



# KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

*Newsletter*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



**Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Term Exhibition Days and our Open Day for Year 2 parents.**

**There is still time to apply for a place at Kensington if you have a child in their last year at infant school. Applications are open until midnight on 15 January 2024: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>**

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

**Wednesday 24th January** - Book Swap Cafe

**Friday 16th February** - Last Day of Term

**Monday 26th February** - Back to School

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day - children can come dressed as their favourite book character if they wish - further details to follow nearer the time.

**Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March** - Parents' Evenings

**Thursday 14th March** - Easter Disco - 5pm - 6.15pm

**Friday 15th March** - Comic Relief Day - non-uniform day and activities - further details to follow nearer the time.

**Thursday 21st March** - Exhibition Day and Easter Raffle

**Friday 22nd March** - Exhibition Day and Easter Raffle

**Thursday 28th March** - Break up for Easter

**Monday 15th April** - Back to School

## BOOK SWAP CAFE

Come and join us on Wednesday 24th January 2024 from 9am - 10am for our Book Swap Cafe! Swap and discover new stories for your child and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of toast with us! Having a post-Christmas clear out? Please bring your books to swap into school before 24th January.



## READING MORNINGS

We invite all parents and carers to come and join us in school **every Wednesday morning from 08:45am until 09:05am**. Take the opportunity to share a book with your child in their classroom, fostering a love for reading together.

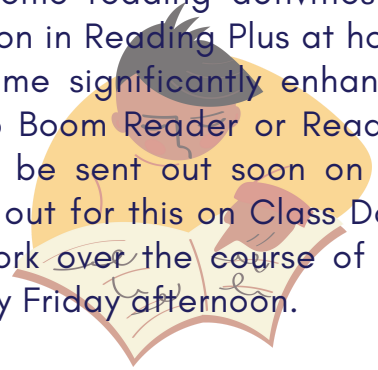
## MAGIC BREAKFAST



Magic Breakfast has now started to provide us with nutritious breakfast food to ensure children start their school day in the best possible way. Our classroom breakfasts have been a huge success so far with ALL children will be offered breakfast between 8.45am and 9am.

## HOME LEARNING

We kindly urge parents to record their children's home reading activities on Boom Reader (3 x a week) and encourage participation in Reading Plus at home (2 x a week). Engaging in reading activities at home significantly enhances literacy skills. If you need help getting logged on to Boom Reader or Reading Plus please contact us. Spring Term homework will be sent out soon on the termly curriculum and homework map so please look out for this on Class Dojo. Children should look to complete all of the homework over the course of the Spring term and we will celebrate and share this every Friday afternoon.



## SCHOOL DINNERS



Has your child tried a school dinner? Our dinners are £3.25 a day and are the perfect way to make sure your child gets a hot nutritious meal every day. Children can also choose a jacket potato or sandwich with a choice of fillings if they don't like what is on the menu that day. If you are entitled to free school meals please encourage your child to take up this option.

## ATTENDANCE

Thank-you for your support with getting children to school every day and on time. Please let us know if your child is ill and not going to be in school by phoning the office on **0115 9322920 by 9.30am**. Please try to ensure that medical/dentist appointments are made for children outside of school hours where ever possible as children leaving early disrupts the school day. We are continuing to have weekly class attendance awards and end of term awards so please encourage children to be IN IT TO WIN IT!



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