



Happy New Year!

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KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Newsletter

KEY DATES THIS YEAR

Monday 13th January	Year 4 - visit to the Open Centre Mosque, Derby
Tuesday 14th January	Drowning Prevention Assembly
Tuesday 21st January	Year 5 - visit to the Open Centre Hindu Centre, Derby (further details nearer the time)
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 6 - visit to the Open Centre Sikh Gurdwara, Derby (further details nearer the time)
Monday 3rd February	Y6 Visiting OIEA to see them perform Matilda
Tuesday 4th February	Year 6 - National Holocaust Centre trip
Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 25th February	First day of Spring 2 term
Monday 10th March	Year 4 - Think Tank, Birmingham trip (further details nearer the time)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character and classroom activities
Wednesday 12th March	Year 5 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip (further details nearer the time)
Monday 17th March & Tuesday 18th March	Parents' Evenings - 3.40pm - 5.40pm - (further details nearer the time)
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day - Non school uniform and sponsored run
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March	Spring Term Exhibition
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.

PE Days:

Monday - Year 3, Wednesday - Year 5,
Thursday - Year 6, Friday - Year 4
PE kit should consist of a plain t-shirt and joggers or shorts. Football kits are not allowed.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that Miss Ward and Mr Moulds have been appointed as our new Assistant Heads. Both bring a wealth of experience, dedication, and passion for education to their roles. Their expertise and enthusiasm will strengthen our leadership team and support our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible education for our pupils. They will both continue as Class Teachers alongside this role. Please join us in welcoming them to their new positions!

Attendance Matters

As we welcome you all back to the start of the Spring Term, we would like to remind you of our expectations around attendance, including lateness and collecting children early.

Derbyshire County Council has issued updated guidance around the legal intervention process which became statutory guidance on the 19th August 2024. We are not able to authorise absence during term time, except for a small number of highly exceptional cases. Please inform school in good time, providing evidence, if you think you need to remove your child from school during term time. You will be informed via a letter, as to whether this absence is approved or unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can be referred to the local authority. We aim for at least 96% attendance from every child in the school. Lateness, after the register closes can affect your child's overall attendance percentage so it is vitally important that you arrive on time to school in the morning. The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am in the morning.

Please can we ask parents/carers to NOT collect your child early unless in exceptional circumstances. Please make any dentist appointments/GP appointments outside of the school day wherever possible. Children leaving early causes significant disruption to teaching and learning, not only for the child leaving but also for their classmates as office staff have to interrupt teaching.

Welfare Checks

As part of our attendance and safeguarding policies, on the 3rd day of absence from school our attendance team may visit you at home to offer any support we can. Depending on the circumstances, this may happen even if you have let us know why your child is off school.

Uniform

All children at Kensington must wear school uniform. The wearing of school colours helps create a school identity to which we can all relate. All children are provided with a free sweatshirt or cardigan each year and additional items can be purchased from the school office.

Uniform Options

- White shirt or blouse
- White, gold or burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy, grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- Burgundy or grey cardigan or jumper
- Grey or black trousers
- Plain, dark, sensible shoes (can be trainers)

Pupils also need a suitable, waterproof outdoor coat – denim/leather jackets are not acceptable for school

Children are only permitted to wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings and a watch (please note that smart watches are not permitted). They must be able to remove these for PE.
1 small piece of religious jewellery is also permitted.



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