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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

Ofsted Inspection

Our report has now been published on the Ofsted website. Staff have been extremely touched by the level of support from parents and carers, particularly during the inspection but also since the report has been public. Thank you for your support and congratulations!

Parent Mail

We are trialling a system of electronically sharing letters with parents and carers. This system will hopefully save us expensive ink and paper as well as time needed for photocopying. If you would like to support this trial (and I urge you to do this!) then please send your email address to:

admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. The system will allow one email address per parent.

Challenge Partners Reviews

Last year I engaged with this nationwide peer review organisation. We were due to have our review this month but I have rearranged for April of this year following our recent inspection. Daniela and Ed have already taken part in reviews in Surrey and Nottinghamshire respectively and Grant is heading to Wiltshire for his review from 29th—31st January and I am heading to Kent in February. We always bring something back to Kentish Town and senior staff are able to gain in experience in making judgements with senior staff from other schools.

Parents Evenings

If you have still not met with your child/ren's teacher then please make an appointment directly with them for a meeting.

Development of The Oasis

Over the Christmas period governors agreed to lease the school building to Network Rail. The income from this letting is intended to fund the development of the pond area, known as The Oasis. When I have agreed the plans for the area then I will share these with the children and parents. My aim is to retain the pond and planting as a habitat for wildlife while making the area accessible for all children and open to the main playground. Watch this space...

With best wishes for 2018.

James Humphries
Headteacher

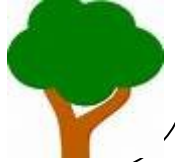
Acorn Class

Acorn have an exciting new friend in their class called the everywhere bear. We read a story about him and he is a special bear that goes home every weekend with a member of the class. We had a vote in acorn and decided to name our everywhere bear Tommy. We have had lots of fun looking after him and even making a four poster bed for him to stay in during the week at nursery! We have also had lots of fun this week cooking treats for the tea on Wednesday.



Oak Class

Oak Class has been enjoying writing about The Gingerbread Man. We are excited about starting guided reading and working towards our counting medals in maths. We have changed our role play area into a busy bakery and cafe. We especially enjoyed making - and eating - our own gingerbread men!



Willow Class

This week, we have continued securing our understanding of Place Value using problem solving strategies. We have continued learning about Zeraffa Giraffa, an adventurous giraffe who travelled from Egypt to France. We also been learning about The Great Fire of London and thinking about where London is and using maps to help us understand about how the fire spread.



Ash Class

Ash Class have been introduced to their new topic of 'Buildings' this week. The children were given a challenge to make a stable tower using straws and masking tape. The tower needed to be free standing, hold the weight of a tennis ball and they needed to work as a team. Everyone did a brilliant job and really tried their best.



Cedar Class

Cedar has been reading The Singing Ringing Tree and using our imaginations to draw and describe the magical tree, craggy landscape and cunning goblin. We have also begun our Ancient Greece topic and have been using all of our history and geography skills to find out when and where they were.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have had a busy start to the year. We have enjoyed starting out topic on World War 2 and have learnt lots about why the war started, what countries were involved and what life was like in war time Britain. Alongside all of the learning take place in the classroom, Chestnut Class went to the CLC where they worked on their computing skills, learning how to create exciting PowerPoints that they presented to the rest of the class. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum where they were able to learn more about forces.



Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class are preparing for their assembly and learning lots about Greek Myths as well as drawing their own Greek Urns. We're also looking forward to our Greek Day next week. Meanwhile everyone was very excited to see Anna and to welcome baby Ettie!



Beech Class

In Beech Class, children have been exploring the thought-provoking picture book 'The Journey' all about the refugee crisis. They have also enjoyed refreshing their understanding on rounding and negative numbers in Maths.





Happy Birthday to all those children who
have a birthday in January.

Poppy

Frank

Kaius

Hal

Tess

Ahlam

Sean

Lana

Oliver

Lily-Rose

Isabel

Brodan

John

Suzi

Martha

Jibran

Holly

Frida

Herbie

Molly



KTS CE School Term & Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018		Total Days: 73
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 3rd September 2018</i>	
	<i>INSET – Tuesday 4th September 2018</i>	
	Children Return – Wednesday 5th September 2018	
Half Term:	Half-Term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October 2018	
	<i>INSET – Monday 29th October 2018</i>	
	Children Return – Tuesday 30th October 2018	
Term Ends:	Friday 21st December 2018 @ 1.15pm	
Christmas Holidays:	<i>Monday 24th December 2018 – Friday 4th January 2019</i>	
Spring Term 2019		Total Days: 59
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 7th January 2019</i>	
	Children Return – Tuesday 8th January 2019	
Half Term:	Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019	
Term Ends:	Friday 5th April 2019 @ 1.15pm	
Spring Holidays	Tuesday 8th – Thursday 18th April 2019	
Easter Holidays	Good Friday - 19th April 2019	
	Easter Monday – 22nd April 2019	
Summer Term 2019		Total Days: 58
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 23rd April 2019</i>	
	Children Return – Tuesday 24th April 2019	
Half Term:	Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st June 2019	
	Children Return – Monday 3rd June 2019	
Term Ends:	Friday 19th July 2019 @ 1.15pm	
Bank Holidays	Monday 6th May 2019 – May Day Bank Holiday	
	Monday 27th May 2019 – Spring Bank Holiday	
	Monday 26th August 2019 – Summer Bank Holiday	