



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

19th April 2024

Newsletter 27 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! Before we know it, we will be having our Sports Day, our KS2 summer production, and of course selling tickets for the summer hamper raffle, in our drive to raise funds for the KS1 playground and for a 3D printer. As you may have noticed, the horrible old fencing outside Year 1 has been removed by a team of people who worked over the holidays as part of a community payback scheme, which means that we have got this work done for free! They have also cleared the border by the brick wall and it is now ready to be planted up with fruit trees by our lunchtime gardening club. In Whitsun week, the KS1 playground will be resurfaced and if we can raise enough funds through the raffle, a permanent structure will be erected to protect the children from rain and provide shelter from the sun. This will give our children a larger and safer space in which to play and learn. Of course, this is the last term that our Year 6 children will be attending Kendall and their busy summer term will also include preparation for their SATS tests, getting them ready to transition to secondary school, and putting together their leavers' assembly, which all of their parents will be invited to in due course. It has also been great that we have been able to start Forest School sessions up again – welcome back, Kelly!

Kendall Local Littler Pick

A BIG thank you to all those that joined the Eco-Council for our community litter pick yesterday. It was great to see so many people taking time to help improve our local area. Nine big bags of rubbish were collected!



Summer Hamper Extravaganza!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of parents/carers donations, there will be eight hampers, alongside a teacher and a governor hamper that will be raffled later in the summer term. More information regarding raffle tickets and how these will be sold will be coming soon.

Writing Parent Information Event 24th April 2024

On Wednesday 24th April we will be holding a Writing Parent Information Event where parents are invited to come and attend a lesson with their child. The session will be from 9:15 am – 10:00 am. There will be a maximum of 6 spaces per class so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please call or email the school office to book your place.

For Parents – What is County Lines?

Grooming is often associated with sexual grooming, but as we all know the process of grooming can be used for a multitude of crimes where children and young people can be exploited. Internet Matters have put together a really useful guide for parents explaining county lines, how children are targeted, how children may be vulnerable and some resources and support. This is particularly relevant in our setting as the police have shared intelligence with the school that has identified that the Recreation Ground is a recruiting space for criminal gangs who target children and young people for County Lines. Any child is vulnerable to this, there is no specific profile of young person that they target. You can find the guide [HERE](#).



**Your Invitation
Step by Step
Parenting Programme
FULLY FUNDED**

**We welcome you to join us for an 8-week Step by Step Parenting Programme.
This is fully funded for you by Child First Charitable Trust.**

Venue: Brinkley Grove Primary School, Colchester.

**Start Date and Time: Monday 22nd April 1- 2.45pm every
Monday afternoon for 8 weeks.**

(The course will not be running during the half-term break)

For more information, or to book your place,
please contact Amanda Rowe 07772 268691 amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk or Jacky Curtis
jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk

or you are welcome to book a place via the school office.

Supporting Community Events

Kidical Mass Bike Ride, Colchester Saturday, 20th April 11am

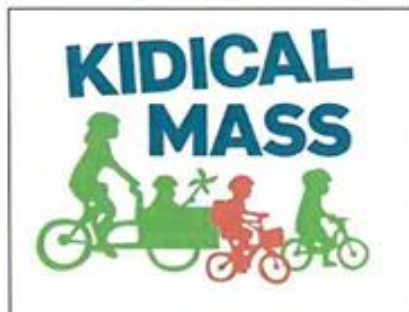
You and your child/ren are warmly invited to join Colchester's "Park to Park" Kidical Mass bike ride which will take place on **Saturday, 20th April 11am** starting beside the children's playpark at Richmond Road, near Abbey Fields (At "Just three words": *tree. undulation. offer*). Ride marshals will supervise throughout to ensure safety. We will cycle as a group to the Recreation Ground, Old Heath Road, stopping outside **St. John's Green, Abbey Field site School, at 11.15am** where younger/slower riders are welcome to join us to cycle on to the Recreation Ground, where there is a playpark, café and toilets. In addition, at 12pm the New Town Community Bike Hub at the Recreation Ground will be officially opened by Mim (aged 8).

It's free and there's no need to book just turn up, but all children under 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We do hope that you will join us for this fun ride.

More details can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/380110798213953/?ref=newsfeed>

or on our "Kidical Mass Colchester" Facebook page or contact either Kim Barnettson: kims2kids@gmail.com or Jean Quinn: jeanquinn42@yahoo.co.uk Mb: 077 9191 6914



Forest School Diary 19th April 2024

After a short break, it is great to see that Forest School is back on again! Read on to find out what we have been up to in the Forest this week. Please note that EYFS and Year 2 will feature in next week's Forest School Diary. The sun was shining for Year 1 this week as they enjoyed their Forest School session. The children took part in activities such as constructing woodland sculptures, and observing the parts of a flower through a magnifying glass.



The children in Year 3 decided to take on the challenge of worm charming during their session. There were many different techniques being used to lure the worms to the surface using only sound vibrations. We are pleased to report that banging pots and pans on the ground worked a treat and before we knew it had many worms popping up through the surface. The children also created some lovely handheld weaving using sticks and foliage found growing in the woodland.



Year 4 have been busy this week brushing up on their fire lighting skills. Firstly, using a flint and steel, the children mastered the skill of lighting cotton wool, they then moved onto building and lighting a small fire in a fire pot. We all agreed that the tricky part is keeping the fire going. Some of the children worked closely with Lucia Lark and learnt how to make a God's eye, which is created using sticks and wool.



Year 5 continue to build a full size shadoof during their session. The children are using their lashing skills for this task and are doing a great job so far! Once the shadoofs are complete, the children will be putting them to the test to gather up water, just like the Ancient Egyptians used to from the River Nile back in Ancient Egyptian times.



Year 6 were first back into the forest this week! The children got creative and made some lovely natural art work using the Hapa-Zome technique, otherwise known as leaf bashing. Once individual pieces were complete the children put them all together to form some woodland bunting. While bug hunting, we also came across this extra-long earth worm, he was nearly as long as the bunting!



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/>

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 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	91.65%	
Year 1	91.1%	
Year 2	95%	
Year 3	99.2%	★
Year 4	97.9%	
Year 5	93.1%	
Year 6	94.6%	
Overall Attendance	94.65%	

(Week ending 28/03/2024)

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:

Emilie H, Georgie B, Bradley G, Georgia B and Darcy N.



Headteacher Cups

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

Tyler L, James T and Makanaka M.

Golden Awards

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

Oli J, Eleanor VZ, Freddie B, Kacie-May G, Victoria B, Evie H, Jude C, Jaiden W, Gabriel FB, Teddy H, Elsie R, Makanaka M, Jacob I and Mosa V.

Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Isla P** in **EYFS** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

Zara EE. Joshua S, Willow L and Penelope E.

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates

April 2024

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

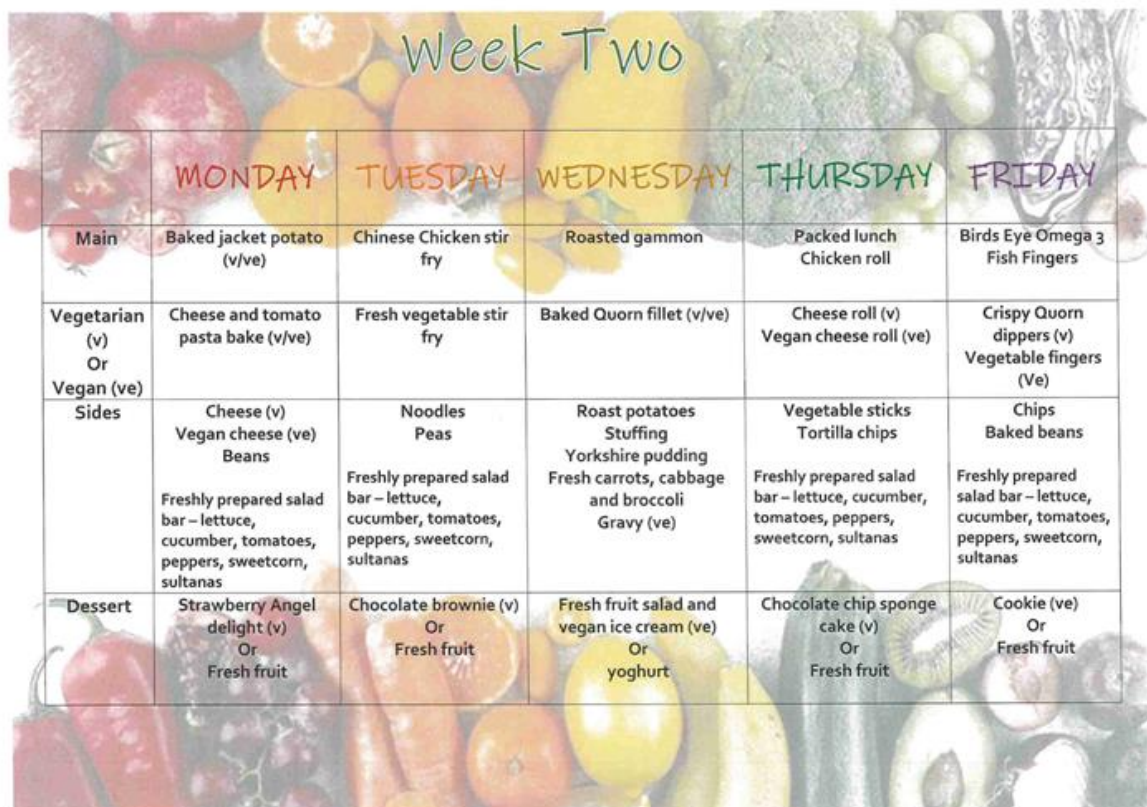
Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. 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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato (v/ve)	Chinese Chicken stir fry	Roasted gammon	Packed lunch Chicken roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Cheese and tomato pasta bake (v/ve)	Fresh vegetable stir fry	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Cheese (v) Vegan cheese (ve) Beans Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Noodles Peas 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 Baked beans Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Strawberry Angel delight (v) Or Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie (v) Or Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad and vegan ice cream (ve) Or yoghurt	Chocolate chip sponge cake (v) Or Fresh fruit	Cookie (ve) Or Fresh fruit

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

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

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.

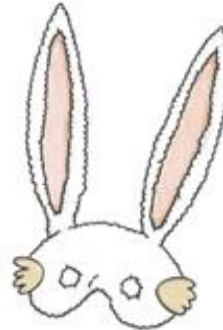
Chocolate Easter Bunny - £3.45

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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