



Kenningtons Primary Academy



Spring Term Newsletter 17th January 2014

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DATES TO REMEMBER

17th January 2014 - **Music tuition commences.**
20th January 2014 - **Parent Forum 6:00 - 7:00pm**
22nd January 2014 - **Year 3 Interhouse event.**
24th February 2014—**Non pupil day.**
14th March 2014—**Year 3/4 Warner Bros trip**
18th March 2014—**Year 1 Interhouse activity—TBC**
28th March 2014—**Clubs finish**
31st March 2014—**Parent/child PE session—3:15/4:15pm**
more information to follow.

Drop in sessions next week:

Monday 20th January 2014: **Kangaroos**
 4S
 5N

Tuesday 21st January 2014: **Kookaburras**
 3R

Thursday 23rd January 2014: **1B**
 2M
 6C

February Half Term Activities

We are now taking bookings for our half term activities.

Please print out your application forms and bring to the school office.
If you are unable to do this we have spare ones at reception.

Performance Poetry Competition

We are excited to tell you that our school will be taking part in the Performance Poetry Competition this year.

The competition will begin with preliminary rounds at our school, heading to heats against other Thurrock schools. We would love your support - if your child is interested and has brought a poem home to practise then please encourage them.
We will keep you informed of the children that will be going through to the next stage. Thank you.

Lateness

This term we are focusing on reducing lateness.
External doors are locked at 8.55am and if you arrive after this time please report to the main reception to register your child.

After the first lateness has occurred, any subsequent class time lost, because of lateness, will result in pupils staying in at break to complete the work they missed. Please note the time being paid back will be calculated from when the child gets into their classroom. For instance a pupil arriving at the school office at 9:03am but walking into the classroom at 9:05am will be expected to complete 10 minutes of work at break.

We hope you can support this focus by ensuring your child(ren) are in school on time.

Thank you



Helping children to get better and better at everything they do



Teachermail

We are currently trialling Teachermail. This enables teachers to send you updates about your child's learning.

Please bear with us initially as there may be teething problems! As a trial only a few classes will be using it.

You may receive an email from Parentmail in this respect to verify your email address.

For further information please see www.parentmail.co.uk/apps/teachers/teachermail.

After School Clubs

Several parents have expressed to us that they would like more opportunities to speak with their child's class teacher.

In order to accommodate this request, we are now running fortnightly drop-in sessions. This means that there are fewer clubs available this term, and some pupils may not have been offered a club.

If gaps arise in any clubs, or additional clubs start, pupils with no club offered will be contacted first.

Last Day of Term—Friday 4th April 2014

On the last day of term, school will finish at 11:50am.

Families are then invited to attend the Easter cake sale in the afternoon. Details to follow.

This is to ensure that we can spread the 'cafe' throughout the building and avoid the queues!

Santa Pictures

Please check your spam and junk mail folders for the photograph of your child/ren with Santa. If it is not there, please email the address below:
santa@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk.

Saturday 18th January - Free Animal Fun Day

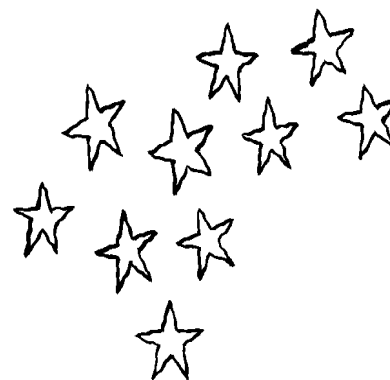
To celebrate the opening of "A Ladybird Childhood" Maidstone Museum & Bentlif Art Gallery are hosting a free animal fun day at the museum on

Saturday 18th January.

Discover all the different animals hidden in the Museum by taking part in an animal trail.

10:30am—4:00pm.

Maidstone Museum & Bentlif Art Gallery
St Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1LH.



Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has sickness or an upset tummy, they must remain off of school for 48 hours from the last episode.

This is so the bug doesn't spread!