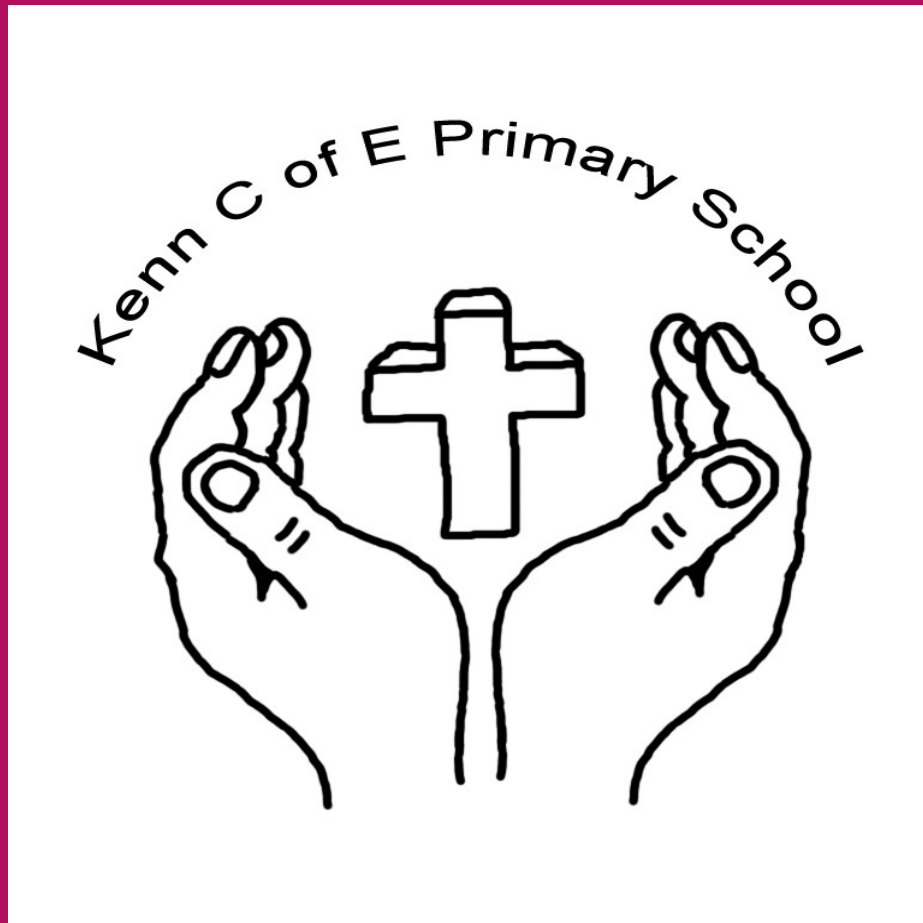


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# Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

## Important Updates on Class Bubbles

As the Covid restrictions in schools have eased and we continue along our path towards 'normality', we have decided to make a few changes, detailed below. The aim of the changes is to ensure that children, parents and staff are as safe as possible, whilst allowing children to enjoy school life to the greatest extent possible.

We are now in a position to be able to allow children to mix across key stages, so will no longer have our bubble system in place.

We have had a close look at all of the recent changes, and can see that some have benefits that can continue beyond Covid, for example staggered lunchtimes ensure that there is more space on the playground at any given moment for the children. Although it is tempting to jump straight back to how things were before Covid, we are determined to keep in place anything that has further reaching benefits.

Points to note: (starting from Monday 27th September)

Beginning of the day—As before.



End of the day—again, as before. If you need to come onto the school premises for any reason, please wear a facemask. This includes walking down to the Class 1 gate through the car park.

Assemblies and Play Times will go back to all children together. We will put extra adults on the playground to help with this transition.

Lunch times will continue to be staggered, to allow more space on the playground.

However, there will now be times when KS1 and KS2 children are out at the same time, which will be lovely for siblings to meet and different age groups to socialise.

Buddies and cross - Key Stage activities: these are now possible—yippee! We have always found that children have very much benefitted from time spent with older or younger children. It gives older children a sense of responsibility and builds confidence, and is lovely for the younger children to have older ones helping them or playing with them.

We are very excited about the benefits that these new freedoms allow us. If you have any concerns or questions about any of these changes, please let us know. We are delighted with the way that school and parents and the whole school community has worked together with the on going Covid precautions—thank you!

## Harvest 2021

We are delighted to announce that we can invite parents into school for an event for the first time in what seems like ages! For Harvest this year, we will be having special outdoor assemblies on the playground. There will be one for Class 1 and Class 2 and one for Class 3 and Class 4. The children will be sharing a range of Harvest themed art, poems, prayers and songs.

We will be collecting food donations for Shelter at the assembly—you can bring these donations along when you come in to watch.



The assemblies will be on the playground from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please enter the school grounds (wearing a facemask) and head down to the playground through the side gate.

Class 1 and Class 2 —Tuesday 5th October 3.00pm on the main playground

Class 3 and Class 4 —Thursday 7th October 3.00pm on the main playground

On the day of their assemblies, children can wear autumnal coloured clothes of their choice (red, brown, yellow etc)

Chairs will be put out for parents to sit on. Please arrange these in your family groups, leaving a gap between each group. PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK.

## Forest School












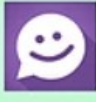



### Kenn

It was a lovely start to Forest school last week, where the year 5's tried out my own Forest School site at Methley Meadow in the Teign Valley. We picked blackberries and made mini blackberry and apple crumbles and had lots of fun on the swings and in the mud kitchen. The year 6's had a welcome return to the Woodland at Bickham farm and did lots of amazing Den building and climbing up and down the big slope. Just a reminder to parents that now that we have our fabulous new minibus we are doing all we can to keep it clean so waterproof trousers and wellies are essential even if the weather is good. This is less about keeping dry and more about being able to change out of muddy clothes and shoes before getting back on the bus!



Many thanks Gin Methley.

## A Guide to Social Media Apps and their Age Ratings

<b>13+</b>		<b>16+</b>	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter	<b>17+</b>	
 TikTok	 Kik	 Sarahah	<b>18+</b>
 YouNow	 Yubo	 YOLO	 MeetMe
 House Party	 Monkey		 LiveMe

### Social Media and Internet Safety

This term, Internet safety will be a big focus in school. Please see the above table with the age restrictions for these popular Apps.

It might be surprising to you that all of these Apps have been deemed inappropriate for all Primary aged children. Please keep your children safe and happy by not allowing them to use these Apps, and by monitoring what they do and access online.

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an unprecedented demand for our early community Flu vaccination clinics and these early clinics are now full. Most children and young people will be vaccinated in school as in other years and we will be visiting schools from now until January 2022. We will be arranging further community clinics for children who are clinically vulnerable or who have missed their immunisation in the school setting. As soon as we have more clinics available to book into we will send out further information to you, in the meantime please do not call into the Single Point of Access (SPA) to book a community clinic appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and we will be in contact with you again as soon as there is an update.

Best wishes

Immunisation Team

School Age Immunisations Team

Virgin Care Services Limited

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## Diary of Events

Tuesday 5th October	Class 1 and Class 2 Harvest Assemblies	Playground	3.00pm—3.30pm
Thursday 7th October	Class 3 and Class 4 Harvest Assemblies	Playground	3.00pm—3.30pm
Monday 11th— Wednesday 13th October	EYFS (Reception and Year 1) Balance Bikeability	School	All day
Monday 25th— Friday 29th October	Half term		
Monday 1st— Thursday 4th November	Parents Meetings via Telephone (details to follow)	Phone	After school
Thursday 4th November	Theatre Alibi School visit	School	AM
Tuesday 16th November	SCARF PSHE workshops	School	All day
Friday 17th December	Last day of the Autumn term—Merry Christmas!		

## Term Dates

2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021 begins Wednesday 8th September 2021

Half-term 25th to 29th October 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn Term Ends 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 Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil Day on Friday 8th July 2022