

## Magical Moments

### Year 6 Residential Trip

It seems like a long time ago now, but our Year 6 children had a fabulous time on the trip to the PGL centre in Bawdsey. They really impressed us with their support for each other and how they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones.



### Writing Success

Amy, in Year 5, had a surprise visit from our Primary Director, Mrs Kittle, who presented her with a certificate for achieving the highest score across all the Trust schools in a writing assessment task when she was in Year 4. What an amazing achievement!



### Football Victory!

Once again our football team made us incredibly proud in this week's match against Clements Primary, winning 1:0. Well done Team Kedington!





### **Suffolk's New 3-Tier Covid Guidance**

Suffolk has reviewed the guidance issued to schools at half term and have now brought in a 3-tier approach. Schools will move between different tiers depending on criteria about how many linked cases they have. There are different recommendations for different tiers. This will continue to be reviewed fortnightly.

All settings are automatically at Tier 1 and the current control measures (essential visitors only, face coverings, routine control measures, such as washing hands) will continue.

Tier 2 is reached if 5-14 children or staff who are likely to have **mixed closely**, test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period **OR** 10-29% of a defined group of children or staff who are likely to have **mixed closely** test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period. In a primary setting 'mixed closely' will usually mean staff and children who are in the same class. The school will then follow external advice and may introduce measures such as re-introducing bubbles, staggered start and end times, and the school taking on contact tracing again.

The 'likely threshold' for Tier 3 is 15 children or staff who are likely to have **mixed closely** test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period **OR** 30% of a defined group of children or staff who are likely to have **mixed closely** test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period. At this point the decision may be taken for the affected classes to switch to remote learning and stay at home (with provision in place for vulnerable children and key worker children to continue to attend school).

We are currently at Tier 1, but there have been times this term when we would have potentially met the criteria for Tier 2.

An important change is that anyone formally identified as a **household** or **close contact** is now being recommended to do **daily** lateral flow tests and a PCR but to delay the PCR test to **day 5** after the first close contact with the person when they had symptoms (or the day of their positive test if they were asymptomatic). With children, doing the daily lateral flow tests is at parental discretion. We are also being asked to request **proof of test results**. If your child has been identified as a household or close contact (this is not just if they are in the same class as someone who has tested positive, but identified by Track and Trace), you will need to send me photos of the lateral flow tests and a screenshot of the results of the PCR test.

Similarly, if your child has a positive lateral flow or PCR test, please send this to me. You do not need to send me photos of negative lateral flow tests if I have asked the whole class to do a test or your child is not 100% and you have done a test just in case.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this, get in touch.

### **Parking**

Once again we have been informed of dangerous and inconsiderate parking near the school with cars blocking paths forcing pedestrians onto the road, often with buggies and prams. Please set a good example to our children by parking responsibly.



# Kedington Primary Academy

## **Arithmetic Tests Success**

Children in Year 5 and 6 take part in weekly practice arithmetic tests, along with children in all the other Trust primary schools. This term, both classes have had the highest score nearly every week, with Year 6 having an average 6 points above the next highest scoring school last week (the test is out of 40)! A huge well done to both classes – your hard work is paying off!

## **PTFA Christmas Plans**

Despite the restrictions, the PTFA have come up with some great ideas to make Christmas special:

### **Christmas Jumper Swap**

All of next week, children can bring in a Christmas jumper that they no longer want. These will all be put together and after school on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, anyone will be able to pick up a different one for a donation of £1.

### **Break a Rule Day**

16<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Lunch Day) will be 'Break a Rule Day'. There will be a list of rules that children can break for the day (wearing nail polish, crazy hair, Christmas jumper instead of school jumper etc) and children will be able to choose which ones to break, paying a small fee for each one they choose.

### **Choose a Gift**

On 14<sup>th</sup> December, children will be able to choose from a selection of small gifts to purchase for someone at home. These will be pre-wrapped and will be £2 each. Unwrapped samples will be out for the children to see.

More details on these events will follow closer to the time.



## **Other Christmas Events**

### **Performances**

Reception and Key Stage 1 are already preparing for their Christmas performances. We are determined to go ahead with them as they are such a special thing for children to do when they are little. At the moment, the guidance from our Trust is that we will not be permitted to have parents in to watch them live. I know this will be very disappointing for parents. There is a glimmer of hope in that I heard yesterday that we may be permitted to have parents in if we are at Tier 1 at the time. I will keep you posted. If parents are not allowed in, we will record the performances to share with you.

Reception's performance will be at 9.30am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Year 1 and 2 performance will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Once again children will be making hats in school to wear for our Christmas Lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Information about ordering these went out earlier this week. This is also our Break a Rule Day, so children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers if they choose to.

### **Church Service (TBC)**

We have pencilled in a Christmas Service at the church on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately parents will definitely not be able to join us as we will not be able to distance sufficiently in the church.

### **Other Christmassy Things**

I am sure classes will be doing the usual class parties at the end of term – teachers will contact you about these. We also hope to have another Kitchen Disco recorded by Andy Palazon to use in school at the end of term.

As is tradition, we will finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term. Please let us know in advance if this poses childcare problems for you and you would like us to hold on to your children until the usual time.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Mrs Murray arranged all sorts of activities his week to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week. The winners of the poster competition will be announced shortly; we loved the Odd Socks Day on Monday!



### **Term Dates 2022-23**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 are confirmed as PD Days. The other three will be confirmed at a later date.

		<b>Begins</b>	<b>Ends</b>	<b>PD days</b>
<b>2022/ 2023</b>	Autumn	Thurs 1st September 2022	Fri 16th December 2022	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept, Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
	Half Term	24th October 2022	28th October 2022	
	Spring	Tues 3rd January 2023	Fri 31st March 2023	
	Half Term	13th February 2023	17th February 2023	
	Summer	Mon 17th April 2023	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	
	Half Term	29th May 2023	2nd June 2023	



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### **Train to Teach Event**

If you are toying with the idea of a change of career to teaching, the next event organised by CTSN SCITT, the initial teacher training organisation we work closely with, is on Zoom on Monday 22nd November 2021. Once again, potential candidates can come along, listen to a short presentation then ask questions and can have one-to-one conversations with their Recruitment Leads. See the flyer below.

**CTSN SCITT** Train to Teach Information Evening

**Monday 22 November, 6-7pm**

Come talk to us and discover:

- Answers to your questions
- The application process
- Routes into teaching
- Reasons to teach
- CTSN courses
- Bursaries

Book via Eventbrite  
More information  
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# XMAS HOLIDAYS '21



# KEDINGTON



**Location** - Kedington Primary Academy

**Dates** - Tuesday 21st December 2021

**Time** - 8.30am - 5:30pm

**Ages** - Reception - Year 6

**Bring** - Packed lunch, water, appropriate clothing & footwear

**Cost** - Full Day - £18.00 per child

Full day sibling discount - £15 per sibling

Half day - £9.00

(AM session 8:30am - 1:00pm)

(PM session 1:00pm - 5:30pm)

Half day sibling discount - £7.50 per sibling



**EACH DAY INCLUDES...** A RANGE OF SPORTS, INFLATABLE FUN, ARTS & CRAFTS, DISCO, ACTIVITY DEN, AND MUCH MORE!



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