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# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. It has been great to see children and families this week, especially new members of our school community who have just joined us!

## The Friends of Kentish Town

Last term the Christmas Fair raised more the £4,000 to support your children's experience in our school. This is truly incredible. Many thanks to the many parents and carers who organized and supported the Fair. If you would like to help with future events then please contact your class rep or email The Friends here: [friendsofks@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofks@gmail.com).

## Christmas Charity Appeal— Save the Children.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the appeal. I would like to give Lila in Year 6 and Caitlin in Year 5 a special mention. During the holidays the girls decide to continue to raise money by carol singing in the community. They raised an additional £135.49 for the appeal which is astounding. Well done! Please see photos of them in action. A huge thank you to the choir who also engaged in carol singing outside Kentish Town underground station. To date we have raised just over £400!

## Attendance.

Currently our school attendance is **well below** the national average (94.8%) at **92.9%** and is one of the lowest in Camden. This is due to large numbers of children having time off school due to illness but also families taking holidays during term time. We are hoping that all the winter illnesses have passed and we can get back to more regular attendance.

Last term, our Attendance Support Officer, Shuma Begum, met with families where there are issues relating to attendance in order to improve this. Poor school attendance can result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority. Please help us by ensuring that your children are in school every day unless they are very unwell and on time in the mornings. Many thanks for your help with this.

## Pre — loved Uniform

Pam has organised items of uniform which are on a rack outside the science lab. Please help yourselves to any of these clothes. They are in excellent condition and are offered free to families. It is also great for the environment.

## NSPCC PANTS

Over the next few weeks EYFS and KS1 classes will be talking about the NSPCC PANTS scheme. Please follow this link for more details: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

This age appropriate scheme will be taught with the aim of helping our children to know that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

At the same time, it is important that parents and carers have their own conversations with their child. It is advisable to do this bit by bit rather than trying to deal with it all in one go, weaving these chats into everyday discussions instead turning it into a big deal. Most importantly working together with parents and carers we will have the peace of mind that we are equipping the children with vital skills to help them keep safe now and in the future, both online and in the real world.

## Community Breakfast

Due to limited funding, we are only able to host community breakfast on the following dates:

**Friday 23rd January**

**Friday 13th February**

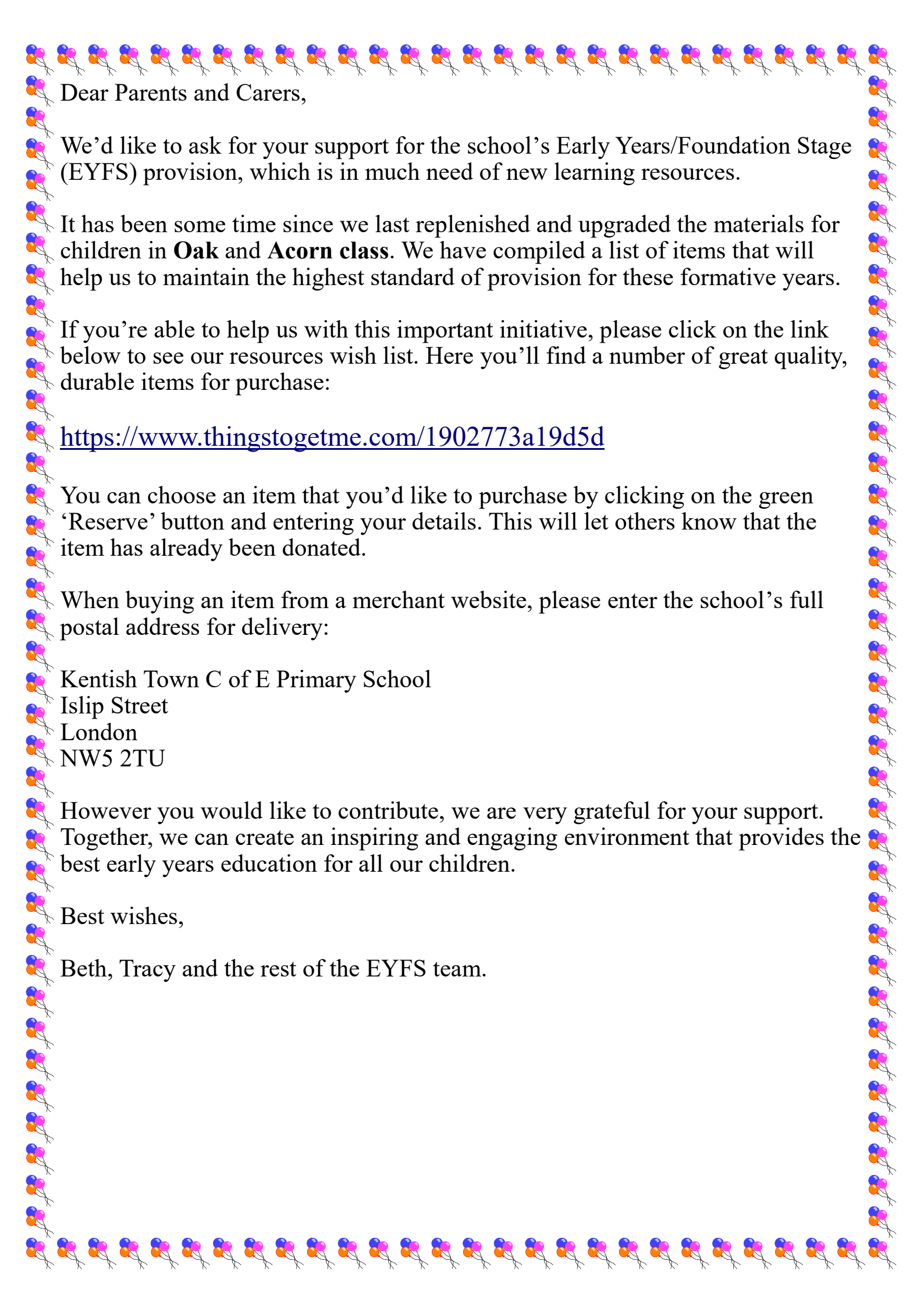
**Friday 13th March**

We are still looking for a longer term funder for this and hope to secure further funding soon.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026.

Best wishes,

Grant Jacobson  
-Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to ask for your support for the school's Early Years/Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision, which is in much need of new learning resources.

It has been some time since we last replenished and upgraded the materials for children in **Oak** and **Acorn class**. We have compiled a list of items that will help us to maintain the highest standard of provision for these formative years.

If you're able to help us with this important initiative, please click on the link below to see our resources wish list. Here you'll find a number of great quality, durable items for purchase:

<https://www.things.togetme.com/1902773a19d5d>

You can choose an item that you'd like to purchase by clicking on the green 'Reserve' button and entering your details. This will let others know that the item has already been donated.

When buying an item from a merchant website, please enter the school's full postal address for delivery:

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However you would like to contribute, we are very grateful for your support. Together, we can create an inspiring and engaging environment that provides the best early years education for all our children.

Best wishes,

Beth, Tracy and the rest of the EYFS team.

Lila and Caitlin in action outside  
The Pineapple!

