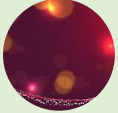


# Kender Newsletter



**Wednesday 13th December:** Carol Concert, KS1, 2pm

**Thursday 14th December:** Carol Concert, KS2, 2pm



**Thursday 14th December:** Christmas Movie night



**Friday 15th, Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December:** children can wear Christmas jumpers or choose their own clothes - no uniform on these days



**Monday 18th December:** Christmas lunch



**Tuesday 19th December:** festive mince pie and mulled wine; join us at 2.15 when school closes for Christmas



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

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

Please take a look at the **key dates** coming up. These can be found on the website and in this newsletter. It will be a busy end to the term and a really enjoyable for all our children.

The children are very excited at this time of the year, yet, are being incredibly well behaved. Thank you for all the reminders you're giving them.

We look forward to seeing you at the **KS1 and KS2 Carol Concerts**. Please note these are on Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December respectively. Both start at 2pm. Please be at the main entrance for 1.45pm and we'll usher you to the seats when the hall is ready.

Please be prompt.

The children are working very hard at rehearsals and we want their performances to be undisturbed by late comers.

**I'm giving one last reminder about the Race Equality Pledge.** There has been lots a work taking place in school. Most recently our lead for Diversity, Ms Bell-Hall delivered a presentation on our outcomes through this essential lens. The LA needs feedback from parents, please click this link to access this survey:

PARENTS <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7424754/Lewisham-Race-Equality-Parent-Baseline-Survey>

Today, I have written to parent in Year Two. Ms Nzekwu will leave Kender at the end of this term. Ms Nzekwu has been retraining as an IT Programmer and is going onto a new career supporting young women to access careers in Technology; we wish her well and have thanked her for all her hard work and enthusiasm at Kender. Ms Jeffery will take over her class teaching role. Also in Year Two, while Ms Esoe completes training in another school setting, Goo Ptohides will be teaching the class for six weeks in January.

On another sad note, we learned that Benjamin Zephaniah died yesterday. He is one of our most celebrated authors and an important feature of our school. We have sent a message of condolence via X.

Stay warm and healthy and have a lovely weekend; I'll be on the Briant Street gate most days next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	04/12/23	05/12/23	06/12/23	07/12/23	08/12/23
<b>Rec</b>	84%	94%	89%	94%	87%
<b>Yr 1</b>	89%	94%	93%	89%	84%
<b>Yr 2</b>	87%	89%	95%	93%	86%
<b>Yr 3</b>	93%	93%	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	90%
<b>Yr 4</b>	88%	90%	91%	89%	86%
<b>Yr 5</b>	92%	91%	88%	<b>98%</b>	93%
<b>Yr 6</b>	95%	93%	94%	87%	82%
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Year Three .... Wow!!!</b>				

## 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 closes early to children for Christmas break, Tuesday 19th December, at 2.30pm.

### 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 June**

**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.

Hello everyone!

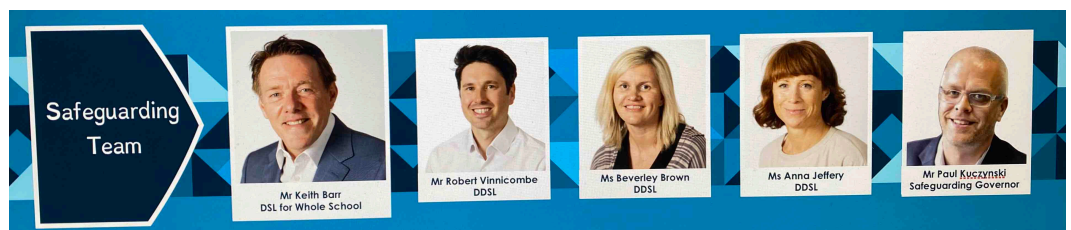
It's good to be back! I've not written in the newsletter for a couple of weeks because of Year 6 takeover days. The Year 6 students demonstrated incredible dedication, sharing their knowledge, assisting younger peers, and leading assemblies with utmost seriousness. Hats off to our fantastic Year 6 students for a job very well done!

This week, I have been conducting Pupil Progress Meetings. Each teacher has had the opportunity to discuss the progress of every child in their class, these meetings help to ensure each child at our school makes the progress they should. A huge thank you to our diligent teachers for their committed participation in these meetings.

It was splendid to see so many children and parents at our book fair last week. The school will get a portion of the book sales back in free books for the children. I'm also thrilled to announce the results of the Reading Poster competition, I had over 200 impressive entries! I needed to enlist the help of the School Council and Mr Denys to help me to choose our 5 winners. A big congratulations to Beulah (Yr6), Ana (Yr5), Pia (Yr4), David (Yr2), and Rose (Yr2)! They've each received a £5 gift voucher to indulge in books at the fair and their exceptional posters will soon grace our library walls.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Vinnicombe



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

### PTA/Friends of Kender:

### Christmas Movie night for the children:

Thursday 14th December...!

Please check Arbor to sign up and pay...

KS1 the snowman and the snowdog & Once upon a Snowman  
KS2 The Polar Express