

Kents Hill School

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Last week, national school results were released for the end of the academic year 2016-17. Below is how well children in Year 2 at Kents Hill School **last year** performed against the national average.

	Reading		Writing		Maths	
% children meeting at least the expected standard	KH 85%	National 76%	KH 76%	National 68%	KH 87%	National 75%
% pupils exceeding the expected standard	KH 55%	National 25%	KH 23%	National 16%	KH 21%	National 21%

Kents Hill School **outperformed** the national average in every area except for exceeding the expected standard in maths – where we were equal with the national average. This is a fantastic achievement for our children as well as our staff. Thank you to everyone who played a part in the learning journey for this cohort. It is another step on the road towards outstanding.

Simon Bolger

Stars of the Week

Last week's 'Stars of the Week' were Samuel and Alfie in Year 2, Arthur and Faith in Year 1, and Julia and Aoife in Reception. Well done to these children for putting a brilliant effort into all of their learning.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who dressed up in spots and donated towards this worthwhile cause. So far we have managed to raise an incredible £250 with some money still to come and we are hoping this will exceed £300 in total. All of this money will be donated to Children in Need on behalf of Kents Hill School.

'Positivity for you and your family' – Parent Workshop

We recently held a very well received parent workshop session called "**Positivity for you and your family**". Two identical sessions were held on Thursday 9th November at 2pm and 5pm. The feedback was very good and comments included:

*"Really glad I made it! Thank you for such an eye-opener. Will definitely be putting this into place."
"Mondays will never be the same! Thank you for a very thought provoking session."*

“Thank you so much for a truly inspirational workshop. Really got me thinking and I am going to put it into practice. I left the school today with a big smile on my face.”

“It was brilliant, thank you. This workshop will make a real difference to everyone who attends. Very inspirational.”

I am very happy that this message reached the parents who attended. However, to spread the message more widely about what we are doing at Kents Hill School to develop positivity and wellbeing – I need more parents to hear our message.

The following link leads to an online survey where you can indicate which times would suit you best for attending a parent workshop session. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L58CHJC>

For future sessions, there will be a booking system to help us gauge numbers prior to running workshop sessions. I am proposing to run the **"Positivity for you and your family"** session again in the near future. However, I need genuine interest to ensure the session is worth running. Please indicate on the attached survey which time would best suit you to attend. There will be 4 options. **They are 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm, and 7-8pm.**

Cold Weather

Please note that whilst we do “grit” some key walkways around the school, it is not possible or practical to salt the whole site. Therefore, when it is icy, please assume that any pathway may be slippery and take care.

Lost Property

Please remember that lost property is located in the foyer at the front of school. Whilst we make every effort to help children not to lose their property, there might be occasions where items do go missing. Often, we find items that go missing tend to not have children’s names inside. Currently there are 23 unnamed items in the lost property box. Please help us by making sure that children’s names are clearly labelled inside every item of clothing. If your child does have items go missing – we will make every effort to locate and return the item to the child.

Growth Mindset Language

In our school we do not use the word ‘work’ – we say ‘learning’. Learning is an intrinsic activity which should be its own reward. In our school we say: “You work because you have to and you learn because you **want to**”. You will not hear our school staff tell children they are “clever” or “smart” – this is founded in conclusive scientific research. Did you know that the more you tell a child they are “clever” – the more they believe they don’t have to try as hard? Children who are frequently told how “clever, smart, talented and gifted” they are, tend to be the first to give up when the going gets tough. By praising children for how hard they have tried and for how much effort they have given – means they will develop far stronger skills of resilience.

Bikes and Scooters

It is fantastic to see so many children choosing to cycle or scoot to school. We have provision for bikes and scooters to be kept on the premises for the duration of the school day. Please remember to take your bikes and scooters home at the end of the day. A change that will be put into practice immediately is that **we ask parents to ensure their children dismount from their bikes and scooters and walk with them whilst on the school premises.** This change is due to a series of ‘near-misses’ we have had in the last two weeks. Thank you for supporting us with this and keeping everyone on the school site safe.

SchoolComms

As communicating with parents is so vital and we know that paper can be so easily misplaced; making information available to you via email and our Gateway App is a fast and efficient way of ensuring you know the latest information as quickly as possible. Please ensure that you download the Gateway App

from your app store, as this saves the school money when we need to text parents. However, we can only provide information if we have the correct contact details for you so it is essential that you verify all your details are correct (*and let the school know about any changes too*). Please contact the school office if you have any queries.



Facebook

The school has been building an online presence in recent weeks. It is aimed to give families an insight into what goes on in school and also to help transmit the values and beliefs we hold at Kents Hill School into the surrounding community. If you haven't 'liked' us already then simply search for Kents Hill School on the Facebook search bar and see what you've been missing out on!

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th November Nursery Parent / Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November Nursery Parent / Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November Stop and Share – 8.50am

Friday 1st December INSET Day – **no children in school**

Wednesday 6th December Reception Morning Christmas Performance

Thursday 7th December Reception Afternoon Christmas Performance

Thursday 7th December School Council Elections for Spring Term

Tuesday 12th December Nursery Christmas Performance (*this is an amended date*)

Tuesday 12th December Year 1 and 2 Christingle Service

Wednesday 13th December Dolce Christmas Meal

Friday 15th December Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December 3.00pm School Closes for Christmas Holiday

More information will follow about a number of these dates.
