

Christmas at Kedington!

We have had great fun this week with all the Christmas activities!

Kittens' Performance



KS1 Performance



Christmas Lunch



Christmas Service



Christmas Parties



Christmas Kitchen Disco



Thank you for your support and incredible generosity with the various fundraising events – the raffle, the gifts with children's pictures on, Choose a Gift and Break a Rule Day.

Not only did the children really enjoy these events, but in total they have raised in excess of £1060.00.



Children in Need

The children (and lots of staff!) loved coming to school in their pyjamas for Children in Need Day last month. Thanks once again for your generosity, this raised £211.00!

Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

I have been asked to pass on this information to parents:

The Children's Commissioner has launched [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography.

The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#).

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10

Good Bye!

We are saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Jordan today. Mrs Jordan has only been at the school for just under 2 years, but has transformed the school's early years provision for Kittens' class. We wish her all the very best in the exciting new chapter in her life as she steps out of teaching for a while to spend more time with her family.

We are looking forward to Mrs Reeder and Mrs Driver joining us in January as the new Kittens' teachers. They will work half the week each, with Mrs Reeder teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Driver on Thursdays and Fridays. They will work alternate Wednesday mornings, with Mrs Bradnam covering PPA for them on Wednesday afternoons, supported by Mrs Cannon. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Bradnam for the amazing job she has done this term by stepping up to lead the class on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We are also saying goodbye and a big thank you to our LSA, Mrs Thiessen who is leaving at the end of this term. We are particularly grateful to her for running the very popular after school music club.

Next Term

You will probably have seen lots of media speculation about what will be happening with schools next term and reports that schools are preparing for closure. We have not had any inside information that school will not be open and the message from the government is that school closure will be avoided if at all possible. We are therefore working on the assumption that that it will be 'business as usual' and will be preparing to fully open. Of course, things can change at very short notice, but I will keep you updated if they do, and if any different safety measures are recommended for the new term. Term starts for children on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas!