Weekly Newsletter

26th June 2020

Dates & Events for the Diary

To:

School is closed until further notice except children of key workers, Year 6, Year 1, Reception & Nursery

Timings for all the children are:
8.45am to 3.15pm
Except for Nursery

School finishes 1pm on Friday, 17th July.
No Nursery PM.
Children return to school Monday, 7th September 2020.

This week @ Kensington

I hope that you have all managed to keep safe and well during the very hot weather today and yesterday in particular. It was very troubling to see some of the pictures - particularly those from Bournemouth. We continue to have a collective responsibility to do everything we can to suppress the coronavirus. As you know, we have invested huge amounts of time and energy in ensuring your children, yourselves, and our staff are safe to come back to work. I would like to thank all of you for your support with this. A reminder that, particularly at the end of the day, it is important you aim to be at the school as close to 3.15pm as possible and keep your distance from all other parents while you are collecting your child.

As previously, we will not be able to open for Y2, 3, 4 or 5 before the end of this academic year. Due to the fluctuating numbers in other year groups and the need to keep children in small, isolated groups we do not have the capacity in terms of teachers, classrooms, space for lunches, or outdoor space. If you have children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 or Y6 they are welcome to return. Please message us to let us know the day before so we can make sure we have enough staff and classrooms. This is also the case for key worker children. As always, if you do need our help or support in any way then please ask and we will do what we can.

We are finalising preparations to bring this year to a close. It has been entirely unique and we will all have our own emotional reaction to that. I am sure each of your children will respond differently as will you. Please be aware of this and take it into account if your child is behaving a bit differently. They may just be struggling to deal with this difficult situation.

Thank you once again for all your support. As previously, our intention is to be back on 7th September as normal. It is really important you start to prepare your children for this. It is going to be a difficult transition for some and the more prepared they are the easier it will be for them and for you.

As always, please let us know if you have any thoughts or feedback on what we are doing now or moving forward.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

ONLINE P.E sessions

Joe Wicks is teaching a live P.E session every morning at 9AM. It will be on his YouTube channel and website. A great way of keeping the children busy and active!

https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

NO After school clubs or 6 O’ clock club or Breakfast club until further notice
We are now sharing latest news, stories from all the schools in the Trust on a central Facebook TTLT page and the @LearnTapscott Twitter feed continues to showcase some of the lovely events, activities and achievements from across the Trust.

It would be great to build up a greater following on these platforms. The Facebook Page is The Tapscott Learning Trust. The Twitter feed directed at parents is @LearnTapscott. If you don’t already follow and use either of these then please do.

**Year 6 emotional health scrap-booking**
Year 6 have been experimenting with different strategies for maintaining a positive mental attitude and developing stress-busting strategies which will take us far in life. We decided to turn our emotional health journals into scrap-books, documenting our feelings, experiences and research. We realised that art and design are very therapeutic and therefore just as important as any other subject - including maths and English! It’s been wonderful having more pupils return and we hope to see a few more as the weeks go on :)

From Monday 29th July, our Place2Be School Project Manager, Sally Madley, will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. All children in school will be able to self-refer for a Place2Talk session with Sally, where they can talk in confidence about anything that has been concerning them. If you do not wish your child to have access to this service, please do let Sally know. Her email address is Sally.Madley@place2be.org.uk, or you can call the school office number and leave a message, or speak with Sally directly.

**National Sports Week**
This week the children from Kensington Primary School celebrated YST National Sports Week. All the children from Reception to Year 6 were given opportunities to take part in a range of sporting activities, including Javelin, chest push throw and agility runs. The children were enthusiastic and applied their skills to complete the challenge. We also set some fun challenging activities for pupils to carry out at home.

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**School Uniform (Reception-Year 6)**

Please note that it is not compulsory to have uniform with the school logo on and children can wear plain clothing as follows:

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<td>Black, navy or grey jogging bottoms</td>
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<td>Black, navy or grey jogging bottoms or shorts</td>
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<td>White t-shirt or polo shirt</td>
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Head scarves will need to be the stitched type in blue or white colour. Pinned headscarves are not allowed to be worn due to health and safety.

All of the above items can be purchased from any high street retailer.
Studybugs — Parent communication during school closure

Dear parents,

It is important to download the Study bugs app as this will be the form of communication between school and parents from now on.

Due to the recent uncertain changes, we are trying to reach all parents by sending messages through Study bugs.

Please follow the link to download the app: https://studybugs.com/about/parents

Kensington Primary School’s Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:
1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health. (https://studybugs.com/about/schools)

For more information or support with downloading the app please speak to the office staff.

Year 6 have had a sweltering but fun-filled and educational week!

Amongst all our other activities, we have made our own stress balls out of rice-filled balloons. It was a challenge trying to get the rice into the balloons, but we figured out how to make our own funnels out of paper and pour it in. We then decorated them and now have our own squishy stress balls!

We have taken maths outdoors and literally covered the playground with doodles and calculations in chalk. We have drawn "factor bugs" - little critters whose legs represent the factors of a number. The prime number bugs seem pretty sad as they only have two legs. We have also been ordering fraction cards on a mock washing line, a little bit more tricky than doing it as a written method!

Another fun week for year 6 and we look forward to the next three weeks before summer holidays.

Returning to school

One of the challenges of dealing with the pandemic has been the uncertainty around school opening and children not knowing if they will be going to school or not. Many children will be feeling anxious about the thought of returning to school or even feel panicked at the thought.

Help them remember the positives of school. Draw a simple picture or poster of the school and get your child to write or draw the things around it that they love about going to school, you can also add things to this poster too. It’s a good way to start framing school in a positive light and reminding them of things that make school a place that is fun and safe.

End of Year reports will be sent out in the coming weeks via Study Bugs or email. If you haven’t yet signed up to Study Bugs please do so using the following link https://www.kensington.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Follow+Kensington&pid=116

You will also be contacted via Study Bugs or email with important information about classes for next academic year. Please make sure you are aware of who your child’s new class teacher is and where to line up on Monday the 7th of September. All information will be sent before the 10th of July.

Summer learning guidance will be available on the school’s website by the 17th of July.

All Year 6 children must send back any resources that belong to the school including all reading books and unused study guides.

All Year 6 children have a Year Book Picture as a gift from the school – please come to the office to collect these.

All Year 6 children to check J2E regularly for important transition updates and access to ‘Goodbye Vlogs’.