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# KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Newsletter

## KEY DATES THIS YEAR

<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day for Children and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 5th December - 5pm - 6.00pm</b>	Christmas Disco
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	Christmas Panto Morning @ Djanogly Theatre
<b>Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December - 3.30pm - 5pm</b>	School Exhibition and Year 2 Open Evenings
<b>Week commencing Monday 16th December</b>	<p><b><u>Party Days!</u></b>            Year 4 - Monday            Year 6 - Tuesday            Year 3 - Wednesday            Year 5 - Thursday</p> <p>This will be a non-uniform day for each year group. Further details to be sent out by Class Teachers in relation to party food etc.</p>
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church (10.30AM - Y5 and 6, 1.30pm - Y3 and Y4) 2 adults per child max. Younger pre-school age siblings can attend.
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	Last day of Autumn 2 term - non-uniform day
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	INSET Day - School closed to children
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	First day of Spring 1 term
<b>Monday 13th January</b>	Year 4 - visit to the Open Centre Mosque, Derby (further details nearer the time)
<b>Tuesday 21st January</b>	Year 5 - visit to the Open Centre Hindu Centre, Derby (further details nearer the time)
<b>Wednesday 22nd January</b>	Year 6 - visit to the Open Centre Sikh Gudwara. Derby (further details nearer the time)
<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>	Year 6 - National Holocaust Centre trip (further details nearer the time)
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	Last day of Spring 1 term
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	INSET Day - School closed to children
<b>Tuesday 24th February</b>	First day of Spring 2 term
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character and classroom activities
<b>Wednesday 12th March</b>	Year 5 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip (further details nearer the time)
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	Comic Relief Day - Non school uniform and sponsored run
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	Last day of Spring 2 term
<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b>	First day of Summer 1 term
<b>Friday 16th May</b>	KJA Film Night
<b>Wednesday 21st May</b>	World Culture Day
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	Last day of Summer 1 term
<b>Monday 2nd June</b>	First day of Summer 2 term
<b>Friday 27th June</b>	INSET Day - School closed to children
<b>Friday 4th July - 3.15pm to 6.30pm</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Wednesday 16th July</b>	KJA Talent Show
<b>Thursday 24th July</b>	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.

### **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.**

### **Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Disco - Thursday 5th December**

Children will be served a Christmas dinner at lunch time if they choose to have a school meal - please complete the form to indicate if your child will be having a Christmas dinner to enable the kitchen to plan: <https://forms.office.com/e/NPRsK6kiab>

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish (school polo/shirt, trousers/skirt and shoes please).

### **Disco - 5pm - 6pm**

£3.50 per ticket

(Admits 1 child and 1 adult)

Buy tickets from the classrooms.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

KJA pupils only

### **Christmas Panto @ The Djanogly Theatre - Monday 9th December**

We are excited to inform you about a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to experience the magic of the Christmas season. On 9th December, we will be taking the entire school to the Djanogly Theatre to watch a special performance of A Christmas Carol.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am - Please ensure your child arrives at school on time between 8.45 and 9am. We will arrive back at school at 12pm.

This trip promises to be a fantastic experience for our pupils, immersing them in the enchanting world of live theatre. The cost of £7 has been heavily subsidised by school to ensure that this experience is affordable for all families.

Please sign up via Arbor and pay £7 by Friday 6th December.

### **School Exhibition and Year 2 Open Evening 11th & 12th December - 3.30pm - 5pm**

Please join us after school for our Autumn Term exhibition to see what the children have been learning. We also invite Year 2 parents to join us to tour the school, explore the exhibition and speak to staff. Please register your interest for the Year 2 Open Evening here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/aviT0DX3Y4>

### **Christmas Carol Concert @ St John's Church - Tuesday 17th December**

All parents/carers are invited to join us for a Christmas Carol Concert at St John's Church. This will take place at 10.30am for Year 5 and 6 and 1.30pm for Year 3 and Year 4. Max 2 adults per child please due to capacity in the church. Pre-school siblings are welcome - there is a small play space in the church. Please complete the form here to let us know if you are planning to attend:

<https://forms.office.com/e/A0Mbk7vscK>



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### Winter Warmth Campaign

This year we are supporting The Kings Head Winter Warmth Campaign. Please donate warm clothes, hygiene products and any other winter essentials. We will then organise delivery of all the donations to the Kings Head near the end of term.

All items will go to local homeless shelters and hostels.

**On behalf of the governors may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

**The first term of the new academic year is nearly at a close and it has been a period of change for the school with the departure of Mrs Turner. Governors have thanked Mrs Turner for her commitment to our children and families and the contribution she made which resulted in our Good Ofsted rating.**

**Governors are keen for this journey to continue for our children and we are grateful to Mr Oakland for his dedication to the cause. We are also impressed with the level of support provided by the Djanogly Learning Trust during this period of change.**

**We will be in school on 11 December finding out about the school's approach to writing and spending some time with some of our children. We will also be at the exhibition, so please come and say hello, we would love to meet you.**

**Janet Parker  
Chair of Governors**

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*All at KJA*



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