity.



If you are interested, either for the remainder of this year, or looking ahead to September, please contact Mrs Watson on the email below, or phone the school office



### Being on time

We understand that mornings can be busy in households, however we need children to arrive to school on time. The **gate is open at 08:45** when children are encouraged to come in.

Just 10 minutes late a few times per week collates to a lot of lost learning time over an academic year.

### Water bottles

Please remember that children still need a water bottle. This can be kept in school over the week and taken home at the weekend to be washed. It is rinsed in school at the end of each day.



# notices

### Sun Protection!

Now that summer finally seems to have arrived, please can we remind you about sun protection. The children will need a vessel in school every day to drink from. They may also benefit from a sun hat or sun glasses and/or sun cream application before school. While we cannot apply suncream to the children in school, we can support them to use it independently if they have some which they wish to use at lunchtime.

### Take care in the sun



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## Help us earn rewards for Kenn C of E!

WH Smith are supporting our School with their “Free Vouchers for School Scheme” and we need **your** help to make it a success!!

We have signed up to a new scheme to earn Free Vouchers for our School: WH Smith has agreed to donate 10% of the value on all our Parents/Guardians spend on Books and Stationery\* between 1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as WH Smith vouchers which will be used to purchase additional resources for the school library and reward and acknowledge Student achievement.

### How to support our School:

**Shopping in store:** Please print and take the below barcode in to a WH Smith High Street Store and ask the cashier to scan the barcode along with your items at the checkout or scan at the self-service tills

**Shopping online:** When completing your purchase simply enter the barcode number below into the “do you have a promo code” box

After 30<sup>th</sup> September we will receive 10% of the value of the spend on Books and Stationery earned by everyone that has participated, back in vouchers for the School

We appreciate your participation within this promotion and support for our School!





## IMPORTANT DATES

**A busy end to the year!**

**With the change to restrictions not easing as swiftly as we had hoped, we've had to make some changes to our proposed events. Below is an outline of how the important dates in the Summer Term will work.**

- \* **Friday 9th July: Sports Day!** We are no longer able to invite parents to be part of this event due to the current restrictions on schools which inform our Risk Assessment. Photos and videos of the event will be shared via email.
- \* **Friday 9th July: End of Year Reports released to parents.** No formal appointments are made in conjunction with the report. However, if you would like to further discuss the contents of the report, please fill in the reply slip which is on the report and outline if your preference would be for a Zoom meeting or a phone call. A member of staff will then be in touch to organize this.
- \* **WB 12th July: Arts Week!** Children will still be able to access a range of learning experiences via a rotation each afternoon that week. However, our proposed celebration afternoon where we were inviting parents in will unfortunately not be able to happen. We will be hoping to take photos and share their achievements via the newsletter.
- \* **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd July: Transition Move Up Days.** This will still be happening and children will be able to enjoy two days with their new class teachers (unless there are further complications regarding restrictions where we will reorganize this. The children will however have some transition with their new teacher, regardless).
- \* **Friday 23rd July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Last Day of Term.** Again, as things stand, this event will still take place. Current plans are that it will be held in the hall with all classes and two parents of each year 6 child permissible to attend.
- \* **Monday 26th July: Summer Holidays Start!**
- \* **Wednesday 8th September: First Day of the Autumn Term**

# Fresha Update



## **How to squeeze in more Vitamin C.**

Vitamin C: the wonder vitamin that defends us from catching colds? Well, Vitamin C does help to boost our immune system, but it also does so much more!

### **What does Vitamin C actually do?**

Vitamin C has several important functions, including:

- protecting cells
- maintaining healthy skin, blood vessels, bone and cartilage
- helping with wound healing
- supporting iron absorption
- bolstering the immune system.

Vitamin C cannot be stored by the body, so it is important that your child benefits from a healthy variety of Vitamin C sources every day. Beyond the obvious oranges, you'll find it in kiwi fruits, strawberries, blackberries, blackcurrants, broccoli, kale and potatoes amongst others.

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### **How do we squeeze Vitamin C into Fresha school lunches?**

1. By steaming our veg - it's the best way as a large amount of Vitamin C is lost when cooked in water. Make this swap at home too, it's easily done!
2. By blending bell peppers and tomatoes into our pizza bases and sauces – ssh, our little secret!
3. Our fruit salads are fresh, vitamin-rich and popular; the result of us making them just-in-time.
4. You wouldn't easily spot it, but fruits and vegetables are the undercover superheroes within many of our desserts too!

### **The bigger picture...**

Whilst a vitamin C deficiency within a child is typically easy to fix, doctors usually find it comes with signs of overall malnutrition – which is unfortunately often linked to poverty. Government-funded primary schools therefore offer free school lunches to all children in reception, year 1 or 2, plus lower-income families. Ask your school reception if you qualify; it's discreetly processed and benefits the school, so please don't feel any reason to hold back.

For further detail and to share ideas on boosting your child's diet, follow us on social media: @freshaexeter. Feel free to contact us directly too, via: [feedback@fresha.org](mailto:feedback@fresha.org)



# Dates for next year...

## AUTUMN TERM 2021

begins Wednesday 8th September 2021

Half-term Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn term ends on Friday 17th December 2021

## SPRING TERM 2022

begins Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half-term Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 28th February 2022

Spring term ends on Friday 8th April 2022

## SUMMER TERM 2022

begins Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half-term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 6th June 2022

Trust non-pupil day Friday 8th July 2022

Summer term ends on Friday 22nd July 2022