

# Kender Newsletter



## Monday 20th February

Swimming for Yr3  
Tsang, for two  
weeks.

## Monday 27th February

Creative Writing  
Week. This will  
include, World Book  
Day - Thu 2nd  
March.



## Tue 21st March & Thu 23rd March

Parents Evening  
More information will  
follow nearer the  
time.

## Fri 17th March

Comic Relief,  
superhero theme.  
Suggested donation:  
£1



## Fri 31st March

End of term, school  
will close at 14:30.

## From the Headteacher....

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It's been a disrupted week in school, yet, another really good week. I understand the action taken by teachers across the country; school funding is a very real and critical issue for schools, not least us at Kender. The teachers' strike is about much more than just teachers' pay: school funding has been cut in real terms for many years now. This affects our ability to resource our children properly and maintain and improve our building. The shortfall in our funding has a very real and direct impact on the way we support our children.

I have thanked and praised the teachers for the writing conferences they have held with children this week. These conferences are 1:1 conversations giving children precise and detailed next steps for them to develop their writing skills, supporting them to become even better writers. I have set them all the challenge of being the best writers they can be!!!

Some of our writers in Years 4, 5 and 6 have produced the first copy of the *Kender Times*. I think this is an excellent achievement and they have set a standard for other children who may wish to be *Kender Journalists*.

We are working hard to support and enable our children to be the best they can. Please help us by doing these things:

One: please ensure your child has a book bag for their school reading diary; evidence shows that those children with book bags are reading more frequently than those who bring their book in other bags. We have a few book bags left, still at the bargain price of £2.

Two: read with your child every night.

Three: please bring your child to school on time. If they miss five minutes each day that is almost a full half-hour each week and about three hours over a half-term. We need them in school everyday and on time every day. Teachers start teaching at 9.00 and your child could be missing out on vital lessons on phonics or maths.

I wish you all. Lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you next week; I'll be on Briant street gate.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	30/01/23	31/01/23	01/02/23	02/02/23	03/02/23	Av...
<b>Rec</b>	86%	89%		87%	92%	
<b>Yr 1</b>	85%	87%		85%	80%	<b>84%</b>
<b>Yr 2</b>	85%	88%		93%	91%	<b>89%</b>
<b>Yr 3</b>	93%	93%		95%	94%	<b>94%</b>
<b>Yr 4</b>	96%	96%		98%	96%	<b>97%</b>
<b>Yr 5</b>	93%	91%		92%	92%	<b>92%</b>
<b>Yr 6</b>	92%	94%		88%	88%	<b>91%</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>		<b>92%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>KS2</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>		<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Year 4 consistently good attendance. Let's have more 100% days next week....</b>					

Term Dates: 2022/23

### Half-term

Monday 13th  
February to Friday  
17th February

School re-opens -  
Monday 20th  
February

### Easter break

Monday 3rd April to  
Friday 14th April.

INSET day: Monday  
17th April

School re-opens -  
Tuesday 18th April

Bank holiday:  
Monday 1st May

Bank holiday:  
Monday 8th May

### Half-term

Monday 29th May  
to Friday 2nd June

School re-opens

Monday 5th June

INSET day: Friday 7th  
July

### End of term

Friday 21st July,  
2.30pm

### Back to School

Monday 4th  
September 2023

## PE

The days we have P.E. can sometimes vary so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.

## Reading

Please read at home every day. Your child should bring their reading record and book into school every day. We will change books once a week. We also have daily whole Class focused Guided lessons Reading.

## Homework

As well as reading, homework is assigned each week on Fridays and should be returned to school by Wednesday the following week.

### From the Deputy Headteacher...

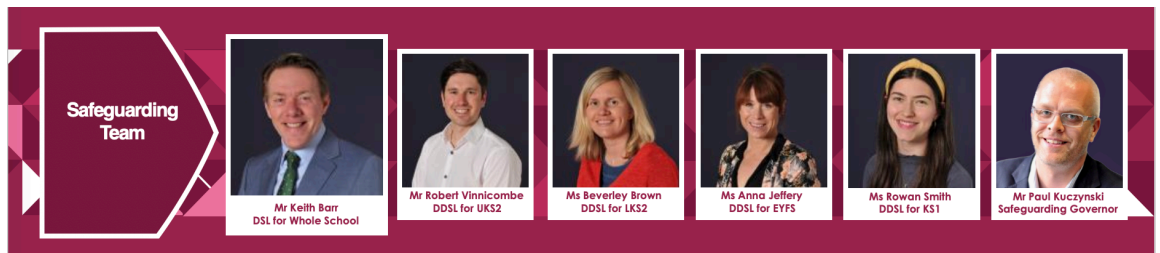
This week I have been blown away by the first publication of our very own Kender Times!

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6, led by our fantastic English Lead Miss Wootten, have produced the very first edition of our in-house newspaper. All the ideas and writing are the children's own, and they have put together amazing articles ranging from the environment to the world of sport. We are so proud of our aspiring journalists, and they will get the opportunity to share all their hard work during assembly on Monday and hopefully inspire the next batch of journalist to contribute to the Kender Times. We will also be making the Kender Times available for parents to read soon...

A reminder that Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 7th February**. I am still hoping to organise a parent webinar on how to keep our children safe when they are online. I'll let you all know when I have more details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



**If you have any concerns please contact the school office.**

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

### FPTA/Friends of Kender:

Hi all,

#### Some forthcoming PTA events:

Wed 8 February: Parent coffee afternoon (15:30-16:30, during dance club) in the small hall

Fri 3 March: Parent coffee morning (9:00-10:00) with biscuits

Fri 17 March: Mother's day cake sale (same day as Comic relief)

Thu 27 April: Disco night

Have a fantastic weekend and hope to see next week!  
Manon - on behalf of Friends of Kender

Keep warm and have a lovely weekend.