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# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Oasis Update**

The building work in this area of the playground is going well and will continue for another 2 weeks. At the end of the work our children will have:

- An accessible pond area;
- A grid covering the pond (making it safe for all);
- A fully accessible decked area for all children including wheelchair users;
- New seating adjacent to the main playground;
- New planting which the children will choose and install.

In the meantime thank you for your patience while the Safari (infant playground is closed). Please ensure you leave the playground after school by 3.45pm at the latest.

## **Welcome Oak and Acorns Children and Parents/Carers**

A huge Kentish Town welcome to all of our new reception and nursery children and their families. You are welcome to attend any of the school events this term and the class teas are particularly nice as an informal way of meeting other families. Dates are given overleaf.

## **Class Teas and Assemblies**

With the exception of Beech (Y6), all classes have two teas and two assemblies this year. We have decided to spread these assemblies/teas across all three terms in order to support teachers and children who are settling in to our school. The first cycle of assemblies and teas are attached overleaf. Spring and summer term dates will follow.

## **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

If you were not able to attend your class meeting and would like to meet a class teacher then please arrange a mutually convenient time directly with the class teacher concerned.

## **Our Playground**

This is a reminder that I am happy for parents and carers to chat in the playground until 3.45pm. Please ensure the you are supervising your children and do not leave them unattended. Jimmy would really appreciate it if all rubbish (wrappers, newspapers, coffee cups etc.) could be placed in the bins provided. Many thanks for your help with this.

With best wishes,

James Humphries

Headteacher



## **CLASS TEAS & ASSEMBLIES**

19th September – New Parent/Eid Class Tea

26th September – Beech Class Tea

28th September – Beech Class Assembly

10th October – Willow Class Tea

12th October – Willow Class Assembly

31st October – Chestnut Class Tea

2nd November – Chestnut Class Assembly

14th November – Sycamore Class Tea

16th November – Sycamore Class Assembly

21st November – Cedar Class Tea

23rd November – Cedar Class Assembly

16th January – Ash Class Tea

18th January – Ash Class Assembly

30th January – Oak Class Tea

1st February – Oak Class Assembly

6th February – Acorn Class Tea

8th February – Acorn Class Assembly

### Acorn Class

The new Acorn children have been having a great time settling into life at KTS! We have been exploring the environment and settling into nursery with the help of our fantastic parents. The children have been showing us their wonderful artistic skills, creating fabulous self portraits and pictures of their families. They have also made brilliant all about me pages at home to add to our first Acorn class book!



### Oak Class

Oak Class has been welcoming new starters this week. Old and new children have settled really well. We have been writing our names, drawing our families and sharing our favourite books. We have also been exploring the classroom and outside area and getting to know each other and the new adults who are looking after us.



### Willow Class

Willow Class investigated an emergency in the science lab on Tuesday. Someone had made a lot of mess, throwing things everywhere and leaving scratch marks on the walls. We came to the conclusion that it must have been the tiger from The Tiger who came to Tea.



### Ash Class

On Monday, Ash class went to Hampstead Heath to act out a scene from a book they are reading- Beegu by Alexis Deacon. They dressed up as Beegu( a lost and lonely yellow alien creature) and called out over the cityscape at Parliament Hill to try and find her mummy. Come and see the Beegu display in the classroom; it will be finished soon!



### Cedar Class

Cedar class has had a great start to the year! We have been examining Ancient Egyptian artefacts at the Petrie museum, talking to wolves, and inspecting rocks. We even made a mummy or two!



### Sycamore Class

In Sycamore Class, term has got off to a very busy start. We've been melting chocolate for our science topic; creating striking pastel woodland scenes for our English and painting a wonderful selection of extraordinary prehistoric Britain artefacts for our topic books. We have also been thinking about how lots of small steps can take us a very long way and planning where our footsteps will take us this year.



### Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been enjoying reading the book Varjak Paw. We have acted out what we think the main character is thinking and feeling by using evidence from the text. In Maths, we have been working on place value. We have enjoyed applying what we have learnt to solve maths problems. In topic, we are finding out lots of interesting facts about the Romans and the countries they invaded.



### Beech Class

Beech have loved starting to learn about the Tudors! They have also enjoyed learning in their new Science topic on Electricity! We are also starting to practice for our assembly on the 28th September. Please come along!!!





**Excellent teaching, excellent effort, excellent progress: every child, every lesson, every day.**

**Hope - Equality - Love**

**Kentish Town Church of England Primary School  
School Development and Improvement Plan Overview 2018-19**

These are the key things we have decided to work on in order to further improve the provision for our children. The four headings below are the key areas which Ofsted look at in schools.

**Leadership and Management (including Governance)**

Developing the skills of middle leaders to drive improvement.  
To prepare for a SIAMS\* inspection in early 2020  
To ensure that SEND provision across the school is consistently excellent.

**Teaching, Learning and Assessment (including curriculum)**

Inducting, training and developing staff so that teaching practice is consistently good and better.  
Ensure that children's progress in phonics and writing is accelerated in the EYFS/KS1

**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare (including safeguarding)**

To engage with the Lifting Limits – Gender Equality pilot project.

**Outcomes for Children (standards and attainment)**

For EYFS/KS1/KS2 key data to be in line or better than National.  
Target support and interventions so that gaps in attainment are closed across the school.

**Article 29**

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

\*SIAMS – Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

# MAKING A HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

**TOP TIPS: KEEP YOUR LUNCH COOL!** Use a cool bag, pop in a frozen drink or ice pack **TRY TO VARY YOUR PACKED LUNCH EVERY DAY!**

## BREADS AND OTHER STARCHES GIVE YOU ENERGY!

### CHOOSE FROM:

- Different types of sliced bread
- Pitta bread and wraps
- Chapattis and roti
- Bread rolls and bagels
- Soda bread
- Pasta, bean, couscous or rice salad



**TOP TIP:** Try to choose wholemeal and wholegrain varieties and only use a scraping of spread!



## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE PACKED FULL OF VITAMINS TO HELP YOU GROW!

### WHY NOT TRY?

- Fresh fruit such as apples, bananas, pears, melon pieces
- Small box of dried fruit (raisins, apricots, etc)
- Fruit salad (tinned in juice or fresh)
- Children enjoy finger foods so why not include cherry tomatoes, grapes, corn on the cob, carrot and cucumber sticks, slices of pepper or celery



**TOP TIP:** Keep fresh fruit and vegetables seasonal to help the environment and enjoy variety!

## CHOOSE HEALTHY SANDWICH FILLINGS e.g. LEAN MEATS AND FISH!

### LEAN MEATS:

- Chicken, turkey or ham
- Tuna, pilchards, sardines, mackerel

### AND ADD SALAD:

- Tomato
- Cress
- Beetroot
- Shredded lettuce
- Grated carrot
- Cucumber
- Sweetcorn
- Celery
- Peppers
- Avocado



- Cheese such as cottage cheese, edam, mozzarella, reduced fat cheddar
- Egg
- Humous
- Dahl

**TOP TIP:** only use low fat salad dressing or mayonnaise

## DAIRY PRODUCTS CONTAIN CALCIUM, VITAL FOR GROWING BONES AND TEETH!

### WHY NOT TRY?

- Milk
- Yoghurts and yoghurt drinks
- Lassi
- Fromage frais
- Low fat rice pudding

**TOP TIP:** Semi-skimmed milk and low fat yoghurts are best!

## SOME FOODS ARE HIGH IN FAT, SUGAR AND SALT (SO SWAP THEM FOR HEALTHIER OPTIONS)

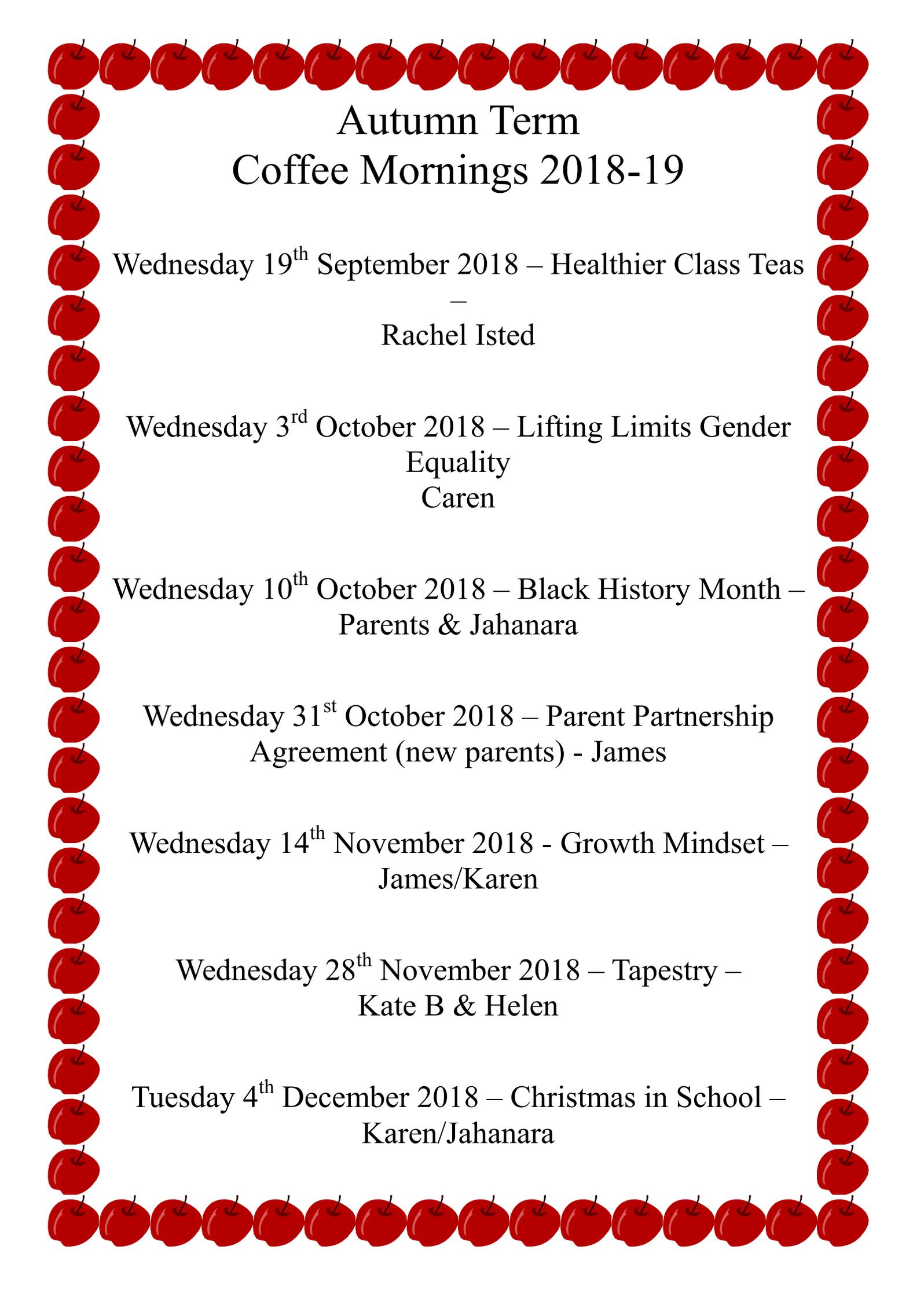
### HIGH IN FAT/ SUGAR /SALT:

- Chocolate biscuits
- Cakes
- Crisps
- Sugary drinks

### HEALTHIER OPTION

- Plain biscuits, dried fruit,
- Small bunch of grapes
- Currant buns, scones,
- fruit breads, malt loaf
- Rice cakes, popcorn (unsalted and unsweetened)
- Water, pure fruit juice

**REMEMBER IT'S IMPORTANT TO DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS, ESPECIALLY WATER!**



# Autumn Term

## Coffee Mornings 2018-19

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Healthier Class Teas  
–  
Rachel Isted

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Lifting Limits Gender  
Equality  
Caren

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Black History Month –  
Parents & Jahanara

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – Parent Partnership  
Agreement (new parents) - James

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Growth Mindset –  
James/Karen

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Tapestry –  
Kate B & Helen

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas in School –  
Karen/Jahanara