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KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Newsletter

KEY DATES THIS YEAR

Wednesday 9th- Friday 11th October	Y6 Lea Green Residential
Friday 11th October - 11.45am	Y3 Families at the Table - Come and have lunch with your child in school - sign up via 'Trips' section on Arbor
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25th October	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 4th November	First day of Autumn 2 term
Monday 11th November	School Photos
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day - Non school uniform and classroom activities
Friday 22nd November	INSET Day - School closed to children
Thursday 5th December - 5pm - 6.15pm	Christmas Disco
Monday 9th December	Christmas Panto Morning @ Djanogly Theatre
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December - 3.30pm - 5pm	School Exhibition and Year 2 Open Evenings
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church (AM - Y3 & Y4, PM Y5 & Y6)
Wednesday 18th December	Attendance Reward Afternoon
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn 2 term
Monday 6th January	INSET Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 7th January	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 24th February	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character and classroom activities
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day - Non school uniform and sponsored run
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring 2 term
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of Summer 1 term
Friday 16th May	KJA Film Night
Wednesday 21st May	World Culture Day
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 2nd June	First day of Summer 2 term
Friday 27th June	INSET Day - School closed to children
Friday 4th July - 3.15pm to 6.30pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 16th July	KJA Talent Show
Thursday 24th July	Last day of Summer 2 term

Every Thursday - Y4 Violin Lessons.

Every Thursday - Y5 Swimming Lessons - please remember swimming kit.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and may be subject to change. Additional details about upcoming events will be shared closer to the dates. Each year group will also participate in a school trip, with dates and destinations to be confirmed in due course. Furthermore, each year group will have the opportunity to visit a place of worship aligned with their Religious Education curriculum this year.

PE Days:

Tuesday - Year 6, Wednesday - Year 5, Thursday - Year 3, Friday - Year 4

PE kit should consist of a plain t-shirt and joggers or shorts. Football kits are not allowed.

Coffee Morning

Please join us every Thursday morning at 8:45 until 9:45am. Come along for a listening ear, friendly face, cup of tea or coffee, biscuit and an informal chat in relation to you and your child's well-being and life at Kensington! We would love to see as many faces as possible. All parents, carers and siblings welcome, all you need to do is come straight to the office after drop off.

Healthy Eating

We're encouraging healthy eating at school! Please help us by ensuring your child brings a healthy snack for break time—fruit only, no crisps or chocolate please. A tuck shop is available where students can purchase a piece of fruit for 40p (cash only). For lunch, please ensure that all food is nut-free for the safety of our pupils this includes nutella and most pastry items such as chocolate brioche that often contain hazelnut.

School Dinners

The cost of a school meal is £3.25. Please ensure payment is made in advance either via Arbor or by cash at the school office. If your child prefers, they can also request a sandwich or jacket potato as an alternative to the main menu.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please apply here:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Uniform Reminder

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform every day. Only one pair of stud earrings is allowed, and smartwatches are not permitted. If any items are worn that do not comply with the uniform policy, they will be kept in the office for collection at the end of the day. Please also ensure that your child's clothing is labelled with their name.

Attendance

Where possible, please schedule any appointments outside of school hours. If appointments must be during school time, please provide evidence to avoid the absence being marked as unauthorised. Term-time holidays will not be authorised and may result in a fine.

Starting this week, students who achieve 100% attendance from Monday to Friday will earn 5 Dojo points. Once a student reaches 50 Dojo points (including those for positive behaviour), they can choose a small prize from the office.



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