



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been another busy and eventful week at Kelvedon Hatch, and it has once again demonstrated what a close and supportive community we are fortunate to be part of.

During my time here, I have had the privilege of working with many different people, children, families, staff, governors and members of the wider community. One thing that consistently shines through is the incredible community spirit that exists here. Living in a village brings so many benefits; there is a real sense of belonging, people look out for one another, and everyone works together to support our children. It is something that makes our school a very special place to be.

This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception families who will be joining us in September. It was wonderful to meet so many excited children and parents at the beginning of their journey with us. Starting school is such an important milestone, and we are looking forward to getting to know each family over the coming months. The warmth, enthusiasm and positivity shown by our new families was lovely to see, and we cannot wait to welcome them fully into the Kelvedon Hatch Community.

You may also have noticed that Mr Duff and Mrs Everett have been in school quite a lot this week. This highlights one of the many benefits of being part of a trust. The support we receive from our central team is invaluable, providing expertise, challenge, guidance and encouragement to help us continually improve. Whether it is school improvement, curriculum development, safeguarding, finance or operational support, having experienced professionals working alongside us ensures that we can focus on providing the very best opportunities for our children.

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Mr Lewis from the trust, who carried out an online safety audit. Online safety is an area that we take very seriously, and it was extremely positive to have the opportunity to review our current provision, discuss best practice and identify ways in which we can continue to strengthen our approach. The meeting was very positive, and it was reassuring to receive recognition for the work already taking place across the school to keep our children safe online.

Another exciting event this week was our School Council elections. It was wonderful to see the children put themselves forward and demonstrate confidence, responsibility and a desire to make a positive difference to our school community. The children spoke passionately about their ideas and what they would like to achieve for their peers, showing great courage in presenting themselves for election.

I am delighted to announce that our newly elected KHCPs MP is **Ghaniyyah**, with **Sadie** and **Abdul** elected as Deputy MPs. A huge **congratulations** to all three children. I know they will represent the views of their classmates with pride and work hard to continue making our school an even better place. Well done also to every child who took part in the election process, putting yourself forward takes courage, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who got involved.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, attendance remains incredibly important. Whilst it can be tempting to take time away from school as summer approaches, every day really does count. The final few weeks of term are always some of the busiest and most exciting, with transition activities, sporting events, enrichment opportunities and special celebrations planned across the school. These experiences are an important part of school life and help to create lasting memories for our children, as well as supporting their learning and personal development. We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks and are excited to share these opportunities with the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school regularly and make the most of everything that is on offer.

It is the strong partnership between school, families and the wider community that makes Kelvedon Hatch such a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow and thrive. Wishing you all very happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

Monday 22 June – Healthy Eating Workshop with Pabulum

Thursday 25 June – Year 3 Roman workshop

Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July – Year 6 residential activities

Tuesday 7 July – One Plan Meetings

Friday 10 July – Sports Day, picnic & PTA summer fair

Monday 13 July – Summer concert

Tuesday 14 July – 100% attendance party

Wednesday 15 July – Sunflower competition end date

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.



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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	100%	82.4%	96%	94%	85.6%	88%	94.5%	91.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	Year 6



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.8%	96.1%	97.3%	94.5%	89.2%	92.4%	95.3%	94.3%

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
Dolly	Sadie	Jake	Charlie	Teddy	Mia	Oscar



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Lenny in Year 3 has been selected for the Headteacher's Award for consistently demonstrating kindness towards both adults and children. He is always willing to help others, shows consideration for those around him and is a wonderful role model for our school values.



Important reminders

Please remember to order your child's meal via ParentPay by midnight on the day before the meal is required. All meals should be paid for in advance at all times.

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.



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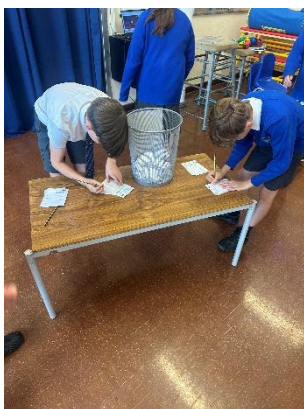


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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week. Number of times children have read this week						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	2 (17%)	1 (8%)	3 (25%)	3 (25%)		3 (25%)	3 (25%)
Year 1	1 (6%)		4 (25%)	1 (6%)	3 (18%)	4 (25%)	7 (44%)
Year 2	1 (4%)		2 (10%)	1 (4%)	4 (18%)	14 (64%)	18 (82%)
Year 3	1 (4%)	6 (26%)	1 (4%)		6 (26%)	9 (40%)	15 (66%)
Year 4	3 (10%)	1 (4%)			7 (26%)	16 (60%)	23 (86%)
Year 5	6 (30%)		1 (5%)		3 (15%)	10 (50%)	13 (65%)
Year 6	1 (3%)		1 (3%)		19 (63%)	9 (30%)	28 (93%)
Well done to Year 6, where 93% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



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What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➡➡	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	➡➡	Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➡➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➡➡	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	➡➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➡➡	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➡➡	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➡➡	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➡➡	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➡➡	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	➡➡	GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	➡➡	Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➡➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➡➡	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

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Should my child go to school/nursery today?

Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>



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