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# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Parent Pay**

80% of families have activated their online payments account via Parent Pay. If you need help to activate your account then please see Pam/Sarah or Jahanara. We are aiming for 100% of families to be set up on the system. Thank you!

## **Parents Evenings — Monday and Tuesday next week**

90% of parents and carers have made appointments to see their child/ren's teachers at these meetings. Please make an appointment today if you have not done so already. It is vital that teachers meet you to discuss your child/ren's strengths and any areas for development. Please see Pam or Jahanara if you need help booking an appointment.

## **Christmas Fair — Friday 7th December 2018**

All parents and carers and staff are automatically members of The Friends of Kentish Town. The Christmas Fair is fast approaching so please consider taking the afternoon off work to help out, coming along to the event after school on the 7th December and helping us to clear up after the Fair. Please contact Gavin (Chair of The Friends) if you can help at: [friendsofks@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofks@gmail.com)

## **Good Luck Tammy**

Tammy Cush (Teaching Assistant in Beech Class) is leaving us on Friday 7th December to begin her maternity leave. Her baby is due in January. We look forward to meeting the new arrival in the New Year!

## **Pantomime Trip—Hackney Empire**

Tomorrow we will be taking Cedar, Sycamore, Chestnut and Beech Classes to the Hackney Empire to see Aladdin. KS2 classes will need a packed lunch and we will be leaving school at approximately 12 o'clock. The show will be finished at around 4pm and we will head back to school after that.

## **Christmas and End of Term Dates**

I know this is a very busy time—the upcoming dates are listed overleaf. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend any/all of the events and particularly the Candle-lit Carols on Thursday 13th December at St. Benet's Church.

With best wishes,

James Humphries  
Headteacher

## Christmas Dates 2018



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

- Panto at Hackney Empire (Y3-Y6)



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

- Parent Evening 1

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

- Parent Evening 2
- Panto in school for Nursery-Y2

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Fair



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2pm: Infant nativity at school for parents

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2pm: Infant nativity at St Benet's Church
- 6pm: Carol Concert (led by KS2 but all welcome) at St Benet's Church

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Jumper Day (£2 donation per child please)
- Christmas Lunch in school

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- Class Christmas parties (with Father Christmas!)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

- 9:45am: Wider Opps Concert in the hall
- 1:15pm: Finish for Christmas Holidays



### Acorn Class

Acorn class have started their new R.E unit. We have been thinking about why Christmas is a special time of year for Christians and the different ways that people celebrate Christmas. We have been reading bible stories about how angels came to tell Mary that she was expecting a special baby. We made some of our own angels to act out the story. Please come and see them in the foyer!



### Oak Class

Oak Class children have been really enjoying reading books by Julia Donaldson in preparation for a wonderful day out at the Discover Story Centre. We have been writing our own recipes for magic potions linked to Room on the Broom, using our phonics to read words and sentences and adding numbers in maths. We also experimented with making volcanoes after we saw one in the Snail and the Whale!



### Willow Class

This week, the Willow Class have been learning all about the moon. We've found out a bit about the future of space exploration and have decided to write up rules for exploring the moon.



### Ash Class

Ash class has been getting excited about Christmas! Yes, it's a bit early but we are reading a book called A Very Pirate Christmas. Some evil pirates steal Santa's sleigh and everyone's Christmas treats. We hope they don't come to Ash Class! Please keep a look out for Eyepatch Jim, their captain!



### Cedar Class

Cedar class had a fantastic assembly last week! We growled and howled the night away - pictures on the website. We have also been learning how to draw portraits at the National Portrait Gallery.



### Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class, we have had an exciting week full of lots of wonderful trips. We were lucky enough to go to the Unicorn Theatre to watch Philip Pullman's Grimm Tales and we took part in a workshop at the National Portrait Gallery where we learned how to draw faces. In maths, we have been learning how to use rounding and the inverse operation to check our calculations.



### Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class had a fantastic trip to The Place last week. We found out about some dance moves and had a chance to practice them ourselves. While we were there, we were able to watch adults dancing to see how they made use of the positions and moves we had learnt. We also had a lovely trip to the National Gallery where we found out about some Old Testament paintings as well as having a chance to spot the differences between different paintings of the Nativity. At CLC this week we did coding based on what we had learnt about Skara Brae. In between all this, we have been learning about teeth and digestion, doing lots of multiplication work and starting a new book, **The Ice Palace**, in English.



### Beech Class

Beech class have enjoyed painting their own Tudor portraits - choosing one of the famous Tudor kings or queens. In English, they have been writing persuasive letters as one of the characters from The Firework Maker's Daughter. In Maths, they have also furthered their knowledge of how to calculate with fractions whilst challenging themselves with their timetable challenge! Phew - not much really!





<b>KTS CE School Term &amp; Holiday Dates 2019/20</b>	
<b>Autumn Term 2019</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total Days: 72</b></span>	
<b>Term Starts:</b>	<i>INSET – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</i>
	<i>INSET – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019</i>
	Children Return – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
	<i>INSET – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</i>
<b>Half Term:</b>	Half-Term: Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
	Children Return – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 @ 1.15pm
<b>Christmas Holidays:</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020
<b>Spring Term 2020</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total Days: 59</b></span>	
<b>Term Starts:</b>	<i>INSET – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</i>
	Children Return – Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 @ 1.15pm
<b>Spring Holidays</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Good Friday - 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
	Easter Monday – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Summer Term 2020</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total Days: 59</b></span>	
<b>Term Starts:</b>	<i>INSET - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020</i>
	Children Return – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
	Children Return – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 @ 1.15pm
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – May Day Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Spring Bank Holiday
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 – Summer Bank Holiday

### **TOTAL DAYS**

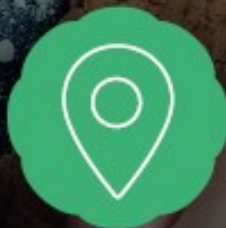
The total number of pupil days is 190

INSET Days = 5

Kids' cooking workshop:

# Jam and Gingerbread

Saturday 15th December  
1:30 - 3:30pm



**Skip Garden,**  
1 Tapper Walk,  
King's Cross,  
London N1C 4AQ



**£2 to cover  
food costs**



**Limited places.  
Sign up at:  
<http://bit.ly/2QXPN6q>**

**Enjoy a jolly afternoon cooking with the kids at  
Euston's sustainable jam and gingerbread workshop,  
perfect for seasonal snacks and presents.**

At this workshop, kids can learn how to transform leftover fruit and berries into yummy jams, which they can gift to family or friends. We'll also be making gingerbread, with locally-sourced ingredients and lots of decorations.

Our chef, **Ruth Soroko**, is the founder of **Eat Club**, a charity which works to educate young people about nutritious and delicious food.

The class is suitable for children and adults of all cooking abilities. **Children must be aged 6 to 11 and accompanied by an adult. Adults can bring up to two children.**