This year has been a year unlike any other. We have all been touched by the coronavirus pandemic. Some of us have experienced great sadness. Others have felt very anxious and worried. For some, the concerns have been around job security and finances. I cannot imagine some of the challenges you have faced. My heart goes out to you. As always, we and I are here to support you in any way that we can. We have set-up the Kensington Food Bank already and we will be properly launching this in September to support those of you who need a bit of extra help. We are gathering information on the support available to people who lose their jobs or need some financial support and will continue to share any information that we have. We are developing our home learning support further and will have more detailed plans by the end of September. As always, we are open to your thoughts and feedback so if you do think there are other areas you would like to see us developing or where you would like more support or information, do please let us know.

We have shared all of the plans for September and we cannot wait to see you all on Monday 7th September at 8.40am. I know there will be some of you who cannot wait, some who are a bit nervous, and some who are really anxious and concerned. I cannot and will not make promises I cannot keep. There is always risk in everything that we do. However, what I can promise is that we have done everything we can to make sure your children are coming back to a happy, positive environment: a place everyone loves to be. And that we have also put in place measures wherever we can to reduce the risk to them, you, and ourselves, of coronavirus. We know it will be difficult for some but it is really important that your children come back and come regularly from Monday 7th September.

Tomorrow at 1pm we will close for the first time since February half-term. When we started this academic year, none of us could possibly have predicted what was going to happen. It has been the most challenging of times. We know how difficult it has been for you and your children and we wanted to find a way to say ‘farewell’ and also to introduce your children's new teachers. If you follow this link: https://kpsfarewellshellos.weebly.com/ you will find videos from your current and new teachers - enjoy!

We also know that the summer holidays will be very different for many of you this year. We have put together lots of ideas and links to activities going on in Newham to help you: https://www.kensington.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Summer+Learning&pid=131

All that remains from me is to say a massive thank you for all of your support, feedback and positivity. We have made it through this as a community and we will face whatever challenges there are ahead together. I look forward to seeing all of you at 8.40am on Monday 7th September.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher
Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

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.

Kooth is an online, anonymous counselling service, free for young people in Newham to use aged between 10-16 (up until their 17th birthday). The service is commissioned by Headstart in Newham. The service allows young people to seek support through message based counselling sessions, as well as through messages with our team of qualified counsellors. Not only this, but Kooth allows the young person to seek peer-to-peer support through Kooth’s magazine articles and forum boards, where young people can post and contribute ideas and experiences for others to look through. Everything uploaded to the Kooth website is moderated by our safe guarding team, so Kooth is a completely safe space for young people to seek out advice and guidance.

Kooth will be replacing Worry Box over the summer break from 20th July 2020, to access Kooth website logon to https://www.kooth.com/

Dear parents/carers

This is to inform you that we will be running our breakfast and 6 O’Clock clubs from September 2020. We will send you more information with the safety guidelines for these clubs next week.

Please let us know if you are planning for your child/children to be part of these clubs. This will help us to make necessary arrangement for the extended provision.
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.

Summer holidays

We look forward to the long school holidays with mixed feelings. We’re keen to spend some quality time with our children but we’re not naive enough to think we’ll get through the summer with no meltdowns. Embracing some simple strategies could help you make this summer not just good, but the best ever. Here’s how...

1. The eight to one ratio
Make an effort to improve your ‘nice to nag ratio.’ Children like to be praised, so keep the eight to one ratio in mind, as they’ll want to repeat the behaviour that makes you happy.

2. Plan ahead
Grab a big sheet of paper and some coloured pens, and brainstorm possible summer activities with your children. Aim to include a mixture of free or cheap things, like playdates and craft activities, as well as expensive days out. Stick it on the fridge door and cross off activities as you do them, like a summer bucket list.

3. Staying home
Stock up on cheap and easy things that’ll fill the time at home, such as pavement chalks, water balloons and baking ingredients, and don’t underestimate how much fun can be had with a big empty box!!

For more ideas on activities for the summer holidays please see our Kensington website and go to the tab ‘summer learning’ for fun ideas in the holidays.

Year 6 awards ceremony & end of year performance will be on the school website - CHECK IT OUT on https://www.kensington.newham.sch.uk/

From all of the year 6 pupils: THANK YOU FOR A BRILLIANT YEAR! We are ready to meet a future full of possibilities thanks to all the staff and students at Kensington Primary School helping us to make the most of our final year. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE!

SUMMER LEARNING:
Please find the summer learning resources on:
https://www.kensington.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Summer+Learning&pid=131