

# Kender Newsletter



**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 pies at 2.15 when school closes for Christmas; **school closes at 2.30pm**



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



**Monday 8th January:** school open to children



**Thursday 11th January:** Yr6 to Natural History Museum

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

Wow!!!

Thank you so, so much to all the mums, dads, carers and families who attended the Christmas Concerts. I thought they were both amazing and have seen the children work really hard to rehearse and prepare for the shows.

The choir were excellent and some of the singing was superb. Specifically, we thank Ms Nweze, Ms Nzekwu and Ms Wilson for all their efforts in preparing the children; all the teachers and support staff played their part and we have praised them too.

A further thank you to all those who attended the KS1 concert. I was blown away with the number of adults who attended and must praise you for being such a patient and respectful audience, despite the cramped conditions. On this evidence we may need to issue tickets next year or find a different way to accommodate you all.

We have our Rock School and Drumming assembly on Monday, which is just for the parents of children who take up these musical opportunities. We do try and pop pictures from these events on the school website site.

This is the last newsletter of 2023. I'll take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and encouragement. It matters to us all and is valued very highly. On your behalf I have thanked all staff for their hard work and drive for improving learning at Kender. The children do give us good feedback and comments like the make us proud of our efforts:

**'Kender offers...opportunities for us to shine... Kender is special...school makes sure we succeeds in our learning and get better progressively...teachers have created an environment where we feel safe, inspired and valued'.**

Here are a couple of reminders for next term. We want all children in school before 9.00am and bringing their book bags everyday.

**Book Bags everyday and 'in for 9.00'.**

When it arrives, school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesday, I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas with your friends and families.

And, to you all, I extend the very best of wishes for an even better 2024.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	11/12/23	12/12/23	13/12/23	14/12/23	15/12/23
<b>Rec</b>	94%	<b>100%</b>	94%	<b>100%</b>	87%
<b>Yr 1</b>	90%	87%	95%	86%	87%
<b>Yr 2</b>	89%	94%	94%	93%	86%
<b>Yr 3</b>	90%	95%	96%	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Yr 4</b>	94%	<b>98%</b>	96%	94%	96%
<b>Yr 5</b>	91%	<b>98%</b>	96%	94%	95%
<b>Yr 6</b>	92%	95%	96%	96%	96%
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Reception &amp; Yr3 .... 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.

What an amazing term this has been!

I must take a moment to mention the amazing Carol Concerts! They really were a testament to the children's exceptional talent. A heartfelt thank you to the parents for your unwavering support. A special mention and gratitude goes to Mrs Nweze, Ms Nzekwu, and Ms Wilson for their dedication in preparing the children and getting them performance ready.

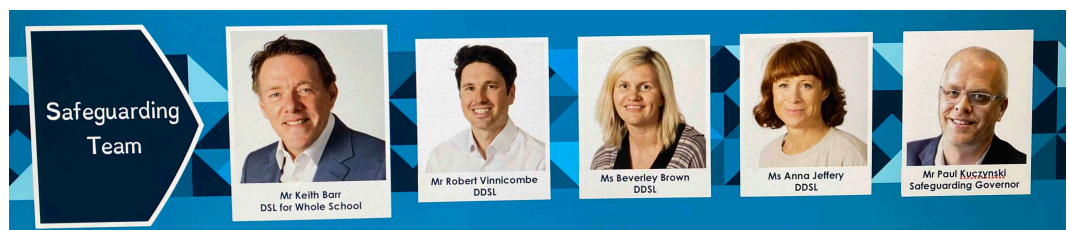
A friendly reminder that next Monday and Tuesday, our children can showcase their festive spirit by wearing Christmas jumpers. I'm particularly looking forward to Monday as we are having our Christmas dinner and a thrilling afternoon of Christmas parties. The anticipation is palpable! I can't wait...

Year 6 is eagerly gearing up for two exciting trips next term. On Thursday 11th January they'll explore the indoor rainforest (Palm House) at Kew Gardens and on Thursday 11th February a visit to the Natural History Museum will enrich their understanding of Evolution as part of their science curriculum.

As we conclude this term and year, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the rest and spending some quality time with your loved ones.

See you on Monday 8th January 2024!

Mr Vinnicombe



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

### PTA/Friends of Kender:

**Thank you to all the PTA/FoK team for all their hard work this term.**

**Movie Night was a huge success and the children were so very well behaved.**

**Looking forward to more events in 2024.**

**Happy New Year to all from the Kender PTA.**