

John Keble Church of England Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly busy start to the new academic year, but it is hard to believe that it is half term already. The children have settled really well to their new classes and there is a very purposeful learning climate around the school. The half term's theme of Traditional Tales has resulted in some fantastic learning opportunities. The children enjoyed a theatre production, making houses for the 3 pigs, growing beans and writing their own tales. Lots of photos of are displayed on our website, in the gallery.

The new home learning grids have been very popular with our children. These grids help our children realise that learning is happening all the time, in so many different ways and we can use so many day to day activities as opportunities to learn. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children, cooked with them, helped them to collect boxes to make a model, taken their children on additional visits and generally encouraged their children to engage well. We have added some ideas to support with home learning to the website: go to Learning and Curriculum, then Home Learning.

In assembly this week, we reflected on Obama's achievements. Barak Obama was two years old when Martin Luther King made his speech and said the following, "I have a dream that one day my four little children will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character." Barak Obama had a dream too and high aspirations. He went on from humble beginnings to be the President of the United States, judged by the content of his character. Every single child at John Keble has something to offer, something they are good at and, as educators, we need to help them discover what it is and build their aspirations. Our themed approach to learning, including the home learning grids is helping children take more responsibility and create more interest in their learning.

The school is closed for a day on Friday 17th November. This is a training day for the teachers. We will be welcoming Jenny Mosely in to teach us about different ways to use circle time in class. At John Keble, we are also taking time to teach the children to build and maintain healthy relationships, to take their part in our school community, to own mistakes they make and to repair any harm they have done. This training day will further equip us as a school to teach your child to take their place in society and fulfil their potential. We are very excited about it.

Thank you to all of you for all the generous harvest contributions that you sent in. The school celebrated a harvest mass with Father Michael on 4th October. The contributions have been distributed to the St Lawrence's Larder Food Bank, and The Hub Mental Health Drop in.

Please remember to check out what is happening on our website. <http://www.johnkeble.com>

I wish you all a good and restful holiday.

Catherine Allard.

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Sporting News

The John Keble sports teams have already been in action this half term.

The Ace Football team won the Best Brent Football Tournament. The team will go onto represent Brent at the London Youth Games.

The girls' football team entered the same tournament and won their first game of the season.

The American Football Team had a training day with Miami Dolphins. Our Year 7 and 8 Team members are coming back to represent the school. They will play a match at Twickenham Stadium during the half time show of the NFL London Game.

The tag rugby team travelled to Gladstone Park to take part in the annual Saracens Tag Rugby Festival.

Term Dates

Please do not take your child away on holiday during term time. They miss learning opportunities and time with their friends. We will not authorise the holiday. The Local Authority will issue a fine.

Half-term - Friday 20th October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017

INSET day (School closed for children) - Friday 17th November 2017

School reopens (children return) – Monday 23rd October 2017
Term ends - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Daniel Felsman

John Keble staff and children are very sorry to say Goodbye to Mr Felsman as he has to head back to Australia.

We are very pleased he stayed an extra few weeks this term (rather than leaving in July).

He has been a valued member of staff. We wish him all the best as he moves back.

PRAYER IS OUR HEARTBEAT

Thank you to all the parents who pray regularly for the school. We would like prayer to underpin everything we do here, putting Jesus at the centre of our school life. If you are interested in praying regularly for the school, please e-mail us

admin@jkeble.brent.sch.uk

Does your child play games on the computer?

These are key points for parents and carers.

Understand the gaming devices and how you as a parent can support your child to be smart and safe in their gaming. Can they go on the internet with it? Can they talk to strangers through the games?

Find out about the parental controls available - it helps if you are the one to set up the gaming device so you are in control of these. Gaming devices have parental controls to help parents manage their children's gaming, for example, to prevent internet browsing or restrict access to age-restricted games Find out about PEGI age ratings to help you decide which games are appropriate for your child's age. Do not allow your child games rated 15 or 18.

Talk with your child about safe and responsible gaming and agree a set of family rules. Perhaps you could agree rules with your child about how long they are allowed to play for, how they should behave towards other gamers and agree rules about not meeting up with people they have only met online. Remember that gaming devices like the Xbox 360, Wii and PSP connect to the internet, so the same advice and rules for keeping safe online apply.

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