

# KENTS HILL SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER



## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

At the end of what has been another busy, but productive year, I want to express my thanks to all of the parents and carers of our lovely Kents Hill children for all your support. Your encouragement for your own child or children, working alongside staff in school, has enabled them to do their best.

Thank you too for coming along to support events such as the Summer Fete in June, and the forthcoming Sports Day events.

Along with educating your child both in and out of the classroom, we are creating memories of your children's early schooling and I know that many children who are leaving us this term take with them a lot of happy memories of Kents Hill School.

I will be sad to leave at the end of term but will take with me very fond memories of the school and children as I move to my new role in Hong Kong. I know that I leave you in the very capable hands of Mr Bolger when you return in September.

## GOVERNORS

The Governors would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the staff for their consistent hard work throughout the year. They have created a calm and productive environment enabling children to be successful learners. We were immensely pleased and proud of the recent Ofsted report which is a testament to the team of dedicated people at Kents Hill School.

Thank you so much to the FRIENDS COMMITTEE who have worked hard again all year to raise money to support the school and provide fun events for all of the children throughout the year.

It only remains for us to wish you a happy, restful and safe summer holiday and to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given the staff and children over the last academic year. We wish those who are moving on to new schools, every success in their future education and we look forward to welcoming our new families in September.

## STAFFING

You will have received information about the teaching team for September. We are of course very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Coveney who, after 7 years at Kents Hill School, is leaving to take up an exciting position in Hong Kong.

In addition, we are saying good bye to Mrs Kos who will be leaving her midday supervisor position as well as her position as Chair of the Friends Committee at the end of the summer term. Mrs Grindley will also be leaving her role on the Friends Committee.

Each of the above will be greatly missed by our school community. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking all of them for their commitment and devotion to the children of our school over many years.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss O'Dell to our teaching team in September, she will also be part of the Senior Leadership Team.

Miss Wickham is getting married at the end of July and will return in the Autumn term as Mrs Young—congratulations on her forthcoming wedding.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORM ON THE LAST DAY (casual clothing is fine). YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR BLACK TROUSERS/LEGGINGS FOR THEIR LEAVERS ASSEMBLY (they can bring in their own clothes/leavers t-shirt to change into after the assembly).**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (please click on the blue hyper-links, where available, for more information)**

W/c 10/7	Reports out to Parents this week
13.7.17	Nursery Sports day (10:30am and 2:15pm)
14.7.17	Sports Day (Year 1 & 2: 9:30-11:30am Reception: 1:15-2:30pm)
17.7.17	Back-up Sports Day
21.7.17	<b>YEAR 2 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY 9am</b>
21.7.17	<b>BREAK UP—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>

### TERM DATES 2017-2018

TERM	Start	End
AUTUMN TERM	5.9.17	20.10.17
	30.10.17	15.12.17
SPRING TERM	3.1.18	9.2.18
	19.2.18	23.3.18
SUMMER TERM	9.4.18	25.5.18
	5.6.18	20.7.18

**Training Days:**  
Autumn: 4.9.17, 1.12.17  
Spring: 2.1.18  
Summer: 4.6.18, 23.7.18

**Bank Holidays:** 7.5.18

**CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS**

## 100% ATTENDANCE



WELL DONE to the children who so far have 100% attendance and no late marks for the whole academic year. So long as they attend every day until the end of term they will receive a medal in the final assembly next Friday (we will publish a list of names on the last day and in our Autumn newsletter). *The following children received a 100% badge in Summer 1:*

**ASH:** Lena Cierach, Abigail Danso, Inayah Hussain, Faith Mitchley, Amelia Ololade, Israel Osei, Isaac Reeves, Nehan Sadit, Drew Taylor, Gaudre VaitKunskaitė, Lucy Whitwell, Raymond Grindley, Verity Wymer

**BEECH:** Janine Bujakowska, Laura Davies, Milan Dhana, Michael Ekpete, Omar Elamer Skylar Ferraby, Cameron Hendrickson, Ernests Jakubovics, Jacob Johnson, Mysha Khan, Eythan Nash, Daisy Price, Sophie Sparks, Benjamin Thaxter, Heidi Wymer

**CHESTNUT:** Ben Bagdonas, Mika Ball, Mwata Champo, Aiden Ficek, Alex Henrick, Maxwell Herbert, Iarala Bhargav, Patryk Karpowicz, Angel Kudyarawanza, Alec Price, Albie Rand, Alianna Shaban, James Underwood

**ELM:** Alexander Bosco, Lewis Clyburn, Chloe Faulkner, Kelvin Frimpong, Maxymilian Goracy, Phoebe Graham, Ayaan Jaffar, Isaac Jones, Yashica Konda, Samuel Land, Noah Pykett, Jasmine Saidi, Ted Welch

**OAK:** Chelsea Amarah, Michael Angus, Nashon Bennett-Appiah, Emily Cooper Batista, Phoebe Goult, Raymond Grindley, Oliver Kos, Nicole Mazek, Alicia Palmer, Satori Ruddle, Adam Shepherd, Lillian Stone, Gloria Wang, Mido Zahab

**WILLOW:** Mustafa Abdulle, Poppy Austin, Holly Brooks, Malek Elfadaly, Timothy Gooding, Maisie Goult, Patryk Halon, Aronas Karalevicius, Amelia Legg, Calum Majithia, Amilie Rand, Joseph Robinson

## FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed prizes and/or cakes, sold raffle tickets, and who helped organise and run the recent school fete. So far it has raised over an incredible £1,200 and we are hoping that this may be increased even further through matched funding. Friends will issue an update in the Autumn term. **There is still a chance to buy raffle tickets from the office as they will not be drawn until Friday during Sports day.**

Thank you as well to everybody who saved their Sainsburys vouchers—we have ordered some new resources which will be used by all of the children in school.

BOOKFAIR—the recent Scholastic Book Fair raised £194 in FREE BOOKS for school, so thank you so much for your support

## SCHOOL MEALS

Our school meal provider, DOLCE, are hoping to be able to publish the new menus shortly—they should be available by the end of this week. You will then be able to log on and order your child's meals for the Autumn term.

For new parents, you will receive an email containing your login/password details shortly, along with the link to the ordering system: [www.live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless](http://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless). If you have any issues at all please contact Live Kitchen customer care on 01942 707709 and they will be able to help you.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

ANIMAL AGENTS is this year's FREE Summer Reading Challenge—children are being asked to read 6 library books during the summer holidays. If they sign up at their local library they will be given a folder to collect stickers as they read and solve Animal Agent's case. After completing the challenge children will be presented with a medal and certificate (whilst stocks last!). Please click on the logo on the right to find out more information. This was recently shared during assembly and was met with a lot of enthusiasm from the children, so please support this initiative.



## WALTON Community Council FREE activities/FUZE WORKSHOPS

[WALTON Community Centre](http://www.waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk) are offering FREE children's Summer Holiday activities: call 01908 694758/email [office@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk) to book or click on the link for the website.

**FUZE** workshops take place locally on 26th July and 1st September. FUZE Workshops consist of a full day's coding activities learning to code using a real text based programming language. Children from seven upwards get to code simple programs, control electronic circuits, interact with sensors and even code a robot arm. The activities are tailored to the individual's ability level so each student will progress at their own pace. This allows us to cater for mixed aged groups and abilities. For bookings, call 01844 239432 or email: [contact@fuze.co.uk](mailto:contact@fuze.co.uk) or click on the link.

## Health & Safety reminders for next term

- ⊙ Please park only in the designated parking bays outside school and be mindful of other users. Please DO NOT park in the KEEP CLEAR areas—these MUST be kept clear at all times in case emergency vehicles need access. Please be careful to not block the drives of neighbouring houses. **Please only use the disabled bays if you have a blue badge.**
- ⊙ We do not allow children to have sweets in their lunchboxes and ask that you avoid yoghurt tubes, as they are tricky for children to open. Please do not use chocolate spread or nuts in lunchboxes, to protect our children with allergies. Children can have flavoured water or juice with their lunch, but nothing fizzy please.
- ⊙ Please only put water in children's drinking bottles for during the day.
- ⊙ We will have a regular display of lost property inside the main entrance. Any unclaimed, un-named items will be disposed of after a short while. **Please ensure that all items are named to help prevent loss.**
- ⊙ If your child is going to be absent, please call us before 8:50am to let us know. We will continue to text parents if we have not received a call. Please also remember to tell staff if your child has an appointment or if they are going to be collected by somebody else. Appointments (dental/medical) should be arranged out of school hours, wherever possible, please.

## ZUMBA/PILATES—school hall

Don't forget these classes are held in the school hall in the evenings right throughout the summer holidays too!

**ZUMBA** runs on a Wednesday evening (7-7:45pm)

Cost is £5 PAYG (quote Zumba1 for 2nd class free)

Web: [www.exstress.co.uk](http://www.exstress.co.uk) or Julia 07779 339984

**PILATES** runs on a Monday evening (6-7pm)

Cost is £5 per session PAYG

Please contact Liz on 07816 522200 or email [elizamm@btinternet.com](mailto:elizamm@btinternet.com)



## SUMMER 2017 PLAY SESSIONS

Kents Hill & Monkston Parish Council in association with MKPA and supported by the Legacy Project run by MK Dons, are once again offering FREE open access play sessions for children aged 4-14 for the forthcoming school holidays. Please click on the link on the left for information about dates and local venues.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As previously advised, we now have 3 school uniform suppliers—full details and links are on our website. Please order as early as possible as they do get very busy over the summer period. Click on this link for information: [UNIFORM](#)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**BALLET** class still has a few places left for the Autumn term. The class will continue in the Community Centre from 3-4pm each **THURSDAY**, from 7th September.

**STREET** class also has a few places left. This class will continue in the Community Centre from 3-4pm each **MONDAY**, from 11th September.

**MK DONS** letters will go out after the summer holiday. The first after school session will take place on **TUESDAY 12th September** from 3-4pm. Our new Reception children will be invited to take part in the Spring term, after the Christmas holidays.

## Walky-Talky, our Glencoe Challengers

Well done to our Kents Hill ladies team, who completed a 26.2 mile trek in Glencoe, Scotland on 1st July. They trained really hard since January, proving that you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it.

The team have raised over £2,500 for local charities, Willen Hospice and Eclipse. Congratulations ladies!!



**WE WISH ALL OF OUR LEAVERS THE VERY BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR NEW SCHOOLS. WE HOPE ALL OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR NEW CHILDREN WHO WILL JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER.**