



KENTON BAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



January 2018 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary!

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th February - Return to school on Monday 19th February

Easter Holidays

Friday 30th March—Return to school on Monday 16th April

Bank Holiday

Monday May 7th

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February 3.30—6.00 p.m.

E-Safety Training

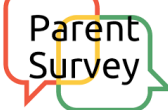
Julian Hughes, an experienced Primary Computing Consultant, will be running E-safety workshops with Year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday 23rd January, 2018.



All parents in school are invited to attend a session from 2.20 p.m. The session is designed to inform parents and carers of children about the technologies that are available to them, and the associated risks, *and more importantly*, how they can be managed and children kept safe.

Keeping children safe online is becoming an increasingly important and complex issue for us. We hope that by attending this session, we will be able to support you in this area.

Parent Safeguarding Survey



The results of our survey that were completed in October, were sent home with the December Newsletter—they are also available on the website. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey as the information is invaluable in helping us to move the school forward.

Please look in the 'Parents Tab' under Parent Voice if you haven't seen the results. <http://www.kentonbar.newcastle.sch.uk/website>

Children's Survey

Children in Years 1-6 completed a survey just before Christmas. To view the results of their survey, look in the 'Children Tab' under Pupil Voice. Again, we value the children's views and will consider their results very carefully.



Nursery Applications 2018



Please ensure you have completed your application for Nursery for September 2018 by the end of March. Nursery will be operating two and a half days full-time provision e.g. all day Monday, all day Tuesday and half day Wednesday. Please let any friends/ neighbours know. These places are allocated at the start of the Summer Term 2018.

Attendance



After the first term, our school attendance was 94.7%. Our target for this year is 96%. Well done to 75 children who had 100% in the Autumn Term. They will be awarded their 100% pencils in Golden Assembly. You should have all received your half-termly Attendance Postcards updating you on your own child's attendance to date.

Unfortunately, none of our classes won the SMART trophy for best attendance across all 8 schools, although Years 3 and 6 just missed out. Let's go for a win this half-term!

Frequently Asked Question—What does Persistent Absentee mean?

This means your child's absence is 10% or more of their possible sessions and has missed 38 sessions at any point in the school year. A day is classed as 2 sessions. Your child only needs to miss 5/6 school days a term to fall into this category. Your child's attendance record goes through school with them.

Year 5 Hoops4Health Tournament

Well done to the group of Year 5 children who took part in the Hoops4Health Tournament at Sports Central. Although they didn't win, the children all came back to school beaming, having thoroughly enjoyed their day. Mr. Fowler said he was really proud of the children who took part with a positive attitude and represented Kenton Bar really well.



Cross-Country Training



As part of the ongoing SMART Academy sporting events, we shall be hosting our annual Cross Country Competition in March. This will be a competition open to all member schools and will also feed into the Newcastle City Cross Country event a week later. There are Under 9 and Under 11 races for boys and girls.

In preparation for the event, we are training with any children who would like to participate. Training will take place at the start of lunchtimes on Mondays and Thursdays. A letter came home at the beginning of term asking children to indicate whether they would like to take part.

School Council

School Council have met and discussed ideas regarding lunchtime rules and wishes. Their ideas are on display and being trialled over the course of the half-term.

What else is going on at Kenton Bar Primary this half-term?

- * Year 5 and 6 will be having an 'Online e-safety session' led by Julian Hughes, ICT Consultant.
- * Year 4 will take part in four French sessions led by Kenton School.
- * Each Year Group will have a Science Workshop linked to their Topic.
- * Early Years/KS1 will undergo Road Safety Training run by Newcastle Road Safety Team.
- * Year 2 are going to Sunderland Winter Gardens as part of their Scented Garden Topic.
- * 2GF have a Class Assembly on Wednesday 7th February @ 2.45 p.m. - parents welcome to attend.
- * RT have a Class Assembly on Thursday 8th February @ 2.45 p.m. - parents welcome to attend.



