



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

Last Friday, Year 5 went to celebrate the life of Katherine of Aragon at Peterborough Cathedral. They sang without accompaniment in front of at least 400 people and received many complements on the day and the school office received a lovely phone call from a member of the public who attended, commending the children's performance and behaviour. They completed some art work and learnt a Tudor song that they sang to the Queen. As always their behaviour made the school very proud. Thank you to the parents who transported children; without your support the enrichment we provide could not happen.



Rev Davies came into assembly on Monday and talked to the children about light and how we see light in many different aspects of our lives, including knowledge.

On Wednesday the whole school had a Kung Fu Workshop as part of Chinese New Year celebrations. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning this new skill and being coached by a Kung Fu expert. We would like to advise parents that we have spoken to the children about not doing Kung Fu in the playground or at home as it should only be done with a qualified coach.

Many of our children attended the Watoto Choir Concert in Yaxley on Thursday. It was a wonderful evening and the children were clearly "WOWED" by the choir. Brandon in Y3 said "It was really great and I wish I could see it every time they do it". We had some lovely comments from others at the concert saying how impressed they were with the enthusiasm, respect and wonderful behaviour of our children.

This week, our School Council have carried out a Healthy Eating Survey. We look forward to sharing the results of the survey with you once the School Council have had a chance to look at the information they have gathered.

Staffing Update

Mrs Hutchings is leaving the school next week to take up a position in another school. We wish her well in her new role. We are presently advertising for a replacement.

Online Safety & Wellbeing Session

There will be an Online Safety & Wellbeing session at Oundle Primary School on the evening of 11th March, delivered by Simon Aston. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Diary Dates

Monday, 3rd Feb

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 @ 3.30-4.30

Tuesday, 4th Feb

Chinese Painting Workshop for Chinese New Year

Gymnastics Club for Yrs 1-2 @ 08.00- 08.45am

Film Club for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Gymnastics Club for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Wednesday, 5th Feb

Y4 Candelmas @ St Peter's Church, Oundle

Y4 & Y5 Basketball Competition

Guitar Club for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.00

Thursday, 6th Feb

Year 1 Class Assembly

Kids4Fitness for Yrs 3-6 @ 3.30-4.30

Friday, 7th Feb

NSPCC Number Day

Future Dates

Monday, 10th Feb

E-Safety Week

Thursday, 13th
Individual School
Photos

Friday, 14th Feb

Northamptonshire Mental Health

Awareness Day
School closes @3.25pm for half term

A Note from the PFA

Happy Friday everyone, forget all the things you've encountered this week and have a great weekend!

We hope you've all received your Valentines disco invites now, we are planning some new activities for the disco so it's set to be a great night filled with lots of love.

Sadly, this week we've had to say our goodbyes to our secretary Donna Merryweather due to work commitments. This does mean we have an opening. If anyone is interested in becoming the PFA secretary or you would like anymore information, please chat with Hannah Gossage or email kcespfa@gmail.com.

On a brighter note, we have also welcomed a new PFA member, Jo Durrant. We are excited to have her on our team and know she will be a fabulous addition.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

How Are We Doing?

Thank you for the suggestions we have received in our "You Say, We Do" box.

"After School Timetable—can times be put on so we know when they finish?" - Times for all after school clubs are published at the beginning of each term and on the Newsletter each week in Diary Dates column.

"Can children attending a club after school have a snack, e.g. a biscuit/fruit?" - As time is very limited for clubs, it is not feasible to offer snacks.

"More music and instrument lessons" - Music provided in our school is above what is required in the curriculum. Children have music lessons every fortnight as well as having access to violin and guitar lessons. Also, Y4 get a ten week course in a musical instrument each year and years 1 & 2 have Ocarina lessons. In addition to this, music plays a big part in our school performances, whole school and class assemblies and we participate in the Oundle Festivals.

"I am always bemused to receive letters asking my child to take part in an inter-school competition. The upcoming cross country competition next week for example, when the school offers no clubs in that sport for he children to practice both the sport and how to play as a team in the run" - We always prepare children for sporting competitions as part of the PE lesson and, where necessary, run additional clubs, e.g. Gymnastics, to prepare them.

"Please could you run a dance club after school (for all of KS2 at least)?" In the Spring Term 2 through to Summer Term 2, we offer an after school dance club for KS2 only and this is because they take part in a Primary Showcase event. We do not have plans to offer a dance club to other year groups.

"It would be lovely if there were more lunchtime clubs for the children; choir, chess, dance, for example" - Unfortunately, we do not have capacity to run lunchtime clubs as teachers have lunchtime duties and need to prepare for the afternoon lessons. However, games are run throughout lunchtime by Lunchtime Supervisors and Sports Crew members.

Future Dates

Monday, 24th Feb

School re-opens to pupils
School Book Fortnight begins

Y5 Tudor Day @ Holdenby House

Tuesday, 25th Feb

Illustrator Children Workshop—Whole School

Thursday, 27th Feb

FS Exotic Animal Rescue

Y3 & Y4 County Gymnastics Finals

Monday, 2nd Mar

Y2 Trip to Rockingham Castle

Wed 4th Mar

Y6 Living Rainforest

Thursday, 5th Mar

World Book Day
9th—12th—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

Wednesday, 25th Mar

Year 4 Class Assembly
Y6 SATS Info Evening for parents—6pm

Monday, 30th Mar
Class Photos

w/c 30th Mar
Oundle Festival

Action Research

The Year 1 team (Mrs Horton and Mrs Law) would like to inform you that they are taking part in some exciting action research in formative assessment which will mean that there will be some changes occurring as part of how the classroom routines and teaching and learning is happening. This is currently just involving Year 1 but will be rolled out across school in due course. One of the changes this week, for example, has been the classroom layout of tables and also how we embrace learning together with our learning partners. We would welcome you talking to your children about these as we will be valuing the pupil voice throughout this work. We hope that this will inspire the children to 'grow a love of learning' even more than they currently do.

NSPCC Number Day—Friday, 7th February

Parents should have received their sponsorship forms for the NSPCC Number Day coming up in February. Please remember to come along to school from 2.45pm to take part in the maths fun, games and activities and there will also be a cake sale, so don't forget to bring along your pennies. All money will go to the NSPCC.

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

April

3rd—School closes @3.25pm for Easter break
20th—Teacher inset day
21st—School re-opens to pupils

May

8th—Bank Holiday—school will be closed
4th—Year 2 SATS begin
11th—Year 6 SATS begin
21st—May Pole Festival
22nd—School closes @3.25pm for half term

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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