



Kents Hill Junior School



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Newsletter – Friday 22nd September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Learning

Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings

This year's Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings will take place on Monday 9th October and Wednesday 11th October. Next week you will receive information that will outline how to book an appointment using our online system.

Puffin Academy

We have been asked why MyMaths doesn't work on iPads and Tablets. The reason being is that MyMaths requires the use of "Flash" to work and iPads and some tablets don't have flash built into the devices web browser.

Currently there isn't an official App on the App Store, or Google Play store for MyMaths, but there is a way around it if you want to give it a go:

1. Go to the App store or Google Play Store.
2. Search for 'Puffin Academy' and download it. This is a free app!
3. Once downloaded, open the Puffin Academy app.
4. Search for 'MyMaths' in the search bar, this can be located at the top right hand side of the screen.
5. Select 'MyMaths'. You should then see a screen that contains a description of it.
6. To the right of the MyMaths icon you should see the option: 'go to www.mymaths.co.uk. Tap this and it should open inside the Puffin Academy app. MyMaths should then work as it does on a PC.
7. To use MyMaths in future, simply load up the Puffin Academy app.

Your child should have brought home a letter from their Maths teacher detailing their login name and password.

Friendship

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for all of the donations that were received today for the Jeans for Genes charity.

Every year we hold a non-uniform day for this very important charity which helps children with congenital conditions. I can confirm that we managed to raise a fantastic **£318.00** for this worthwhile cause.

Secondary Schools Admissions Process

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12th September 2017, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2018.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2017. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2018-19 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. I have provided a link to the booklet below.

[http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary Admissions Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

Safety

NSPCC PANTS rules

In assembly this week I reinforced the NSPCC's PANTS rules. These are designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term associated to this type of abuse. In the assembly, children learnt about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help.

The assembly was fully age-appropriate. More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/pants

Uniform

All of our pupils have started the new academic year looking extremely smart in their uniform – amongst many other things; this makes me very proud to be the Head. Although we encourage and celebrate individuality, please be mindful of our uniform policy (available on the website). It clearly outlines our expectations with regards to boys' hairstyles and girls' hair accessories. Your support to implement this is very much appreciated.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention that we have had a number of complaints from both residents and parents in relation to the parking near the school. On some occasions this results in aggressive, verbal confrontations which are witnessed by pupils and their younger siblings.

Please can **all parents and carers consider the local residents when parking**. If you are confronted by another adult, and particularly if pupils are in earshot, please deal with the situation in a calm manner and write down their address or registration number. If you could then hand this to the staff in the school office ASAP we will contact the local police.

I appreciate your support.

Success

Russian State Opera Role – Pacha Busby

I was delighted to hear that Pacha Busby from Class 4AT secured the opportunity to star alongside world-class opera stars in Madama Butterfly at The Towngate Theatre in Basildon this month. Pacha was chosen to portray the son of Madam Butterfly and is a member of the Santoy Academy of Dance & Drama in Basildon. Well done Pacha, we are very proud of you!

Information

Pupil Photos

Reminder that that the pupils will be having their individual school photos taken on Friday 29th September.



Reading Homework

Please be advised that the reading homework for years 3, 4 & 5 will be coming home with them in a purple plastic folder with lined paper within it. This will be until their new purple homework books have arrived at the school. Thank you.

The Attendance League – Week 2

Year 3 and 4

	Class	Points
LPPA 3 vs 3AM	1 3NH	6
3LW vs 3NH	2 4AT	6
LPPA 4 vs 4SM	3 3LW	3
4DF vs 4AT	4 4SM	3
	5 LPPA 3	3
	6 LPPA 4	3
	7 3AM	0
	8 4DF	0

Year 5 and 6

	Class	Points
LPPA 5 vs 5AH	1 6CP	6
5GF vs 5CT	2 5CT	3
LPPA 6 vs 6JR	3 5AH	3
6CP vs 6EW	4 6EW	3
	5 LPPA 5	3
	6 6JR	3
	7 5GF	0
	8 LPPA 6	0

Dinner Menu

The Dinner Menu for next week will be: **WEEK 1** from the summer menu.

DATES FOR DIARY

Date	Event	Location	Time
28.09.17	ChildLine Schools Service Assembly	School Hall Yrs 5 & 6	1:40pm
29.09.17	Pupil individual photos	School Hall	AM
29.09.17	Year 5 ChildLine Workshop	Classrooms	AM

Have a lovely weekend.

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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