

John Keble Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Autumn 1 2019



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 into their new classes and there is a very purposeful learning climate around the school.

One of our biggest priorities this year is to increase our pupil voice around the school and listen to the pupils' ideas and involve them in running the school. We have done this through creating a Junior Leadership Team (JLT). The first roles were advertised this half term. Pupils applied for roles, asked for a reference from their class teacher and interviews took place. The first members of our JLT are

Health Leaders: Caleb, Gaby, Robert, Denis, Shahinda, Laura and Stefany

Digital Leaders: Annie, Reeha, Terelle, Zyad, Georgisha, Elizabeth

Worship Leaders: Esther, Princess, Ayan and Maria

Subject leaders: Theo, Nishka, Maryam, Syeda, Thanyathon, Ines, Rachel, Malachi, Hilda and Sabino

These children will now be working with the adult leaders in school, as well as with other children, parents and visitors, to lead on the school improvement plan. Watch this space!

A further group of children have also been appointed as peer mediators. They will be working with Ms Morris to support their friends and classmates on the playground, using John Keble's restorative approach. They attended a full day's training with an external trainer and they will begin their mediation after half term. Well done to all these children! Our new peer mediators are Hadjer, Maria Isabelle, Ranim, Alanna, Olivia O, Elizabella, Nathan, Nicholas, Vidhi, Ruweyda, Melody, Johannah.

We also advertised the new parent governor vacancy and this has been filled by Margareth Karanja, whose daughter Esther is in Year 4.

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 16th October 2019. The contributions have gone to our local foodbank.

I wish you all a good and restful holiday. *Catherine Allard*

PING

This is the school's system for communicating with parents.

It is really important for parents to use the login provided to access communication from the school. Please make sure that the notifications are turned on, so you know when school have sent a message.

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.

Building Works

Many of you will have noticed that our living wall around the perimeter fence has gone in. This reduces pollution from the main road significantly. Over half term, the final phase of the building work on the abandoned hall in the playground starts. This work is expected to take about 7 weeks, so there will be slight changes to the playground area during this time. However, there are NO changes to arrangements for bringing/ collecting your children from school. The new hall will be ready to use by January 2020.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Zyad (the reigning champion), Aathana and Dino, who are through to the summer final.

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Term Dates

Term starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Half term	Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October 2019
Term ends	Thursday 19 th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	
Term starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Half term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2020
Term ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	
Term starts	Monday 20 th April 2020
Bank holiday	Friday 8 th May 2020
Half term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2020
Term ends	Friday 17 th July 2020

Please do not take holidays outside the holiday dates. This impacts your child's education and Brent Council will fine you.

Cardfields Residential Trip

There are still a few spaces available for children in Years 5 & 6 to attend our residential trip in June. We will be going to Essex for 5 days of being adventurous, making some new friends and learning to be more independent. The school has subsidised the cost so it will cost you £200 for the whole week. If you would like your child to go, please pay a £30 deposit to the office as soon as possible.

We are looking for a new school cleaner from 3.30pm-6pm. Please see our website for details.

BRENT LIBRARIES

Miss Auty recently took a group of children from Year 5 and 6 to an exciting STEM session at Harlesden Library. The children were given a box of resources to build their own robots. The robots were able to move and, thanks to a sensor, could sense when other things were near it. This resulted in some robots chasing Mr Stevenson and Mr Wilson around the room. There were also some excellent races and robot battles too.

The Library often offer free sessions like this one to children during the holidays and after school. Coming up this half term at Harlesden Library are the following:

Family Learning: Creative Cartoon Art

Wednesday 23 October 2.30 – 4.45pm

A fun, simple hands on workshop from Brent Start. For parents/carers and children aged 5-11. Maximum of two children per adult. Reserve your place at the library

STEM Fun Galore

Build a Morse Key and Send Messages in Morse Code

Thursday 24 October 2.30 – 4pm

Fun communications workshop for children aged 8+. Space limited so reserve your place at the library.

A Few Reminders...

Please could all parents also remember to let the office know if anyone else is picking up your child. Please let the office know by 2.30pm so we can ensure teachers know.

If any of your contact or other details change, please inform the office immediately. Several times we have been unable to contact parents in emergencies.

The school regularly practises fire evacuation procedures. If you are in the lobby when the fire alarm rings, please leave the building as instructed by the staff.

Year 6 parents – remember to apply to secondary school by 31st October – ask if you need help.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

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