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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing

Dee Whelan leaves us on the last day of term to take up a post at another Camden school. Dee has been with us since 2008 and has made a great contribution to our school. We wish her well in her new role.

If you would like to say farewell to any of our leavers then their final assembly will be on Friday 20th July at 9.30am.

	Expected Standard	Expected Standard
KS1 Results	Kentish Town CE	Camden
Reading	67%	76%
Writing	43%	68%
Maths	67%	75%
Science	83%	83%

	Expected Standard	Expected Standard
KS2 Results	Kentish Town CE	National
Reading	86%	75%
Writing	83%	76%
Grammar & Spelling	87%	78%
Maths	83%	76%
Combined (R, W&M)	76%	64%

Above are the test results for KS1(Y2) and KS2(Y6).

The group in Y2 are a complex cohort who have achieved well but who clearly need further additional input in Y3 and beyond, particularly in writing.

The KS2 results are pleasing and represent the long term outcomes achieved by children in our school. As you can see our outcomes are above those typically achieved by children nationally, even with the high numbers of children with SEND in our school.

Huge thanks to children, staff and parents for their hard work in achieving these results.

EYFS

At the end of Reception the children are assessed against 17 indicators. This year 70% of our children achieved a "Good Level of Development". This is in line with what children nationally achieve and we are very pleased with these outcomes.

Phonics

Children in Year 1 are tested for their knowledge of phonics (letters and the sounds they make in English). This year 80% of our Y1 children passed the test. Those children who did not take or pass the test will have another chance in Y2. By the end of Y2, 88% of our children passed the phonics test this year. We are very pleased with these outcomes. Thanks to children, teachers and parents for their hard work this year.

With best wishes,

James Humphries - **Headteacher**

Chestnut Performance of The Winter's Tale

Chestnut performed The Winter's Tale a couple of weeks ago at Haverstock School. Here are a few pictures and there are more available at www.kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. You get a flavour here of the performance and I know that the staff who were present and the parents who attended thought the children were exceptional. Well done Chestnut!



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to all of The Friends and everyone involved in the Summer Fair. It was a lovely afternoon with great weather, fun stalls and a superb raffle. A special thank you goes out to the parents who BBQ'd in the Safari Playground in 30 degrees! I understand that the final sum raised is in the region of £2,900 and as ever the staff and children are incredibly grateful for your support.

Transitions

Vulnerable children will be feeling deeply frightened by the end and the start of the school year. The change of routine and the inevitable losses and separations bring back old feelings of abandonment and threat. It's a challenging time for everyone – children and adults alike!

Here are some of our favourite transition top tips for parents/carers and for teachers:



- It's useful for adults to emotionally prepare themselves for the 'transition storm' that is about to begin. Put your seatbelt on and hold tight! The child needs you to be grounded.
- Remind yourself that the child's behaviour is a sign of their inside pain, and they need you to see through the behaviour to help them feel safe, secure and loved.
- Digging down past behaviours to the inside pain, can be hard and tiring work. Take good care of yourself and reach out to your support network for extra help.
- Remind yourself that punishments, withdrawal, consequences and shaming will make the transition harder for everyone.

- Help the child to see the storm coming too. Say "the end of the school year can be a tricky, I'm here to help you through it"
- Help the child name the feelings that they have no words for. Try "I wonder if your 'moving up day' feels pretty scary right now?" or "When things are different like this, I wonder if it makes you worry about being left behind?"
- Help make connections between their behaviour and their feelings, try "When you run away like that it makes me wonder if you don't know where to be to feel safe? You are safe right here".



Tell the child the things they need to hear, don't wait for them to ask you because they don't know what they need! **Tell them:**

- How much you care
- That you are not going anywhere
- That they are in your mind even when not in your class/not at home
- That they are safe and protected
- That they will not be taken away

- Tell them what is going to happen that day if the routine is different – use pictures and 'steps' to prepare them.
- Remind them throughout the day what is going to happen and when
- Keep to as much of the usual routine as you can



Children feel fear in their body. Help the child's body to calm by:

- Doing short bursts of physical activity (star jumps, wall push ups, walking, running) frequently
- Playfully ask them to breathe deeply in the mornings and evenings – e.g. blow bubbles, blow away the feelings
- Do body calming activities with them
- Use sensitive touch to let them know you are there. Touch can be a great calmer.



Use 'transitional objects' to let them know that you are connected, even when apart. How about:

- As a parent, draw a little heart on your hand and the same heart on your child's hand as they go off to school.
- Give your child a special stone, or photo to hold on to at school that reminds them of you
- Teachers – give the child a 'transition card' – a piece of paper with a special message that they look after until you see them again.
- Let the child use their special teddies whenever they need to

Remind the child (and yourself) that the Transition Storm will come, and it will go. You will stick it out together, and soon it will be over.





Kentish Town CE Summer Club

10th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers.

Thank you for signing your child/ children up for the summer club at Kentish Town CE School.

It is almost time for the summer holidays to begin and here is some information for you about what will be happening at this year's summer club.

As a lot of you know, we have run the summer club for quite a few years now and the children have a great time. You can relax knowing that they are well taken care of by experienced staff they know and trust in an environment they feel comfortable and secure in.

There will be lots of fun activities to do. They can be creative, have face paints, free-play, dance, sports, cooking, water play and it is child led as much as possible. We will also have a dressing up day, ice-cream parlour, den making, the children can bring their bikes and scooters (there will be times in the day when they can ride them in the playground) and lots more.

Below are some of the things we need you to do to help us ensure that summer club runs smoothly and all the children have a great time. Please take a minute to read them.

Many thanks,

Lorraine and the Club Team.

- Please ensure your children have a packed lunch. We will supply breakfast, snacks and plenty of water.
- As a lot of you know, we have a paddling pool, (weather permitting) so we ask that you pack a swimming kit, hat, towel spare clothes and put suntan lotion on your children in the morning before they come. If you put a bottle of lotion in their bags with their name on it we will ensure that it is reapplied during the day.
- We have quite a few younger children and some children with additional needs attending summer club this year and to help us make sure they are safe we ask that you drop your children off in reception in the morning with the members of staff who will be there. There will be a tray for you to put your child's lunch and swimming kit in and we will take them into the playground or the club room. This way we can sign them in and make sure all the doors are secure and all the children are safe. Please can you label all your children's clothes, swimming kits, towels etc.
- If you are picking your child up early, please let us know in the morning or give us a call on the number below.
- When picking your children up please wait in the reception and we will bring the children to you. This way we can sign them out.
- There will be staff at summer club from 8.30. If you want to bring your child to club later (as it is the summer holidays and who wants to rush about if you don't have to) we may be in the playground so please ring the school number 020 7485 1279 and choose option 2 and we will come and answer the gate.
- If you have any questions or worries please email me on l.benfield@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk

School number:

020 7485 1279 option 2.

Please use this number for messages or to gain entry to the school if there is no answer when you ring the buzzer.

Club times 8.30am -4.30pm



Kentish Town CE School Summer Club Activities Week 1

Monday 23/7	Tuesday 24/7	Wednesday 25/7 Dress up day	Thursday 26/7	Friday 28/7
Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 
Outdoor play/sports 	Puffy shaving foam painting 	Outdoor Play/Bikes and scooters	Hama Beads 	Biscuit decorating 
Mosaic tiles 	Outdoor play/ Bikes and scooters 	Mask making 	Paddling Pool 	Paddling pool 
Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 
Free Play	Free Play	Ice-cream parlour 	Face painting	Film afternoon
Paddling Pool  Weather permitting  Dance in hall	Paddling pool/sports  Face painting 	Free play	Free play	Free play
Face painting 			Art and crafts	

Kentish Town CE School Summer Club Activities Week 2

Monday 30/7	Tuesday 31/7	Wednesday 1/8 Dress up day	Thursday 2/8	Friday 3/8
Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 	Breakfast 
Outdoor play/sports 	Decorating Plant pots 	Making slime 	Baking Cakes 	Hama Beads 
Making and sewing bugs 	Outdoor play/ Bikes and scooters 	Junk modelling 	Padding Pool 	Padding pool 
Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 
Padding Pool 	Padding Pool 	Ice-cream parlour 	Face painting 	Film afternoon
Face painting	Dance/ Free play	Free play	Free play	Free play
Face painting 			Art and crafts	