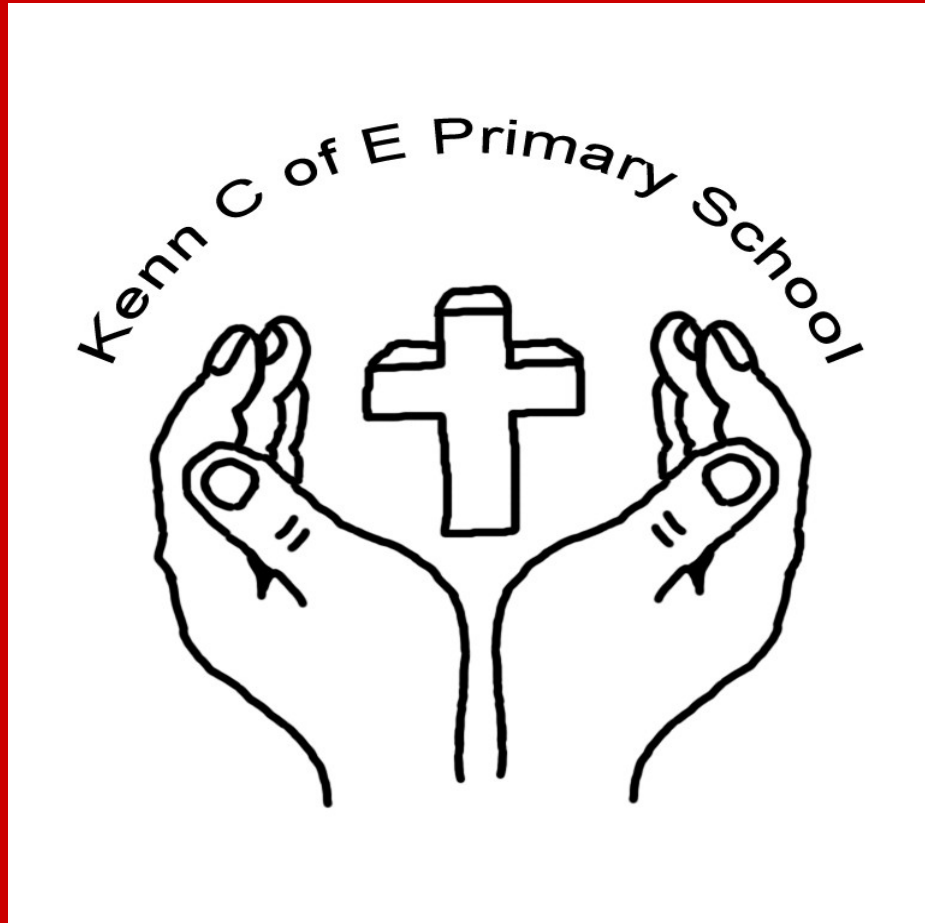


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Newsletter

September 2023

Diary of Events

Thursday 21st September	Class 2, 3 and 4 trip to Paignton Zoo	Zoo	All day
Tuesday 26th September	Community Forum	School	2.30— 3.30pm
Thursday 28th September	Class 1 Curriculum+ Phonics Meeting	Class 1	3.30—4pm
Friday 29th September	Opt-in Nasal Flu Immunisation (see separate email—still time to opt in if required)	School	AM
Monday 2nd October	Individual Photos—full uniform for all children please Younger siblings are welcome to come in 8.40am for family group photos	School Hall	AM
Tuesday 3rd October	KS2 Harvest Assembly	School Hall	3.00— 3.30pm
Wednesday 4th October	PE impact day—PE kit for all children please	School	All day
Thursday 5th October	Mrs Bestwick's Coffee Afternoon 2.30—3.30pm all parents welcome	Hall	2.30— 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th October	KS1 Harvest Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.30pm
Tuesday 17th October	Class 3 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Tuesday 17th October	Parents' Evening—Parent/Teacher Consultations	Classrooms	3.50—6pm
Thursday 19th October	Class 4 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 19th October	Parents' Evening—Parent/Teacher Consultations	Classrooms	3.50—6pm
Monday 23rd— Friday 27th	Half Term	Home	
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day	Home	
Tuesday 7th November	Class 2 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Thursday 9th November	Class 1 Assembly	Hall	3.00— 3.20pm
Tuesday 21st November	Class 4 going to the Narnia Experience in Exeter	Exeter	AM
Thursday 30th November	Mrs Bestwick's Coffee Afternoon all parents welcome	Hall	2.30— 3.20pm
Thursday 30th + Friday 1st December	SCARF PSHE themed days—all about mental health, feelings and emotions	School	All day
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	School	All day
Friday 15th December	Last day of Autumn Term	School	
Wednesday 3rd January	Children return to school for the first day of the Spring Term	School	

Welcome back to School!

It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children into school for the beginning of the autumn term.

It has been an extremely positive start—the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and there are lots of smiles at Kenn C of E Primary!

Thank you for supporting your children so well with equipment, drinks, snacks and uniform. The children look super smart and are well equipped for school life.

I would also like to say a massive well done to all of the new Reception starters. The speed in which they have settled into school life is wonderful. Keep up the great work everyone!

Please look out for trips, information meetings and school events that are up and coming this term. We would love you to be a big part in your child's school journey this year.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please make contact. There are never silly questions, no matter how big or small! I am available at the school gate most mornings or you are welcome to make an appointment. Class teachers are available at the end of the day for a quick chat, or again you are welcome to make an appointment for a more formal and private talk.

Kind regards to you all,

Mr. Baxter

Paignton Zoo Trip

We are excited to share with you that we have organised a school trip for Years 1 – Year 6 to Paignton Zoo for Thursday 21st September. We have managed to get free tickets for the children, and our brilliant PTA have agreed to cover the cost of travel (a whopping £625!), so there will be no charge to parents. The EYFS children are still settling into school routines so will have a lovely animal themed day at school instead. They will have opportunities for trips later in the year.



The trip is designed to teach children about the diversity of life on our planet, with an ecological theme.

The coaches will be leaving after 9.00am and will return to school before 3.30pm.

Children will need:

- To wear comfy footwear and weather appropriate clothing (non-school uniform)
- A backpack containing a raincoat, water bottle, snack and lunch. A school packed lunch can be ordered by emailing Mrs Baker. This could include a cheese or tuna sandwich, or a sausage roll.
- No money is required – there won't be time to go to the gift shop.
- Children are not allowed to bring electronic devices on the trip.

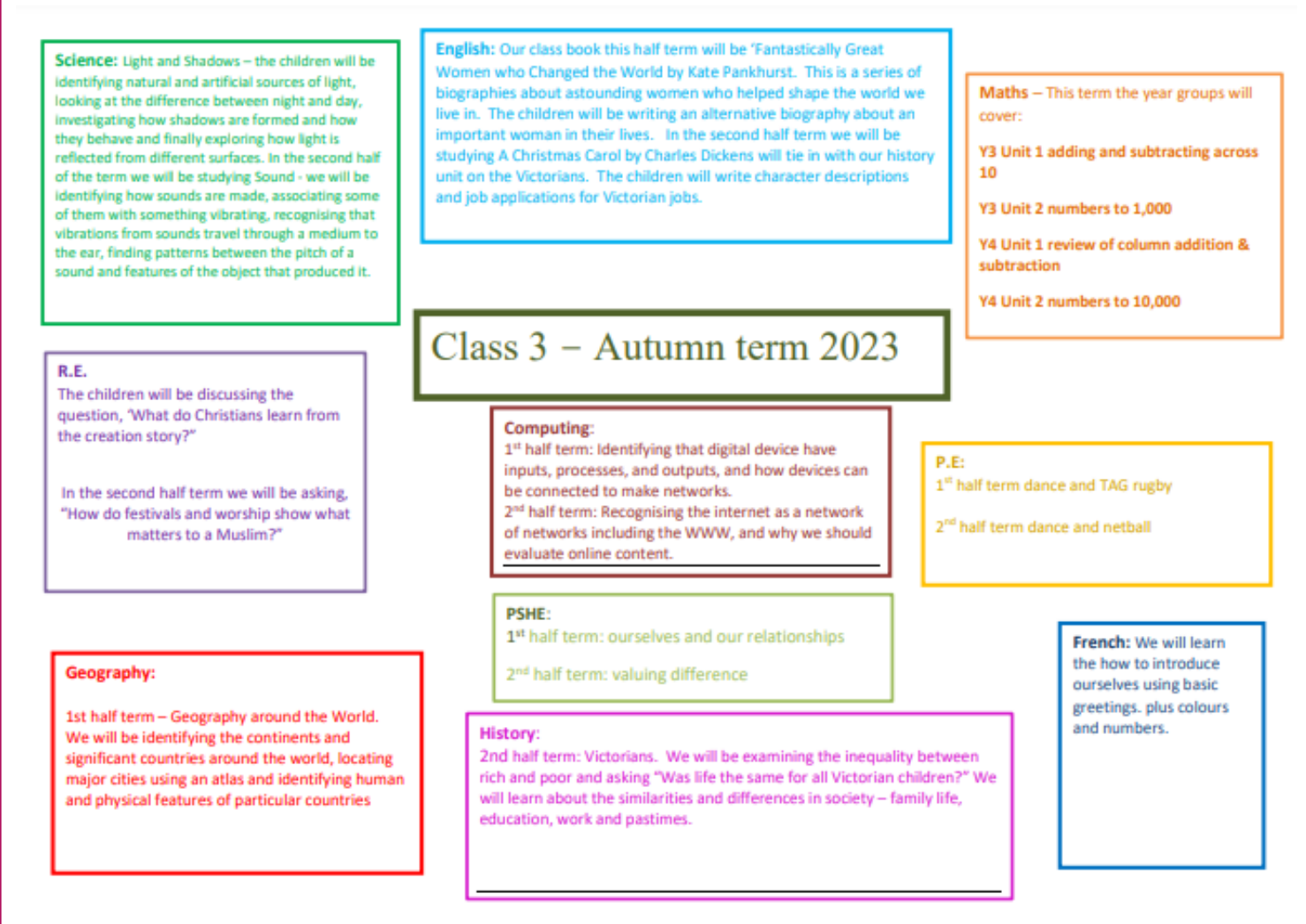
You can consent for this trip by ticking the box on School Money. You will see a nominal 1p charge which is to allow the use of the consent box (to save you returning a paper slip). Please don't worry about paying the 1p!

We hope that you are as excited about this trip as we are. Please let us know if you have any questions about this wonderful opportunity.

Class Information

Teachers have now sent out their information letters and curriculum maps for the Autumn Term. These documents will be really useful for you to support your child in school.

The letter will include details about class routines, equipment needed and any other useful pieces of information. The curriculum map will give you an overview of what the class are covering for this half term. This is of course a very brief overview, but helps you gain an insight into what the class are covering, and the theme of the topic. If you would like any more information about any of these aspects, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. Below is an example of a curriculum map, so you know what to look out for!



Coffee Afternoons with Mrs Bestwick

Our SENDCO Mrs Bestwick will continue her hugely successful coffee afternoons this year. These coffee afternoons are a chance to meet other parents, discuss concerns as well as successes at home. All parents are very welcome.

These will be at 2.30pm until 3.30pm on the following dates:

Thursday 5th October

Thursday 30th November

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 7th March

Thursday 23rd May

Thursday 4th July



Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day. There have been many examples of children not having their bottle in school. A bottle is essential to allow children to stay hydrated, especially in this warm weather.



PE + Dance

This year, Mr. Tyrrell will continue to teach PE across the school on Fridays. We are delighted to secure Mr. T's services again—he is a brilliant PE teacher and extremely well liked by everyone!

Mr Tyrrell will also be teaching KS2 gymnastics on Thursdays this half term. Next half term, it will change to KS1 gymnastics on a Thursday. This pattern will continue throughout the year.

We have also managed to get Katie Murray back to teach dance. Ms. Murray is an inspiring dance teacher and will be teaching dance to KS2 for 4 Mondays this term. She will return later in the year to teach KS1.

Please see the table below for which days children need to wear their PE kits this half term:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Tuesday (indoor) Friday (outdoors)	Tuesday (indoor) Friday (outdoors)	Monday (dance) Thursday (gym) Friday (outdoors)	Monday (dance) Thursday (gym) Friday (outdoors)

Harvest Assemblies

We would like to welcome you to our Harvest Assemblies in the hall. There will be a separate assembly for KS1 (Class 1 and 2) and KS2 (Class 3 and 4).

This will be a chance for the children to share some harvest poetry, songs and readings.

We are happy to welcome any long-life food donations which we will place in our food bank as part of the assemblies—children can bring donations into school on the day. Unfortunately we are unable to accept fresh food.

KS1 Harvest Assembly—October 10th at 3pm in the Hall

KS2 Harvest Assembly—October 3rd at 3pm in the Hall

We would like to invite you in to watch your child in their class assembly this term. These assemblies will be a chance for the children to share the work they have been doing in class, perform in front of an audience and see their grown ups in school—how exciting!



The assemblies will be in the hall, and will be from 3.00 pm—3.20pm

You are welcome to bring other relatives if they wish to come, but there may only be standing room only at the back of the hall.

We would love to see you in school—here are the dates:

Class 1— 9th November

Class 2— 7th November

Class 3— 17th October

Class 4— 19th October

Ivy Education Trust: 2023-24 Academic Year

	Sep-23				Oct-23					Nov-23					
Monday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24		8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
	Dec-23				Jan-24					Feb-24					
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	Mar-24				Apr-24					May-24					
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
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Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
	Jun-24				Jul-24					Aug-24					
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
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key:	weekends	days outside Devon's school terms	Bank Holidays
	Training days	Occasional days	
		Academy days	

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
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Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe - with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends - but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely - but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up - and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life - especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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