



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

28th March 2024

Newsletter 26 Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joyous end to the Spring Term it has been! Today I must have been the proudest Headteacher in Colchester, as I attended a most uplifting and jubilant Easter Service at St Stephen's Church, along with all of our teachers, our children, and so many of their families. What a treat it was to hear the children sing and see them perform their way through the proceedings. It was wonderful to see parents and toddlers dancing along at the back as well!



Our children singing at our Easter Service - In case you were unable to attend we have some short clips for you below on the QR codes for you to enjoy



Year 2



Year 5



Year 3



EYFS

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PTA Summer Hamper Extravaganza!



An **absolutely massive thank you** to everyone for bringing in items for the Summer Hamper Extravaganza. The PTA were absolutely blown away by the response to our class hamper appeal. Raffle tickets will be going on sale next term, so look out for information in future newsletters. There were a few Easter Eggs in the donations, which the PTA are **incredibly grateful for** and will use these as prizes at the PTA disco tonight, as they are more Easter themed. However, I will personally replace each Easter Egg that the PTA uses for prizes tonight with a similar summer themed item for the class hampers.

We will be arranging another non-uniform day at the end of the summer half term to continue to raise money for the PTA to continue our improvement works to the Key Stage 1 playground and also for our purchase of a 3D printer for the children to use in their Design Technology Computer Aided Design lessons. More information about this, and how you can buy tickets for the hamper raffle will be available in the summer term.



♥ Your amazingly generous donations for our Summer Hamper Extravaganza! ♥

PTA Easter Disco

The Easter Disco for KS1 and KS2 will be running at slightly different times from now on. Please read the details below carefully for the earlier times.

We are looking forward to seeing your children at our PTA Easter Discos (KS1 starts 5pm, KS2 starts 6:30pm).

Pick up and helper arrangements

If you are on our list of parents who are helping, please enter via the kitchen door – this will be locked so please knock to let us know you have arrived. All children whose parents are dropping off their children, please come in via the main school entrance. At the end of each disco, all children will leave via the exit door beneath the fire escape steps that lead onto the KS2 playground (where Year 2 are dismissed at the end of the day). Please meet your child/ren there when their session has finished (EYFS/KS1 collection time 6.15pm and KS2 at 8.00pm).



Thank you in advance to all the parents and staff who are giving up their Friday evenings to support the PTA Disco so that they can raise much needed funds for your children's school.

Butterfly release in EYFS



Dexter very kindly brought in his butterflies to release at school. We chose to release them near the wildlife pond. This was the first time the children had seen the pond and noticed all of the wildlife that was around it too.

The butterflies were a bit reluctant to leave their home, but eventually, all flew away, with some landing on Dexter and Miss Ellis! The children were all very excited to see butterflies so closely. Thank you, Dexter, for sharing this with us!

Year 2 tells us the Easter Story in Lego!

Our Year 2 children have put short films together to tell us about the Easter Story. Scan the QR codes below to enjoy!



Residential Trip – Current Year 4s

There will be a paper and pinged letter coming home today to all parents in Year 4 asking for your views on the Year 6 residential that we have to book for your children in advance at this time of year. We would be grateful if you could read this carefully and come back to us with your preference.

5 Reads

Just a reminder that there is to be 10 reads completed over the Easter break so that your child can be entered into our reading raffle in the first week back next term.

Summer Term Menus

Look out each week for the new exciting Summer Term Menus, starting with Week 1 after the Easter break.

Forest School Diary

We are hoping that Forest School sessions will resume after the Easter break.

Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format for parents to keep you up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Internet Matters – resource for the parents of neurodiverse children

Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more. You can access all the guides [HERE](#).

Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done **Year 4** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	97%	
Year 1	86.75%	
Year 2	97.65%	
Year 3	99.4%	★
Year 4	91.65%	
Year 5	94.2%	
Year 6	94.35%	
Overall Attendance		94.45%

(Week ending 22/03/2024)

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents/carers that we do not authorise term time holidays and the local authority may issue a penalty to both parents. Please find our attendance policy on our [website](#).

Please note: If you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance or been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school attendance, you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:

Izzie VE, Elsie R, Victor S, Jax W, Jayden B, Jaiden W, Lilia C and Stanley E.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:

Alex D, Izzie VE and Scarlett V.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Golden Awards this week:

Perrie H, Isla P, Thomas DJ, Kasandra G, Jayden B, Riley P, Andre I, Polly R, Lenny O, Mirella S, Archie H, Jasmine M, Emilie H and Rudi R.

Maths Awards

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Ivy B

KS2: Christine A

New challenge attached!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Evie H** in **Year 2** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates

March 2024

Thursday 28th – PTA Easter Disco
Friday 29th to Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

April 2024

Monday 15th – First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22nd – Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day
Wednesday 24th – Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)
Thursday 25th – EYFS Visit to Boydells Farm

May 2024

Wednesday 1st – SEND Support Group
Monday 6th – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th – KS2 SATs
Friday 24th – PTA Pyjama Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st – Half Term Holiday

June 2024

Friday 7th – Pride/Rainbow Day
Friday 7th – Year 6 Bake Sale
Friday 14th – Year 5 Bake Sale
Friday 21st – Year 4 Bake Sale
Thursday 27th – Year 3 Visit to Harwich
Friday 28th – Year 3 Bake Sale
Friday 28th – PTA Curry & Quiz Night

July 2024

Monday 1st – Sports Day & Family Picnic
Tuesday 2nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day
Friday 5th – Year 2 Bake Sale
Friday 12th – Year 1 Bake Sale
Friday 12th – PTA Summer Disco
Wednesday 17th – Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express
Thursday 18th – KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 19th – Kendall Music Festival 9:40am to 10:45am
Friday 19th – KS2 Production 1:30pm
Friday 19th – EYFS Bake Sale
Friday 19th – KS2 Production 7pm
Monday 22nd – Year 6 Treat Trip
Tuesday 23rd – Leavers' Assembly 9:30am
Tuesday 23rd – Last Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. As promised, to help you with budgeting, please see Mrs Nicholson's schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the summer term below:

Quarter 3

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Boydells Farm	£22
Year 1	TBC	TBC
Year 2	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 3	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 4	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£19.30
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	TBC	TBC
Year 2	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	£38
	Pizza Express	No charge
Year 4	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 5	No paid trips this quarter	n/a
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Week One					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Deep pan cheese and sweetcorn pizza (v)	Oven baked sausage rolls	Roast Chicken breast	Packed lunch Ham roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Roasted vegetable pasta (v/ve)	Oven baked vegan sausage rolls (ve)	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Peas Vegan Coleslaw Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Creamy mashed potato Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding Fresh carrots, cabbage and broccoli Gravy (ve)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Chips Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Chocolate crunch (ve) Or Fresh fruit	Iced Flapjack (ve) Or yoghurt	Fresh fruit – honeydew melon and pineapple Or yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (v) Or Fresh fruit	Raspberry ice cream sponge roll Or yoghurt

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated.

DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Solve the calculations to work out how many eggs there are altogether.

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Dylan has saved £35 to spend on gifts for his family for Easter. He bought the following items. Can you work out how much he spent and how much change he got.

Chocolate Easter Bunny - £3.45

Pack of Luxury Easter Biscuits - £5.25

Cuddly Easter Chick - £7.25

Easter Bunny Ears - £2.75

Bouquet of Spring Flowers - £6.20



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