



King's Cliffe Endowed Primary School

Growing a Love for Learning

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Tea-Time Talk

Our school value of the fortnight is INDIVIDUALITY. Please take some time to talk to your child about the importance of each and everyone's individuality and how we can celebrate our differences.

This Week's Good News

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a good half term break.



It was only the first day back, but Year 5 were immersed once again in Tudor life when they visited Holdenby House. They learnt all about heraldry and its meanings, as well as how important the wise women were to a community. Some children made soap while others made a Tussy mussy and we all learnt how important it was to have a dried toad somewhere on our person to ward off illness! Everyone learnt how to do a Tudor dance in the ballroom and afterwards played a selection of Tudor games. As always the children enjoyed learning outside of the classroom and Mistress Cat and Mistress Lettice remarked that their behaviour was excellent.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from the illustrator, Gary Parsons. Gary has illustrated many children's books and spent the day talking to the children about how he creates his characters and drawings. The children then had great fun creating their own illustrations. The day was topped off by Gary signing the children's books for them as a memento of the day.



Foundation Stage had a very exciting day on Thursday—a visit from Exotic Animal Rescue. The children were wowed by a number of amazing creatures. They watched meerkats run around the school hall, held snakes, were introduced to a tarantula, a kookaburra and a skunk and watched as an owl flew over their heads. The highlight, however, was a 2 stone tortoise which had to be brought in on a trolley and the children absolutely loved it.

Our gymnasts took part in the County Finals on Thursday and did incredibly well. There were 100 schools competing, many of these were much bigger than KCEPS, and our girls came a very credible 6th place. We are very proud of you!

We are pleased to let you know that the new outdoor gym equipment has been installed this week. We have to wait a little while for the foundations to set properly before the children are able to use it, but we hope it will be fully open next week.

We have had TA interviews this week and we are pleased to advise parents that we have appointed Louise Lindsey as our new TA. Miss Lindsey will be starting with us after Easter.

A big thank you to the PFA for putting on a great Valentines disco and raising an amazing £425.53.

Diary Dates

Monday, 2nd Mar
Y2 Trip to Rockingham Castle

One Touch Football for Yrs 1-2 & 3-6 @ 3.25-4.25

Tennis Club for Yrs 2-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Kids4Fitness for Yrs 1-2 @ 3.30-4.30

Homework Club for Yrs 1-6 @ 3.30-4.15

Tuesday, 3rd Mar

Y4 Trip to Lunt Fort

Board Games Club for Yrs 1-2 @ Lunchtime

Film Club for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Dance Club for Yrs 5 & 6 @ 3.30-4.30

Wednesday, 4th Mar

Y6 Living Rainforest

Guitar Club for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.00

Thursday, 5th Mar

World Book Day

Kids4Fitness for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Future Dates

9th—12th Mar

Y5 Bikeability

Wednesday, 11th Mar

Year 3 Class Assembly

Online Safety &

Wellbeing Session @

Oundle Primary School—6-7pm

Monday, 16th Mar

Parents' Evening - Early

Wednesday, 18th Mar

Parents' Evening - Late

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DAY**
5 MARCH 2020

World Book Day

A reminder to all parents that it is World Book Day next Thursday, 5th March when children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite children's book.

A Note from the PFA

Happy Friday. We are all very happy here as we've just paid in the money raised from the school disco. We are delighted to announce that we raised £425.53. This really is a staggering amount as we had half the children we usually have for discos. As always, the tuck shop was a great success and a fantastic way for the children to practice using money. A big thank you to the staff who attended & our parent helpers. I know I say this each time but we really couldn't do these wonderful events for the children without your continued support.

As usual we are now straight into our next event to keep you all entertained & this time it's an adults only one, why should the children get all the fun right! Saturday 21st March is our annual Quiz and pudding night. As in previous years, we welcome all pudding donations so if you would like to donate please email kcespfa@gmail.com with your choice to help us put a list together.

We have had some feedback passed to us via the playground, which is always welcomed, so we would like to remind everyone about our PFA post box in reception. Please could we ask that you post any feedback regarding our events or any ideas for future events in here so we can keep track and look into these further. Please note we always try to keep our costs to a minimum and cater for all ages but we are sometimes limited with time and resources.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.
The PFA ladies :)

Oundle Festival of Literature - Change of Author

As per our earlier Parentmail to KS2 parents, I'm afraid that there has been a change of author for next Monday, 2nd March. Unfortunately, Ruth Eastham is unable to attend as she lives in northern Italy and is unable to travel to the UK due to the corona virus. Whilst we are very disappointed that Ruth can't make it, Oundle Festival of Literature has managed to find a replacement, Miriam Halahmy who comes highly recommend.

Miriam Halahmy is an experienced writer and poet whose work has been met with great praise. She has published four novels and three collections of poetry, as well as short stories and education resources. Her young-adult novel, *Hidden*, was a *Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week* and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. It has recently been staged in a small Paris theatre.

She will be sharing the book *The Emergency Zoo* with children and will also have copies available to buy for £6.00 if pupils are interested. So, if you would like your child to purchase a signed copy of the book, please send them into school with £6.00 on Monday, 2nd March. Exact money please as we will not have the facility to give change for larger notes.

Parents who had already sent in an order form and payment for a Ruth Eastham book will be reimbursed next week.

Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice. Please can you check your child's hair thoroughly, on a regular basis and treat when necessary. Please note that daily combing is required for 10-14 days after the lice have been treated to ensure that all eggs are removed. For more information please see

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Future Dates

Wednesday, 25th Mar
Year 4 Class Assembly
Y6 SATS Info Evening
for parents—6pm

Monday, 30th Mar
Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Oundle
Festival

Tuesday, 31st Mar
Y6 Oundle Festival

Thursday, 2nd April
Class Photos

Friday, 3rd April
School closes @3.25pm
for Easter break

Monday, 20th April
Teacher inset day

Tuesday, 21st April
School re-opens to
pupils

Monday, 4th May
Year 2 SATS begin

Friday, 8th May
Bank Holiday—school
will be closed

Monday, 11th May
Year 6 SATS begin

Thursday, 21st May
May Pole Festival

Friday, 22nd May
School closes @3.25pm
for half term

Clubs- Spring 2

Please email katy.evans@kingscliffeschool.co.uk with your permission for your child to take part in clubs. **You will be informed if your child DOES NOT gain a place at a club.**

Please take note of the finish time of clubs as these vary.

One Touch Football - Monday 3:25-4:25 for Years 1 - 2 and a second club for Years 3-6 Online registration only. £24 for the half term (£4 per session) Starts 24th February.

Registration—www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/

Tennis Club - Monday 3:30-4:30 for Years 2—6 £3.00 per session payable on the R2R website- under 'book now' and 'primary schools' www.r2rtennis.co.uk/booknow Starts 24th February.

Kids 4 Fitness - Monday 3:30-4:30 for Years 1-2. Starts 24th February. Limited to 14 places. **Please note that all pupils wanting to take part in this club will need to re-register this term.**

Homework Club - Monday 3:30-4:15 for Years 1-6. Please ensure that your child brings their homework with them. Starts 2nd March.

Board Games KS1 - Tuesday lunchtime years 1-2 run by Mrs Horton. Limited to 12 places. Starts 3rd March.

Dance Club - Tuesday 3:30-4:30 for years 5 & 6 run by Miss Knight. Limited to 24 places (filled on a strictly first come first served basis). Starts 25th February.

Film Club - Tuesday, 3.30-4.30 continues for those pupils already registered only. Run by Miss Boyers. Starts 25th February.

Guitar Club - Wednesday 3:30-4:00 for Years 3-6. This is run by Noise Tuition, Dan Caws is the teacher. If you would like to register please go to www.noisetuition.com Starts 26th February.

Kids 4 Fitness - Thursday 3:30-4:30 for Years 3-6. Limited to 16 places. **Please note that all pupils wanting to take part in this club will need to re-register this term. Those pupils who have been on the waiting list this term will be given priority next term.** Starts 27th February.

Gardening Club—Thursday 3:30-4:30 for Years 2-6, run by Mrs Jones. Limited to 12 places. Starts 19th March.

Lego Club—Friday 08:15-08:45 for Years 1-4, run by Mrs Law. Limited to 15 places. Starts 6th March.

Please note that Bridge Club will start again after the Easter Holiday.

Lego Donations

You will see that next half term Mrs Law will be running a morning Lego Club. We would welcome any donations of Lego from Parents. If you have any Lego you no longer need and you are happy to donate, please bring into the school office. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

In order to give families as much warning as possible please find a list of the all the events that are planned in our diary. Please note that dates and times may be subject to change. Further details will follow as we get closer to the event.

Please note changes and new dates have been marked in green/bold/underlined

June

1st—School re-opens to pupils
8th—Phonics Screening begins
15th—18th—Years 3 & 4 Residential
18th—Primary Dance Festival at The Cresset
24th—FS Class Assembly
26th—Sports Day

July

3rd—Back up Sports Day
10th—TASC Enterprise @ 3pm
14th—Leavers' Performance @ 1.30pm & 6pm
17th—Leavers' Church Services @ 9.30am
17th—School closes @3.25pm for summer holiday



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