

Magical Moments

Year 4 and Year 6 Residential Trips

We were unsure for a long time whether these would be able to go ahead, but were so pleased that they did!



The children had a fabulous time on both trips.



Sports Day

Sports Day was different this year, with children staying in their bubbles and without parents watching, but they all had a great time nonetheless and showed great sportsmanship! Our thanks to Miss Jolland for organising a great day.



Bollywood Dancing and Holi

This was so much fun! We all (adults included) loved learning the dances and covering each other with paint as part of the Holi celebrations.



Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year!

Monday Morning

I am sure lots of families will be planning to watch the football on Sunday evening, meaning children will be staying up late. The register closing time will be extended to 10.00am on Monday. This means children can arrive at any time from their normal start time onwards, but need to be here by 10.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am will need to come to the main entrance.

School Organisation Next Year

The new guidance for schools as Covid restrictions ease further has been released this week. We are still going through the finer details and working out what this will mean for next term, but it looks like things will be a lot closer to normal than they are now! Schools will still need a Covid risk assessment and measures like additional cleaning and increased ventilation, but we will no longer need to keep children and adults in consistent groups (bubbles). This means we can all be together again for things like assemblies and eating in the hall, and children will be able to be together at play times again. We can't wait! We will also no longer need to stagger start and end times. Importantly, it also means that whole bubbles will not have to self-isolate if there is a positive case. We are still working through the details and things may change over the summer, but our plans for the beginning and end of the school day for September are as follows.





Morning drop off will be between 8.35am and 8.40am. The gate will open at 8.35am and children need to be in class by 8.40am prompt. Children from Year 3 upwards need to be dropped off at the gate and will walk to their classrooms independently. We encourage children in Year 2 to do the same (most Year 1s do this already). Year 1 children can be taken round to their classroom by an adult. Once they are used to this and you feel they are ready, you are welcome to say goodbye to them at the gate.

Teachers will be busy greeting and settling the children so please share any messages on Dojo or with the member of staff at the gate.

Please make sure you are punctual. The gate will be closed shortly after 8.40am and late children will need to be taken to the office.

Afternoon pick up will be between 3.15pm and 3.20pm for all classes with parents waiting outside the classroom door as normal.

The Kittens will continue to use the side gate to the left of the main office entrance.

Face coverings for adults will be optional.

Please be aware that the guidance warns that schools will need to be flexible and may have to put additional measures in place if there are local outbreaks.

PD Days - *IMPORTANT CHANGE*

Unity Schools Partnership has changed the date of the annual conference for all school staff. This means that there will no longer be a PD Day on 24th October 2021, but there will be a new one on Friday 1st July 2022. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Please get in touch if this causes you any problems, for example, with holidays you may have already booked for October.

Leavers' Assembly

This will take place outside (possibly in the rain, looking at the forecast!) on Tuesday morning at 9.15am. This will be a more low-key event than in previous years due to the restrictions on attendance and will just be for Year 6 parents.

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic young people our Year 6s have become and will miss them enormously but know that they will do incredibly well in the next part of their school careers. We wish them all the very best at high school. We will be saying goodbye to several families who have been part of the school for many years as well and will miss them too!

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Transition Morning

Children will be spending time getting to know their new teacher on Wednesday morning next week. As part of our covid-safe measures, this will take place in their existing classrooms, with the new teacher coming to visit them.

End of Year Reports

The end of year reports are all in envelopes ready to go to parents. They were due to go home today, but with the excitement of today's disco and different end time for Key Stage 2, we were worried they may get mislaid so will give them to the children to take home on Monday instead.

End of Year Assembly

Please join us (online) for a special, extended end of year Family Assembly at 9.10am on Friday 16th July 2021. In the assembly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kirby and other staff who are leaving. Instead of the usual Gold Book awards, we will be presenting special Child of the Year awards. Two children will be selected from each class for a special award. A 'values' award will go to a child who has been chosen for consistently demonstrating all our school values and being a role model for others. A 'progress' award will be presented to a child in each class who has made exceptional progress over the year. The assembly is likely to last about 45 minutes.





Goodbyes

As many of you will know, Mrs Dodman has been unwell for a while and has made the difficult decision to leave her post at the end of this school year. Mrs Dodman will be very much missed and we are very grateful for all she has done at Kedington, especially establishing our Forest School. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Parents of children who will be in Kittens' class next year will receive a letter today explaining what the arrangements will be for next term. We will be exploring options for how we can continue Forest School, as this has become a much-loved part of the school for our younger children.

We will say a sad goodbye to Miss Faulkner as she leaves to pursue her dream of working at a special school and Ms Prince will also be moving on to a brand new challenge as a class-based TA at another Unity school, Westfield and we wish her well too.

Happy Retirement, Mrs Kirby!

We will be saying a very special goodbye to Mrs Kirby, who is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Kirby will be greatly missed and has been an important part of the school for over 25 years - she even taught Miss Poole when she was young! We wish her a very happy retirement, but will actually see her again in September, as she will be working regularly in school, covering some of the teachers' non-contact time!

Congratulations Miss Poole!

Miss Poole is getting married during the summer holidays and will return to school as Mrs Tolley! We hope she has a fantastic day and wish her and her husband-to-be a long and happy marriage.

Uniform

A reminder that we expect children to be back in proper, full school uniform in September, including school shoes. At the moment, we don't think that an extra layer, such as a hoodie, will be needed in school but will keep this under review. Summer uniform can continue to be worn until October half term.

Children will come to school in their PE kit on PE Days. This needs to keep to our uniform requirements of a white t-shirt, black shorts and/or a dark tracksuit.

Please also bear in mind our recent plea about the size of school bags. Large backpacks don't fit well in our cloakrooms so we would encourage children to bring a smaller bag, such as a book bag, and carry their lunchbox separately.

Fostering

We have been asked by a local fostering company to share the following information and ask if any parents would consider fostering.

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Cambridgeshire, who are urgently seeking full time and respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Cambridge and the surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

Early Finish

Please remember that we will be finishing early as usual on the last day of term (Friday 16th July). The children will have lunch as usual and then be collected at the following times:

1.00pm - 1.10pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

1.10pm - 1.20pm for Year 3 and Year 4

1.20pm - 1.30pm for Year 5 and Year 6

Thank you to those parents who have shared their thoughts about whether this is something we should continue to do. Parents who have contacted me have all been in favour of this tradition continuing.

Thank you and Happy Holidays

Unless there is any big news next week, this will be the last newsletter of the school year as this is the last Friday many of our Year 6s are with us.

It has been yet another challenging year for everybody, but I am incredibly proud of the whole school community, everything that has been achieved and the way everyone has pulled together and supported each other. I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful staff here for repeatedly going the extra mile for our children and families. I am also very grateful for all the support we have had yet again, from our families. This has meant a great deal to us and we couldn't have got through the year without it!

We hope you all have a fantastic summer break when it comes. School resumes for children on Monday 6th September 2021.





SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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Location - Kedington Community Centre (CB9 7QQ)
 Date - Wednesday 21st July
 Time - 9.30am - 3.30pm
 Ages - Reception to Year 6
 Bring - Packed lunch, water, appropriate clothing & footwear
 Cost - FREE

EACH DAY INCLUDES... A RANGE OF SPORTS INCLUDING FOOTBALL, CRICKET, INFLATABLE FUN AND MUCH MORE!

*Please note priority will be given to children who reside in Kedington *

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