



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

I can't quite believe that we are already approaching the end of the Spring term – it seems to have flown by! Next week we will be getting very 'egg-cited' for the upcoming Easter holiday. As part of this we will be bringing back a KHCPs tradition – Easter Golden Tickets at lunchtime! There will be one winner of a Golden Ticket per class who is having a school dinner on Friday 27 March. Tickets will be hidden among the dinner plates by Rose and the random winner will receive a special, rare mini figure. For children having a packed lunch there may be some Easter themed mini figures sneaking into lunchboxes to look out for! We hope the children have a 'cracking' time during this special lunch.

Regular school attendance is extremely important for every child. The Department for Education is very clear that children should attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Good attendance allows children to build strong routines, develop friendships, and most importantly keep up with their learning. At Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School we want every child to feel safe, happy and ready to learn, and being in school consistently plays a key part in this. Even in primary school, each day of learning matters. Missing school can mean children miss important explanations, discussions and learning experiences that are difficult to fully replicate later. To put this into perspective, a child with 90% attendance misses around half a day of school every week, which quickly adds up to nearly four weeks of learning across a school year. Over time this can make it harder for children to feel confident in their learning and keep up with their peers. The Department for Education has clear guidance around attendance and absence. Schools are required to monitor attendance closely and work with families where attendance becomes a concern. Where children are frequently absent, we will always seek to understand the reasons and offer support where possible. However, schools must also follow national procedures which may include meetings with families, support plans, and in some cases referral to the Local Authority. When children are unwell, of course they should stay at home and recover. In these situations we ask that parents contact the school office as early as possible to report the absence. If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will contact families to ensure that children are safe and accounted for. Developing good attendance habits from a young age helps children learn important life skills. Being reliable, punctual and committed are qualities that support success later in life, whether in secondary school, further education or the workplace. Establishing these habits during primary school helps prepare children for the expectations they will encounter as they grow older. We recognise that every family may face challenges from time to time and we are always here to support. If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please speak to us so we can work together to find a positive way forward. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring that our children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn each day.

Last week I also attended a course where the topic of self-care was discussed. In our busy lives it can sometimes be easy to forget how important it is to take care of ourselves. Whether you are a parent, carer, member of staff or colleague, life can feel very full and demanding. Taking time to pause, rest and look after our own wellbeing is incredibly important, not only for ourselves but also for those around us. When we look after ourselves, we are better able to support others. Even in the busyness of everyday life, I would encourage everyone to take small moments to look after themselves. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable weekend and is able to find a little time to recharge.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 18 March – Voice in a Million

Thursday 19 March – Parent meeting with Mr Duff

Friday 20 March – Year 1 start Forest School

Monday 23 March – Comic Relief launcher competition

Tuesday 24 March – Reception class assembly

Friday 27 March – Non-uniform day & PTA Easter disco

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April – Easter holidays

Thursday 16 April – Reception Family Feast

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.

Apologies if this does happen.



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94%	100%	93.5%	94.8%	90.7%	93.7%	92%	93.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Year 3	Reception



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.2%	96.3%	98.1%	94.9%	89.4%	92.7%	95.4%	94.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	Year 1



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lilly	Wren	Dawud	Josie	Lenny	Madeline	Inaaya



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Well done to Cayo in Year 4, who has shown great kindness and compassion towards his friends and members of staff. Well done Cayo!



Important reminders

Please be mindful of parking safely at drop off and pick up times and be considerate of our neighbours. We ask that if you can park in the Village Hall and walk to the school where possible to ensure a safe and calm environment outside the school.

If you move house, or update your email address or phone number, please ensure you inform the school office so we have the correct contact details for you and you receive all communication from us.



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Reading at Home

Class	Number of times children have read this week						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception		3 (30%)	2 (20%)		3 (30%)	2 (20%)	5 (50%)
Year 1	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	2 (12%)	2 (12%)	3 (18%)	5 (31%)	8 (50%)
Year 2	3 (12%)			3 (12%)	4 (16%)	14 (60%)	18 (76%)
Year 3	3 (13%)	3 (13%)	1 (6%)	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	11 (50%)	13 (59%)
Year 4		1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)	19 (73%)	23 (88%)
Year 5			1 (5%)	1 (5%)	2 (11%)	15 (79%)	17 (90%)
Year 6			2 (7%)		13 (46.5%)	13 (46.5%)	26 (93%)

Well done to Year 6, where 93% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

For mental health support for young people
visit: www.youngminds.org.uk



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