



Kents Hill Junior School



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Newsletter – Friday 8th September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Learning

Welcome Back

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. All the pupils have returned well-rested, and they are looking extremely smart.

The year 3 pupils have made an impressive start to their time here demonstrating considerable maturity and independence.

We also welcome Miss Talbut, Mrs Ford and Mrs Hall who are new class teachers at the school. Everybody at KHJS wishes you the best of luck for your careers at KHJS.

'Meet the Teacher' Open Evening

The purpose of this evening is to provide you with an insight into the enriched curriculum your child will be experiencing this year, as well as an opportunity to have a brief, informal chat with the class teacher if you wish to do so.

The evening consists of a presentation by the Senior Leadership Team either at 6:30pm or 7:15pm and a 'showcase' of the curriculum.

A letter with further details will be coming home with your child today.

We would prefer it if pupils did not attend as we have limited seating. Thank you.

Friendship

Choir

Please be advised that choir will restart the week commencing 18th September 2017. Thank you.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 22nd September

Every year we hold a non-uniform day for this excellent charity which helps children with congenital conditions. This year, Jeans for Genes day will take place on Friday 22nd September 2017. Please send your child in with a £1 donation on this day. Thank you.



Breakfast & Afterschool Club

A reminder to all parents and carers that we have a Breakfast and Afterschool Club facility at the school.

The Breakfast club runs from 7:45am to 8:40am every morning Monday to Friday, term time only. The cost is £2.50 per day or £10 per week.

The Afterschool club runs from 3:20pm to 6pm every afternoon Monday to Friday, term time only. The cost for this is £5 per day or £20 per week.

Payment can be made in advance, on the day of attendance and via our online payment facility. **Please ensure your child has been booked into the club prior to their attendance.** For more information, or to book your child in, please speak to a member of the office team.

Safety

Allergies

This is a polite reminder to all Parents/Carers that we have several children who have severe allergies to nuts and nut based products. In the interests of their wellbeing we have banned all nuts or nut based products from the school site. Please support this by ensuring that you check the labels of the processed items that you send into school for your child's snack or packed lunch. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Only Year 6 children who walk to school are allowed a mobile phone. These must be switched off as soon as the pupil enters the school site, placed in the allocated box within their classroom and then only switched back on again when they leave the site at the end of the day. The boxes are kept by the office throughout the school day.

Any infringement of these rules will lead to the phone being confiscated until an adult can collect it from the office. The pupil will also lose the privilege of bringing a phone to school.

Messages for Pupils

The school office operates a 'Messages for Pupils' system whereby you are able to get an important message to your child for the end of the school day i.e. a change to home routine. **Any message for your child must be received by the office staff by 3pm to ensure it is delivered to your child on time.**

Success

Information

Medication in School

Should your child need medication during the school day, we will require parental permission to administer this.

Medication should not be sent into school with your child, this must be handed into the school office who will give you the necessary paperwork to complete. Please note that we are only able to administer **prescribed** medication.

Any inhalers/asthma pumps for Year 3 and 4 children should also be sent to the office. Year 5 & 6 pupils are expected to take responsibility for their own inhalers/pumps and ensure they have them in their possession during physical activity.

Online Payments System

Kents Hill Junior School use a secure online payment service that allows parents to make payments to school using their debit or credit cards. Payments can include school meals, music lessons, trips and breakfast/after-school club.

We hope that you find paying in this way much more convenient, and for the school it will help us to reduce the amount of administration time spent on payment collection and banking procedures. Furthermore, it will help us to ensure our children are safer without having to carry cash to school.

The system we use is 'SIMS Agora' which is very easy-to-use and offers you the flexibility to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week safe in the knowledge that payments are secure and use the highest level of card security and that funds will reach the school safely.

If you are not already signed up to this system and wish to do so, please don't hesitate to speak to the school office and they will be able to help you.

Absence

We would like to remind parents/carers that there is an answer phone in operation at all times for absence messages, which should be received by 9:00am, at the latest, on the first day of absence. This helps us to ensure your child's safety.

Newsletters

We have this week provided all pupils with a paper copy of the newsletter as it contains important information, which we would ask you to read. Thereafter, if you are signed up to our electronic mail system, you will receive an emailed newsletter. Should you have any difficulty opening it, there are always paper copies in the foyer, on the notice board in the parent waiting area or on our school website: www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk.

School uniform

The pupils looked incredibly smart in their new school uniforms. This makes an enormous difference to the ethos and image of the school. Please can you ensure that you mark every item including ties with your child's name and class. Part of our policy of school uniform is that children can wear earrings, but these should be plain studs. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and needs to keep them in all the time, please can you send in a note with your permission for us to tape them for P.E sessions. No other jewellery may be worn to school. Please be advised that your child is allowed to come into school on their P.E day in their P.E kit. This is allowed on the basis that they are wearing the school logo black tracksuit. For your information, the P.E days are as follows:

Year 3: Wednesday **Year 4:** Tuesday
Year 5: Monday **Year 6:** Thursday

School App

We are pleased to inform you that it is now possible for parents to download our school information in the form of an 'App'. This **free** app, called 'Kents Hill JS' can be downloaded from the Apple store for IOS and Play Google for Androids. From this app there is a link that can be used in relation to our SIMS Agora Online payment system.

Dinner Money

The daily cost of a school meal remains at £2.00. This should be paid for on a Monday if paying by cash or cheque. Alternatively, you can use our online payment facility. Details of the menu for the week can be found on our school website or on the notice board in the parent waiting area. Please ensure that any monies sent in are placed in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher to be sent to the school office. We do have money envelopes for sale from the school office at a cost of £1 for 50 envelopes.

Unfortunately, we do not have the facility to offer change. Should you send in a larger amount than required this will be credited to your child's account and go towards another meal.

Dinner Menu

The Dinner Menu for next week will be: **WEEK 2** from the summer menu.

Please note that our dinner menu is exactly the same the infants.

DATES FOR DIARY

Date	Event	Location	Time
11.09.17	Yr 6 Appleton School info session for parents and carers	Hall	2:15pm

Have a lovely weekend; hopefully the weather will brighten up.
Mrs H Alabaster

At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs H Alabaster
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