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What a fantastic week we have had in school. I am very pleased to see how positive the vast majority of our children are most of the time. In the last two whole school assemblies we have been looking at positivity – what it means and how we can use it. I often talk to the children about how Monday is my favourite day of the week (*Yes, that's right – I said Monday!*). Monday presents a brilliant opportunity to have a fresh start and take the first energetic steps towards having a wonderful week. I want the children of Kents Hill School to embrace the opportunities every Monday presents. After all, $\frac{1}{7}$ of our entire lives are a Monday – and life is too short to wish them away and wait for Friday to arrive! This approach is just the first step in developing positivity in the community. The children are learning about how positivity can be infectious. In fact, did you know that if you are really positive and enthusiastic for the first **four minutes** of any interaction with someone else – you can transmit



your happiness to them? Scientific research shows that by doing this you can make someone else up to 16% happier. It is called the 'Ripple Effect'. School staff can make children 16% happier, children can make their families 10% happier, and the people their families meet could be 6% happier. How is this achieved? **By choosing to be positive.** We want to equip our children with what I like to call 'The Ready Brek Glow' – children who have this are happier, more positive and warmer than the rest. Watch out for an upcoming parent session where you can come and learn more about positivity and wellbeing. And just remember, #zeronegativity!

Simon Bolger

Stars of the Week

Last week's 'Stars of the Week' were **Oliver** and **Emaan** in Year 2, and **Annabelle** and **Sophie** in Year 1. Well done to these children for putting a brilliant effort into all of their learning.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Every year the school takes part in Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning event to raise money for those living with and affected by cancer. This year we would like to invite you to share a drink and cake with your child, whilst looking at some of their school books, to raise money for this worthy cause. We are asking for cake donations to be brought into school on the day before the event. We would especially like to extend an invitation to parents and carers of children who have just joined Nursery or Reception. Being new to a school can be daunting – for parents as well as children. These informal coffee morning events will provide the chance for you to find out more about the school and the Friends Association. Why not join us for a cuppa and chat? The events will be held on the following dates and times:

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| Year 2 | Wednesday 4 th October | 9.00 – 10.00am |
| Year 1 | Thursday 5 th October | 9.00 – 10.00am |
| Reception | Wednesday 4 th October | 2.00 – 3.00pm |
| Nursery | Wednesday 4 th October | 9.00 – 10.00am |

Open Days

On **Wednesday 8th November** and **Wednesday 15th November** we are holding open days around the school. This is a chance for existing and prospective parents to come and see just what it is that makes Kents Hill School so special. There is no need to book an appointment. Four times for both days with Mr Bolger are 9.15am, 11am and 1.15pm.

Dates for your diary...

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| Monday 16 th October | Individual school photos |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parent consultation meetings 3pm – 6pm |
| Thursday 19 th October | Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parent consultation meetings 3pm – 6pm |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Open Day |
| Wednesday 15 th November | Open Day |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Reception Morning Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 7 th December | Reception Afternoon Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 7 th December | School Council Elections for Spring Term |
| Monday 11 th December | Nursery Christmas Performance |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Year 1 and 2 Christingle Service |
| Friday 15 th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 15 th December | 3.00pm School Closes for Christmas Holiday |

More information will follow about a number of these dates.

SchoolComms

As communicating with parents is so vital and we know that paper can be so easily misplaced; making information available to you via text and our Gateway App is a fast and efficient way of ensuring you know the latest information as quickly as possible. You can download the app from your app store. 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!

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.