



WINTER

20th December 2022

Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating

Dear Families,

Happy Christmas!

This last term has been incredibly busy in school and has flown by. The highlight, for me, had to be welcoming you all to our Christmas shows. The children, as always, rose to the occasion and gave fabulous performances – learning their lines, singing superbly and acting their parts. Through ticket sales and generous donations, we raised enough money to be able to cover the cost of our new lights. Thank you so much.

Year 2 visited the Methodist Church, performing the songs from their Christmas show. An appreciative audience awaited them and they sang beautifully, representing St Kenelm's so well.

On Wednesday, we all sat down to Christmas lunch together. A special thank you to Mrs Moore and all the lunchtime staff for providing us with a fabulous festive feast. In the afternoon, each class held their own Christmas party. Great fun was had by all. Christmas cards have been made and festivities are well and truly underway.

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Just to remind you that should we have heavy snowfall and need to close the school, we will send you a text alert. We will always try to open the school, but safety is paramount.



Staffing

This term, we have made two new appointments.

We have appointed a new SENDCO, Mrs Hannah Staniford. Mrs Staniford is a very experienced special needs teacher and is already working in school, alongside class teachers.

We have also secured a teacher to cover Mrs Bradshaw's maternity leave. Mrs Monica Vitry will be joining us from 1st February and will be with us for the duration of Mrs Bradshaw's leave.

We currently have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy. If you are interested, or know anybody that might be interested in this position, then please contact the Office.

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St Kenelm's School Association

The SKSA have been busy this term, organising events to raise money that benefit all children within school. Their fundraising enables us to offer extra enrichment activities to enhance our curriculum. This term, for the first time, they held a Bingo Evening which raised an amazing £812. Unfortunately, the Christmas disco had to be postponed due to such high numbers of illness. However, this will now become a New Year's disco and I am sure will be greatly enjoyed when everyone is fully fit.

Parking

Please can I remind you to park courteously when you drop or collect your child from school. We have had a couple of occasions when our neighbours have struggled to access their driveways.

Dinner Money

Dinner money, for Key Stage 2 children, must come into school on Monday morning. Processing monies takes up a large amount of office time and late money impacts teaching staff and the teaching day.

Play Equipment

Please be reminded that the play equipment is purely for the use of pupils during school hours. The use of it out of the school day is prohibited due to health and safety and insurance reasons. Please ensure that your children keep off of it at the end of the day.

Fundraising

An enormous thank you to everyone who purchased poppy merchandise back in November. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £357.12 towards the appeal.

On Friday 18th November, we supported Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for coming to school in non-uniform - we raised £166.45.

Attendance

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31.10.22	93.12%	99.29%	97.04%	90.43%	95.83%	96.36%	95.33
07.11.22	98.75%	100%	98.52%	83.91%	97.5%	96.67%	95.62
14.11.22	96.88%	93.57%	95.93%	94.17%	93.48%	96.36%	95.18
21.11.22	95%	99.29%	92.86%	93.33%	87.5%	92.73%	92.88
28.11.22	90%	98.57%	97.86%	91.25%	93.75%	93.64%	94.17
05.12.22	90%	94.29%	91.43%	62.92%	78.33%	79.7%	81.58
12.12.22	81.25%	92.14%	77.5%	80%	85%	61.82%	77.41

Attendance for the Autumn term is 92.85%. The recent bout of illness has greatly affected our attendance data. Hopefully, the new year will begin a healthy one.

Thank you for your generous gifts and festive wishes. I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th January.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,





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