

John Keble Church of England Primary School
Newsletter
Autumn 2 2018



Dear Parents,

As the autumn term draws to a close and we focus on the holiday season ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to say how inspiring and fun this term has been at school. Staff have worked incredibly hard to make learning at school interesting, inspiring and fun. Your partnership in this has been invaluable. I love seeing the home learning come into school. Thank you for accompanying the many trips and for supporting the School's Christmas Fair.

Advent is my favourite time of year, a time that I also find quite emotional. I love to see our youngest children perform and sing in the school nativity. They grow in confidence during the rehearsals and then we can see their immense pride and huge smiles when you, as their family, come to watch them.

It is also my favourite time of year as I never tire of the Christmas story; a story of love, of a love so great and so incomprehensible. God sent his only son, Jesus, to live on Earth to show us who He is and to demonstrate how much he loves each one of us, no matter how unlovable we might believe we are.

At John Keble, we aim to use this Biblical model of love in the way that we behave. As a school, we seek to build relationships with each other, listening carefully. We are inclusive and accepting of every individual. We work restoratively, explaining that actions have consequences and teaching each other how to repair any harm done and forgive each other.

This term all Church of England Primary schools have been asked to write a 50-word new school vision, based on a Bible verse and over the past months we have been talking to our community about what is at the heart of our school. We were united in our responses, reflecting Jesus' model of love described above. We therefore chose the Bible text Ephesians 3: 17-19.

'so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.'

Our new school vision is now

Rooted together in love, growing without limits...

Believing in the worth of every individual, we are a nurturing, Christian sanctuary of learning, where all can flourish. We aspire for everyone to achieve heights of success, to deepen courage and to experience breadth of creativity, knowing the joy of God's love.

Our desire is for your children to come through John Keble School, safe in the knowledge that they are loved, they are significant, they have worth and purpose. Jesus calls his church to be a family on Earth and it is important that we, at John Keble School, are a family too, where each person belongs and is accepted. We believe that if our children know these things, everything else will flow from here.

A very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at John Keble School. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 8th January 2019. *Catherine Allard*

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Christmas Home Learning Challenge

Ms Auty has put together some Christmas Activities for the break. Over the holidays can you:

- Read a new book with a family member or friend over Christmas.
- Write and send a postcard or letter to the school about your holiday and what you did.
- Investigate which makes better hot chocolate, milk or water? Which melts the marshmallows faster?
- Look up the official Norad Santa Tracker. Follow Santa on the map. Can you plot on a map of the world where he is at certain times of the day?
- Use your Christmas Cards to build a structure.
- Design a new toy making machine. How can you make Santa faster?
- Use items from your recycling to make a new Christmas tree for your home.
- Go to a high street and take pictures of all the Christmas window displays you like.

We would love to see photos of all the amazing and special things you do over the Christmas Holidays. Please send any photos of children completing the above activities or anything else you do to the following email address: learning@jkeble.brent.sch.uk

We will display of all the exciting photos and work you send in.

After School Club

Fit for Sport run an after school club for us every day from 3.15-5.45pm. Please book with Fit for Sport directly on their website or by phone.

Sporting News

The Y2 Football team won the Harlesden shield against Maple Walk – winning 8-3. This was particularly impressive because the boys were losing 2-0 and fought back to win.

Year 4 have been enjoying a specialist basketball program delivered by external coaches on Thursday afternoons.

The Tag Rugby team participated in the London Youth Games tournament and demonstrated great resilience and team spirit, winning two games, drawing one and losing one.

The Ace Team won the EFL Cup tournament on Friday 14th December and go through to the Southern England round now. They currently sit top of the South Brent League and are still undefeated in the league.

The new Year 6 Netball team have had a great start to the year. They managed to successfully beat Maple Walk 11 – 10, ending Maple Walk’s unbroken 2 year winning streak. During the recent re-match however, Maple Walk came back strong and managed to defeat us 12 – 7. The JK cubs will be training hard in the new year for another chance to play Maple Walk and hopefully they will emerge victorious.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2019	
Inset Day	Monday 7th January 2019
Term starts	Tuesday 8th January 2019
Half term	Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019
Term ends	Friday 5th April 2019 at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2019	
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Term starts	Wednesday 24th April 2019
Bank holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
Inset Day	Friday 24th May 2019
Half term	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Term ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 1.30pm

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

PING

This is the school’s new system for communicating with parents.

It is really important for parents to use the login provided to access communication from the school.

We now send home all trip letters and updates via PING.

Please come into the school office if you have lost your login. We can reset your login and give you a new one.