

# Kender Newsletter



**Monday 13th  
November:** Diwali  
assembly



**Friday 17th November:**  
Children in Need



**Saturday 25th  
November:**

Open Morning,  
10.30am, at the school



**Tuesday 28th  
November & Thursday  
30th November:**  
Parents' Evenings for all  
classes



**Wednesday 20th  
December:** INSET Day,  
school closed to  
children

## Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term at Kender. It has been a great first week back and the children have settled to learning very quickly.

I have created a new photo album in the gallery on the school website. There is a collection of some of the things that have happened in school this week. Please take a look:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=43&gcatid=2&albumid=81>

We are really pleased with our new trees and know these will be a long term asset for the school and the community.

**Book bags:** we have a delivery of new book bags arriving on Monday and next week I will be selling these. Please look out for notices of when and where they will be sold.

The INSET day on Friday 20th October was excellent and we have started the process of working towards becoming a Writing for Pleasure school. This will take time. However, the longer term vision is that children will take home their Personal Writing Projects, which means they will need book bags. We must plan to have all children with book bags, taking them home and bringing them into school everyday.

Can I remind all mums and dads that children should not bring things into school. The only exception that we do allow is football cards, and some other cards, that children use at playtime, which must not be swapped or traded.

Apologies for the text message sent to all parents re:bumped heads; it was very busy in the office and Mr Vinnicombe corrected this within moments of it happening.

Have a relaxing weekend and I'll see you all on Monday; I'll be on the Kender Street gate most days next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	30/10/23	31/10/23	01/11/23	02/11/23	03/11/23	Av...
<b>Rec</b>	83%	83%	81%	90%	81%	
<b>Yr 1</b>	86%	89%	86%	86%	84%	<b>86%</b>
<b>Yr 2</b>	85%	87%	89%	84%	84%	<b>86%</b>
<b>Yr 3</b>	90%	93%	91%	93%	93%	<b>92%</b>
<b>Yr 4</b>	89%	90%	94%	94%	88%	<b>91%</b>
<b>Yr 5</b>	84%	91%	85%	84%	84%	<b>86%</b>
<b>Yr 6</b>	89%	92%	94%	88%	93%	<b>91%</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>KS2</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Comment</b>	<p><b>A lot of illness around this week. Let's hope everyone is fit and well and in school next week.</b></p> <p><b>Please remember, we do make home visits if we are concerned with a child's attendance.</b></p>					

**Term Dates: 2023/24**

### Autumn Term

**INSET day:** Friday 20th October

### Autumn Half-term

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October.

School re-opens

Monday 30th October

**INSET day:** Wednesday 20th December

School closed to children for Christmas break, Wednesday 20th December.

### Spring Term

School re-opens for children on Monday 8th January 2024

### Half-term

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February,

School re-opens for children on Monday 19th February 2024

School closed to children for Easter break, Friday 29th March.

### Summer Term

**INSET day:** Monday 15th April

School re-opens for children on Tuesday 16th April 2024

### Half-term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

School re-opens to children Monday 3rd June 2024

**INSET day:** Friday 7th July

**End of term:**  
**Wednesday 24th July, 2.30pm**

## 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...

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half-term break.

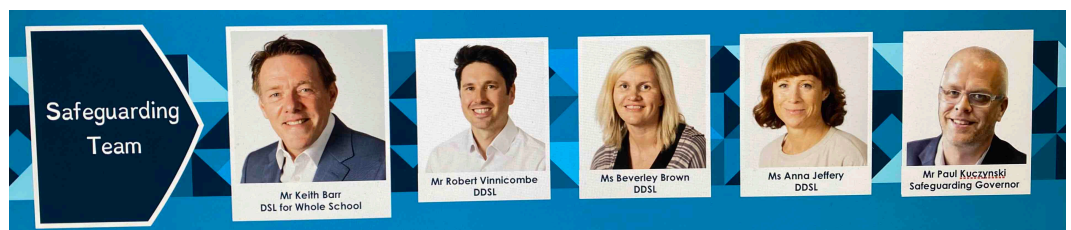
I'm excited to share some highlights from Governor's Day, which took place on the 1st of November. Our dedicated governors joined us for the morning and participated in a comprehensive school walk, which included visiting every year group. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, emphasising the calm and purposeful atmosphere that prevails throughout the school. We are thrilled to have their support and involvement in our school community and look forward to more enriching experiences ahead.

The English Team has introduced our new initiative "Writer of the Week". This exciting endeavour aims to celebrate our children's exceptional writing skills and the progress they have made. Each week, one outstanding young writer in each class will have their writing displayed both outside their classroom and in the Writer of the Week Gallery alongside the reasons why their teacher has chosen them. We believe this initiative will not only encourage our students to express themselves through the written word but also inspire a love for literature and language. We look forward to celebrating our budding authors!

Finally from me, just a note to Year 6 parents that we have extended the deadline to pay the deposit for school journey to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November; please help the school office know if you would like help paying online.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Vinnicombe



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

**PTA/Friends of Kender:**

# Annual General Meeting(ATM)

**Tuesday 21st November 2023 @17.00**

**Please come along and get involved.**