



September 2017

## Welcome Back

I am delighted to start the first newsletter of the new academic year with many a warm welcome to the new members of our learning community. Firstly we would like to say 'hello' to our new reception children and also to the children who have joined further up the school. We do appreciate that it takes time to become familiar with all the new routines, but please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that **Mr. Matt Martin** has been appointed as your new Headteacher from January 2018. Matt is currently Deputy Headteacher at Westfield Primary in Haverhill and is a renowned specialist in Maths. Many of us at the school have had the pleasure of working with Matt over the past few years and know that he is an excellent choice for Kedington. I am sure that you will get a chance to meet him over the next term and that you will continue to be generous with your help and support. He is taking over a very special school and I have every confidence, that alongside the team, he will continue to take Kedington from strength to strength.

Kind regards

Karen Sheargold

Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

◆ **18th September**

Samuel Ward assembly for Year 6 children & Parents  
Information session @ 6pm

◆ **October 12th**

Harvest Festival @ 2.00pm

**Half Term—23rd—27th October**

◆ **31st October & 2nd November**

Parent consultations

◆ **10th November**

Open Day for new reception children starting  
September 2018

◆ **3rd November**

PTFA Disco

◆ **1st December**

Christmas Fayre

◆ **6th & 7th December**

Y1 & 2 Nativity

◆ **13th December**

Carol Service @ 1:30

◆ **15th December**

Last Family Assembly

**December 20th**

Last day

### Summer Term Fundraising Activities

Last term, the Junior Road Safety Officers organised a sponsored walk around the park and river that raised just over £60. The sun shone as the whole school took part, learning about keeping safe near roads and rivers, along the way. A huge thank you to Lexi, Ellie and Daisy for all their efforts. This has enabled us to purchase new high visibility jackets for the children. And the fund raising does not stop there! Over the summer, Livia, Iris, Neve and Jess held a cake sale that raised £175 for cancer research. It looks like the legacy of our Year 6 children's contributions to the local community and wider society will continue. Well done to everyone involved.

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### Bad Weather

Without wanting to jinx the autumnal weather, it is the time of year when we need to start planning for potential bad weather in the months ahead. This year you will be able to find out about possible school closures by looking at our **website** or listening to **Radio Suffolk**.

#### Celebration Time!

As last year's Year 6 children settle into their new secondary schools, we would like to share their impressive SATs exam results and end of primary assessments with you.

90% of the class reached the expected standard in maths, compared to the national average of 75%. Similarly, in reading, 90% reached the expected standard in reading, compared to the national average of 71%. In writing they also excelled with 87% reaching the expected standard, compared to the national average of 76%. As well as being delighted with these results, we were equally proud of how the children tackled these assessments with confidence and a 'can do' attitude.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Miller and her team for going the extra mile to support the children in every way. Thanks to, to all the teaching staff who have played their part along the way.

#### Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools to help provide the very best outcomes for children from low income families. This funding can be used to subsidise uniforms, trips and music lessons, as well as helping provide additional support as and when needed. Previously the allocation of Pupil Premium was based on families who qualified for free school meals, however, with the introduction of free meals for all children in reception and Key Stage 1, this entitlement has become somewhat masked.

If you think your child may qualify for Pupil Premium, please speak to our office or for more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupilpremium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>

### Music Lessons

If you would like your child to start lessons, please speak to Mrs. Watts in the office.

#### Timetable

*Piano—Thursday*  
*Violin—Tuesday*

*Guitar—Tuesday*  
*Drumming—Thursday*



### Keeping our Children Safe

Our children's safety and happiness is always our first priority. The school's safeguarding procedures ensure the safety of our children at all times. Please see our website for more information. Online safety is also an integral part of our curriculum, as we strive to educate our children on the potential dangers online, especially when using social media. For more information please click on the following link

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)