

John Keble Church of England Primary School  
Newsletter  
Spring 1 2019



Message from Mrs Allard

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an exciting and fun filled half term. The children have had great fun engaging in a variety of topics in class and lots of whole school events. We are in the middle of our Wild at Heart topic, which has seen children learning about many different aspects of science. Thank you for all your support with home learning. As a school we value this partnership.

In our assemblies, we reflected on Aslan, the lion, from C S Lewis' book, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We thought about whether Aslan was a wild lion or a tame lion and what this taught us about Jesus.

We are looking at our school worship and values at the moment and consulting with the children around how our school worship helps and supports their faith and their daily life. There is a parent meeting about this on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.45am, our regular Monday coffee morning. I would encourage parents to come to these meetings every Monday morning. It is a chance to work in partnership with us for the benefit of your child.

Finally, I would like to ask parents to come into school and speak to a member of our leadership team if there are any problems between your child and another. Children come to school to learn how to behave, as well as learn academically. We work restoratively with all our children and will always respond to your concerns, taking matters seriously.

I wish you all a happy week's holiday.

Catherine Allard

Fit for Sport run our after school club every day from 3.15-5.45pm.

Please book with Fit for Sport directly on their website or by phone. Bookings are taken up to 2pm on the same day.

The club is cheaper when booked 2 weeks ahead.

<https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/extended-school-clubs>

Staffing News

Schools are always saying goodbye and welcoming people and we are sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Nicky Rau, our Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo as she moves back to South Africa. We are going to stay in touch with Ms Rau and try to set up a link with her new school. We wish her all the best and every happiness in the future.

However, we are very pleased to welcome Ms El-Habti as our new Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo. Ms El-Habti starts after Easter, but she will be visiting school next half term. Ms Hawker will be the point of contact for the few weeks in between.

PING

**This is the school's new system for communicating with parents. The text service will stop at the end of March.**

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

**Please turn the push notification on too.**

**We now send home all trip letters, parents' evening and updates via PING.**

Parents' Evenings

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March Please put these dates in your diary.  
We will add the dates to PING soon.

Research shows that children achieve much higher results if parents are involved in their children's education.

Parents' evening is a key way of being involved and showing your child that you value what they achieve

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#### Term Dates

Spring Term 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

Next year's term dates are on our website.

The piece was written during Internet Safety Week.

A long time ago, not yesterday, not even the 1950s, more like thousands and thousands of years ago, there lived a black mountain wolf named Leo! Leo was a typical mountain wolf. He enjoyed his mice, loved howling at the moon and went to wolf school. But there was one awkward thing about him. He loved ... technology.

Leo had 7 iPhones, a TV, 5 iPads and 3 computers. Leo would play on his iPad walking to school and back. He would play on it in the playground, while everyone else played catch. His parents were worried, they tried to get him away. The dad tried boxing the gadgets, but Leo just rugby tackled him down. "I might have a brain the size of a walnut, but I know that, that is an unhealthy situation," declared his best friend Larry, a snow leopard. Leo never learnt his rock types just identifying them as: Graniwhatsitsface and I don'tgiveamarble.

Now, there was a huge clump of rock ready to slide down the mountain right above Leo's house, so all the animals had an idea. They all pushed and pushed and heaved and pushed and the rock went sliding all the way down onto Leo's cave! It crushed all of Leo's gadgets and threw him out of his cave.

He was totally... disconnected. "Ah sweet!" he said. "What a great world. I love it!"

He jumped up and ran past his mum and ran straight into Larry. "Let's go play."

They played by day on the rocks and at night tried to catch the twinkling yellow stars above.

This star piece of work is by Theo 5 Elm

#### **Sports News:**

##### Swimming Team

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, John Keble entered their first ever Brent Swimming Gala. They represented the school well. We ended up winning lots of events, including medals in all three boys' relays and a medal in the girls' medley relay.

##### Indoor Athletics

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January, John Keble entered the annual Year 5 and Year 6 Sportshall competition. Both the girls and boys did really well, excelling in lots of events. Seventeen schools entered the competition and John Keble ended up finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

##### Netball Team

On 15<sup>th</sup> January, the netball team entered the Brent Hi5 Netball tournament. They won lots of matches and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Holiday Games for your children to help with times tables

<http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

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These are the activities for Brent Libraries this half term. The events are free but the library encourages children to join the library and borrow 2 books before joining in so that they will read through the holiday.

**Family Learning: Creating Puppetry** For parents/carers and children aged 5-11. Maximum 2 children per adult. Please reserve your place at the library.

*The Library at Willesden Green Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 11am – 1.15pm*

*Ealing road Library Saturday 23 February 11am – 1.15pm*

*Wembley Library Saturday 23 February 2.30 – 4.45*

**Family Learning: 3D Decorative Frames** For parents/carers and children aged 5-11. Maximum of 2 children per adult. Please reserve your place at the library.

*Harlesden Library Saturday 16 February 2.30 – 4.35pm*

**Foresters Sash Craft** Learn about the Foresters+ Friendly Society who worked together to help those in need and make your own sash to take home! Ages 3+ Drop in.

*Wembley Library Monday 18 February 2-4pm*

**Make a Nurse's Hat** ages 3+ Learn about the history of nursing in Brent and make and decorate your own Nurse's Hat.

*Harlesden Library Wednesday 20 February 2-4pm*

**Monster Mayhem! Fun craft event for children aged 5-11**

*The Library at Willesden Green Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

*Wembley Library Tuesday 19 February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

*Ealing Road Library Tuesday 19 February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

*Harlesden Library Thursday 21 February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

*Kilburn Library Thursday 21 February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

**The Hound of the Baskervilles** Join Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson as they investigate the curse of the Baskerville Family, a glowing hound that haunts the moors. Only one Baskerville remains and without your help he could find himself in very grave danger indeed!

Open Book Theatre return with a brand-new adaptation of this spooky tale. Come and become part of our family-friendly adventure. Suitable for ages 4+

*The Library at Willesden Green Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am – 12.30pm.*

*Wembley Library Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 – 3.30pm*

**John Kirk presents Roald Dahl's The Enormous Crocodile.**

*Ealing Road Library Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 11.30am – 12.30pm* suitable for all ages

**CoderDojo Club** *Wembley Library Saturday 2 March 1-2.30pm*

**Code Club** *Wembley Library Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2.20 – 3.30pm*

**Code Club** *Kingsbury Library February Thursday 28 February 4-5pm*

**Code Club** *The Library at Willesden Green Wednesday 6 February 4-5pm*

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Community Church Harlesden invites you to join in a free afternoon of fun for the whole family watching Incredibles 2 (rated PG). Places are limited and children will need to be with a parent or responsible adult.

When: Wednesday 20 February    Doors open, 14:30    Film starts, 15:00    Where: Salvation Army, 32 Manor Park Road, Harlesden, NW10 4JJ

The golden sun dawned on the barren village; the sharp needles on the cacti were glistening. A modern Troglodyte family were sleeping soundly in their cave (just south of a towering, active volcano named Big Poppa). Well most of the family were sleeping anyway.

BLEEP, BLOP, BLEEP! Tek – the youngest boy in the clan – was enthusiastically playing Fortnite season 8. He had been for quite a while now. Two days straight to be exact. None of these days had he bathed or eaten (do not try this at home). While enduring a throbbing in his miniature fingers, he played ‘Battle as a Giant Boss’ on Roblox. As soon as he paused his game, his parents seized this opportunity to at least TRY and distract him.

“Hi hon! Do you wanna play ball with your friend Larry?” she asked hopefully. Tek turned his head slowly. The brown tangled jungle upon his head looked wilder than ever. The nits in his hair hopped around happily in this unclean mess. His caring mother sighed and grabbed her son by the ear. Taken aback, Tek didn’t even try and wrestle back. He regretted this choice. His mother dunked him in the water and he screamed as the feeling of the water wrinkled his skin in an instant. He jumped out, put his ragged rags on, inhaled his breakfast and scrambled to his room. He played for a few more hours before his mom decided to talk to him. “Tek! Come eat your din-din!” chirped Tek’s mum.

“Urgh!” Put it by the door,” bellowed Tek, even though she was in the same room. She sighed and put his meal next to his breakfast, lunch and dinner from a few days back. The jerk do-do caught Tek’s nose and he slowly got up to take a sneaky bite. At the exact same time he bit in to the brown barbequed delight, the doorbell rang and he viciously dropped his food back on his plate. Wiping his hands on his clothes, Tek crept out of his room. He went to the door and thrust his mom aside to see who it was. It was Larry, his best friend.

“Oh, hey Larr, whatcha doin’ here?” asked Tek innocently.

“I wanted to ask you if you could play,” replied Larry hopefully.

“Oh I’m sorry, I can’t,” murmured Tek.

“Why not? You have nothing else to do?” asked Larry suspiciously.

“YOU DON’T NEED TO KNOW YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LIZARD!” hollered Tek. Larry was surprised so much noise could come out of something so tiny. Larry croaked a goodbye and walked off, his shoulders hunched. Tek turned around and slammed the door. He sighed. First he’d lost all connection to the world. Now he had lost his best friend.

This star piece of work comes from Teeyah in 6Willow

**Please remember that lessons start at 8.30am for Year 6 and 8.45am for all other year groups. If your child is late, they miss learning. All children should be on the playground before 8.45am.**

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