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From the Headteacher

Spring term...

This Spring term has been a really successful term. We had some difficult weather at the start of March but this did not deter us and despite this week attendance figures for all classes again have been much improved since September. Since September there are 86 children in years one to six who have 100% attendance, which is a fantastic achievement. These children represent 25% of our school population. Please see the figures for last week below:

Attendance: This week: 96% - could still be much better please!!

Rec: 92% Yr1: 95% Yr2: 94% Yr3: 95% Yr4: 97% Yr5: 95% **Yr6: 100%**

The start of term was largely dominated by our preparation for our first **SSAT Peer Review**. This was a successful process and the report is available on the website in the Our Standards section. Senior Leaders have already started working on the recommendations and have shared the outcomes in more detail with Governors last week. I have thanked and praised staff for their drive, energy and enthusiasm in working towards this review.

To help us ensure our expectations and standards are in line with other schools we are taking part in cross-borough moderation for EYFS and Yr2. Moderation is where schools select a sample of books - English and mathematics - for key year groups and compare outcomes. I'm pleased to report that our books compared very favourably with the other schools taking part. Yr6 will moderate their books on 18th April.

On one of the snowy days we had a visit from **Nic Dakin MP**. He wrote to thank staff for the time offered saying: 'I was very impressed.'

Health Week and the FoK Disco

We are mid-way through Health Week and already it's been great fun with a range of activities support children's good health. I enjoyed seeing the children run around the school on Friday and think we should try to find a way of incorporating this into our weekly timetable - watch this space!

Thank you to all mums, dads and staff for helping to make the Disco a huge success. FoK made **£533.16** for the school and I was really impressed with the children's behaviour and sense of fun on the night.

Summer term...

For the school this is a very important term, the term in which children sit their SATs tests. Children in Year Six have been working incredibly hard and with a few more weeks focussed learning will be ready for the 14th May. Our annual school project will start after half-term. This year there will be a Science/STEM focus and we'll look forward to sharing more detail just as soon as a specific focus is agreed.

Of course, we will have the follow up to the very successful Kenderbury on Friday 29th June; please put this date in your diaries. Another date to note is the INSET day on Monday 2nd July - school will be closed on this day. We do expect all children to be in school right up to the very last day of the summer term, which is Friday 20th July.

Thank you for all your continued support and enthusiasm for Kender school. I wish you all a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 16th April.

Best wishes,
Keith Barr
(Headteacher)

Events in April and May...

Monday 16th April: school re-opens for the summer term

Friday 20th April: class newsletters out

Monday 7th May: school closed Bank Holiday

Thursday 3rd May: Nursery closed, Polling Station

Monday 14th May: SATs week

Friday 25th May: school closes for half-term

Monday 28th May: half-term week

Monday 4th June: school re-opens for second half of the summer term