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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/Carers

The Place / Peut — Etre Theatre

This week we welcomed dancers and a musician from The Place dance conservatory to our school. They performed a socially distanced workshop with Oak, Willow and Cedar classes and were never less than 2 metres from adults or children. The children in the classes involved LOVED the performances and took part very enthusiastically. I think the adults were just as keen as the children. The dancers were so thrilled to be working in a school and I think for all of us it was a little bit of normality which was very welcome!

Christmas Dates

Christmas will look different this year but it will be very festive! Please put the following dates in your calendars:

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| Friday 11th December | — | Christmas Lunch (staggered lunchtime in the hall) |
| Tuesday 15th December | — | Christmas Jumper Day, Zoom with Santa and Bubble Dance Parties |
| Wednesday 16th December 2pm | — | Infant Nativity (recording available to buy) |
| Thursday 17th December at 2pm | — | Key Stage 2 Carol Service Assembly live on Zoom (parents /carers welcome) |
| Friday 18th December at 10am | — | Christmas Songs live on Zoom (parents /carers welcome) |
| Friday 18th December at 1.15pm | — | End of term (there will be a slightly staggered pick up at 1pm/1.15pm.) |

Christmas non - uniform day Thursday 10th December

Children can come to school in their own clothes (rather than uniform) on Thursday 10th December. Please make a donation of £2 per child for this via Parentpay. This money will support our school as we cannot have class teas etc at present. Festive outfits would be particularly welcome! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Infant Nativity

This year we have decided to have the Nativity show filmed professionally. This will take place on Friday 11th December and then we are hoping the DVDs will be available for parents and carers to purchase. The DVD will be £8 each and can be purchased through Parentpay.

Christmas Hoops

As is traditional in our school, each class have decorated a hoop with hand made decorations. These decorations are now hanging in our school hall and they look very festive indeed. The decorations will be taken down and sent home on the last day of term for you to enjoy at home.

Notifying School of a Positive Covid—19 Test Result

Parents and carers must please email admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk on 19th, 20th or 21st December if your child has a positive test for Covid – 19. We will then be able to notify the class Bubble for their safety and that of any family members that they are in contact with over the holiday period. We will then check the email address again on Sunday 3rd January before the INSET day on Monday 4th January and the children's return to school on the 5th January. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Best wishes,
James Humphries - Headteacher

Would you appreciate a listening ear right now?

Our school governors (who are part of the Children, Families and Community committee) have offered to be available to chat with any parents/carers at KTS who may be struggling at present. They recognise that although it's been a tough year for everyone, we don't all have the same level of support around us and some parents/carers may appreciate a phone call or walk with someone who can listen in confidence with no agenda. If so, please contact the office or email one of the governors directly at sh@skrentny.org.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those children who have a birthday in December.

Faris	Hassan	Jaber	Theo	
Niamh	Leo	Maya	Honor	Isam
Harry	Jack	Paul	Charlotte	

Acorn Class

We are learning all about the Christmas Story. We have made beautiful angels to take home and we are really practicing our nativity song ready for filming!



Oak Class

Oak Class have continued to practise our Nativity song, and are so excited to perform in front of the camera on Friday! The children have been putting a lot of effort into learning the words, actions and trying to perform with big smile and lots of energy! We have also been making some Christmassy artwork. Meanwhile we have been reading and thinking about the Christmas story- it has been so interesting talking about what we know about the characters in the Nativity and how we prepare for Christmas.



Willow Class

Willow Class have been busy rehearsing the songs and scenes for our nativity show. It is coming along really well and we look forward the filming on Friday!



Ash Class

Ash Class has been very excited preparing our song for the nativity! We have been Wild Thing crazy in English describing Wild Things and making masks. We have also been learning all about the characters of the nativity and why each person was important to the story.



Cedar Class

Cedar Class have been imagining themselves as rocks hurled out of an erupting volcano and continuing their journey all the way to the sea. They initially created a dance to illustrate this journey and are now in the process of planning and writing to describe it. The children are thinking of some very exciting verbs and adjectives to include. We were also visited by The Place dance company where they were led through a dance sequence focusing on different types of weather. We're great dancers!



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class finished making their Roman Legionary shields, and practiced marching in Tortoise - or Testudo - formation. Keep your eyes peeled for some shields in our assembly!



Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class have been hard at work cutting, folding, reshaping, sharing and sticking to understand equivalent fractions! We've also been creating amazing Christmas decorations out of found or recycled materials, writing persuasive leaflets to get people to visit a wintry village and discovering more about a mysterious Bronze Age burial site. Want to know more? Ask a Sycamore!



Beech Class

Beech Class have been busy painting magnificent Tudor portraits, weaving colourful Christmas art, and creating their magnificent Fire-Fiend's grottos. In between all that, they been learning about fractions, writing friendship recipes and finding out about the gospels.



Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling newsfeed at camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



SIGN UP For the latest public health information, service updates, and local support, sign up to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates



As of yesterday (2 December), London is in Tier 2, the 'high' level of local COVID alert. You may have read reports that coronavirus cases are falling across some parts of London and nationally. However, infection rates are still too high, with a risk that they quickly move up now lockdown is over so it is more important than ever that we are all extra careful in the next week.

Every one of us has a crucial role in protecting ourselves and others. Please continue to follow all the guidance to avoid cases rising and avoid London entering Tier 3 with significantly stricter restrictions. Thank you for everything you are continuing to do – together we will help to bring infection rates further down, save lives and protect our NHS.

Councillor Georgina Gould, Leader of Camden Council

LATEST CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – FROM 2 DECEMBER

London has moved to a 'high' level of local COVID alert. While lockdown helped to reduce infections in most boroughs, coronavirus rates are still too high across London. This means you're still at risk of catching the virus. It's therefore vital that you continue to follow the latest public health advice to keep yourself, your loved ones and community safe, and help bring infection rates down.



LOCAL COVID LEVEL HIGH ALERT

You can socialise outdoors with people who are not in your bubble or household in groups of up to 6



Only socialise indoors with people you live with or those in your bubble



Work from home if you can



Travel less. Walk or cycle if you can



Gyms and swimming pools are open

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable, please follow this guidance in addition to the above:

- Keep the number of different people you meet with consistently low to minimise your risk of catching coronavirus. The fewer people you meet, the less likely you are to catch the virus.
- You're encouraged to leave the house to exercise while following public health advice, or to attend GP or hospital appointments if you need to.
- Read the guidance in full at gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert

GOT CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED

If you develop coronavirus symptoms (new, continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell), it's vital that you self-isolate and get tested.

Requesting a test takes 5-10 minutes at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119 where you'll be given the option to book an appointment at a nearby test site or via an at-home test kit. You should get results within 48 hours.

There are two test sites in Camden:

- Ramsay Hall, Maple Street, W1T 5HB (indoors)
- 51 Greenwood Place, NW5 1LB (outdoors, step-free access)

Please don't just turn up – book an appointment first.

FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE WHEREVER YOU GO



Wash your hands regularly



Keep 2 metres apart from people you don't live with



Wear a face covering in indoor public spaces, unless you're exempt

Ongoing support from Camden Council

There continues to be a host of support available for Camden residents. This includes help with accessing food and medicine if you are self-isolating, and support if you're concerned about your mental health, finances or housing situation.

If you are struggling, please don't hesitate to get in touch on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or find out more at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus



Camden libraries update



From Tuesday 8 December, Camden libraries will all offer computer access and book browsing for up to 20 minutes. Opening hours will be 11am to 3.30pm, Monday to Saturday, in all libraries except Highgate (open Tuesday to Thursday, and Saturday).

Some libraries have already started to offer these services – for more information on individual libraries and services, visit camden.gov.uk/libraries

BRAND NEW COMIC!

OUT NOW!

THE HARBY

Do you like the Beano? If so you'll love the Harby; a brilliant new comic that has just come out. Full of enjoyable children who run around their town having adventures, this comic is packed with fun and will make you laugh out loud! The Harby comes out at the start of every month at a price of £2. You can buy it in Owl bookshop or get it delivered straight to your door (if you get a subscription*)! Here are a few pages of the first two issues...



If you are interested in the Harby and would like to find out more, email thearby@outlook.com

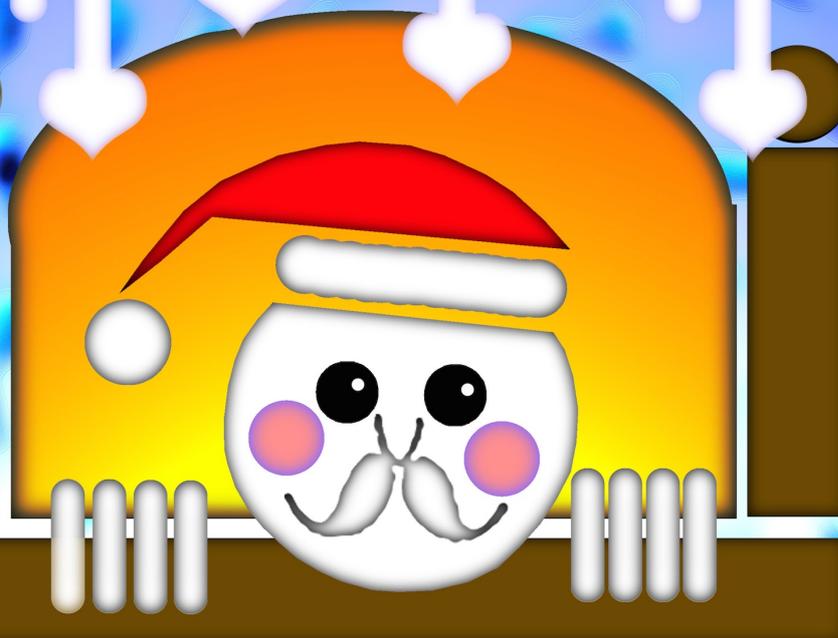
*subscriptions also come with discounted prices, to find out more, email thearby@outlook.com or buy an issue of the Harby and look at **page 2**

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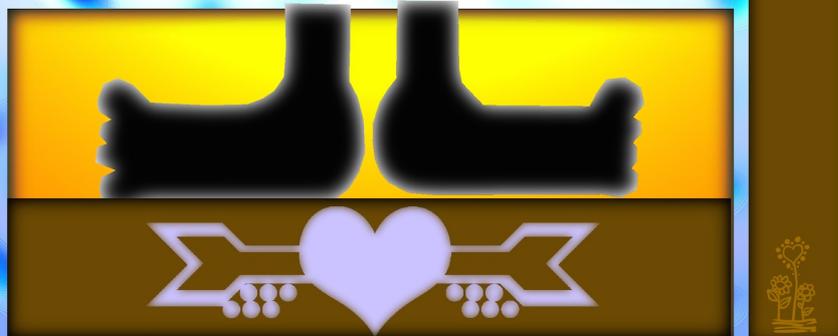
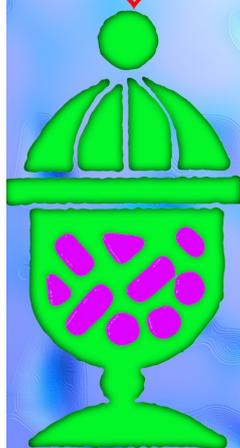
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POST LETTER TO SANTA & TAKE AN EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES PEEK INTO HIS WORKSHOP
PLEASE TAKE NOTE THIS IS A **CASH ONLY EVENT** INCLUDING ENTRANCE AND THROUGHOUT
HOT CHOCOLATE AND HANDMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE YARD
DOORS: 11.00AM - 3.00PM ENTRANCE FREE: SUGGESTED DONATION £3.00
1 CRESSFIELD CLOSE, NW5 4BN : 020 7916 5421 : BOOKING ONLY: WWW.KTCITYFARM.ORG.UK

Virtual Christmas Fair 2020

You might have seen, we've arranged a series of events to raise funds and have fun in the run up to Christmas, here's the up to date list, including all the links you need.

Have a great holiday, from the Friends of KTS.

Event	What	How/Where	Price	Date
Santa Video	Receive a video from Santa direct to your phone	Email Penny, video sent to your phone. Pay via Parentpay.	£2 per family	Video sent out from 7th December.
Prize Draw	Our annual raffle, this year aimed at adults with lots of boozy prizes - just what we need!	Tickets purchased via Rocketfund. https://www.rocketfund.org/christmas-2020-prize-draw	£1 per entry	Prizes will be drawn at 10am on 16th December.
Christmas Card Making	Zoom drawing class - Make your own Christmas Cards with Arlette.	Places booked and paid for via Rocketfund. Event held on Zoom. https://www.rocketfund.org/christmas-card-drawing-class	£5 per screen	Wednesday 9th December or Friday 11th, time slots between 4 and 5 pm.
Toy Sale	A chance to donate some of your no longer played with toys, and to pick up some new-to-you ones.	Join in on Facebook. Payments via Parentpay. https://www.facebook.com/groups/3509960072412904/?ref=share	Donations as arranged.	Ongoing.
Songs from Ella	Buy your own personal video of Ella singing the song of your choice, a lovely gift for a loved one you can't be with this Christmas.	Order and pay via Rocketfund. Delivered via the web https://www.rocketfund.org/ella-jones-sings-exclusively-for-you	£20 per video.	As arranged with Ella. Last orders 13th December.
Round the World in 5 Whiskies	Financial Times drinks columnist / KTS mum Alice Lascelles has raided her drinks collection to create a special Zoom tasting of five award-winning whiskies from around the world, from Scotland and Kentucky to Japan	Book and pay via Rocketfund. Event hosted on Zoom. https://www.rocketfund.org/whisky-tasting-with-alice-lascelles	£25 including 5 x 50ml tasters	8pm, 18th December
Non-Uniform Day	Wear what you like to school.	Pay via Parentpay	£2 suggested donation	10th December
Donation Only	Make a straight donation. If you'd like to make a straightforward cash donation towards the Christmas Fair coffers, please feel free to do so.	Pay via Parentpay.	It's up to you!	18th December