

## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

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**Our value: At Kilburn Grange School we put the children at the heart of everything we do in order for them to Learn. Enjoy. Succeed. – Wonder, Enjoy, Collaborate, Aspire, Reflect, Endeavour.**

### WELCOME TO OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER OF 2018.

**What has been happening?** As you would expect at this time of year, we have all been busy – the children, in particular! All classes presented their festive concerts to parents and the rest of the school and we thank those of you who were able to attend and those of you who kindly gave contributions to books, costumes and other equipment. Friends of Kilburn Grange School report that we raised £155 from the bucket donations at the doors. Thank you all so very much for your generosity.

Our concerts embodied the spirit of Kilburn Grange School; its acceptance of, respect for and tolerance of all faiths, cultures and languages and its commitment to including everybody in all it does.

The week before our concerts, all classes held parent consultations and, again, we thank all of you who were able to attend. This exchange of views and sharing of children's successes and development points is crucial so we ask that parents contact their child's class teacher if you were unable to attend so that an alternative time can be arranged for you to discuss your child's progress. We value our partnership with parents as it has a significant impact on our children's success.

Years 1 and 2 visited Kensington Palace and EYFS went to London Zoo to see the 'Living Nativity'. Additionally, some of our Year 3 children made the journey to John Lyons School in Harrow to watch their sixth form drama students in a production of 'Anything Goes'.

Coach K led our sporting team to another victory and the team goes from strength to strength.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we welcomed a very special visitor along with his friends who remained on the roof during the visit while we sent up carrots! Santa visited each class in turn and then was kind enough to stay for the Christmas Fair to hand out lucky dip prizes and share the festivities with our school community. If the children arrived at the fair somewhat 'hot and sweaty', that is because they were busy dancing at the disco in our hall!

A great day was had by all and Santa left with a message saying how pleased he was to have visited us and what a wonderful community feel the school has.

**Code of Conduct** – we would like to remind all parents of the importance of adhering to the code of conduct and, in particular, the way in which social media of any sort is used (WhatsApp or YouTube etc). We ask that all comments made on social media are positive and in keeping with our aim of promoting the values of WE CARE and also fundamental British values, particularly those of tolerance and mutual respect.

We are always happy to discuss any concerns you may have and ask that you use the usual channels of class teacher first, Key Stage Leader second, Deputy Head third and then Headteacher if you feel your issue has remained unresolved. Thank you.

**Club dismissal** – We thank you for your feedback about our new arrangement for club dismissal and, having tried this out successfully last week, we will be using this method in the future to dismiss all clubs. Children will be brought to the playground by club leaders and at least one senior leader who will help with dismissal. **PLEASE** impress upon your children that they **MUST** stay outside in the playground and, if collected late, an adult will take them inside; they **MUST NOT** go anywhere on their own. As you will appreciate, even with three adults outside, children get very excited when they see their parents or become distressed if not collected and their instinct is sometimes to go looking for their known adult.

**Staffing** – We are delighted to announce to you all that Miss Sophie Richards will be returning in January having completed her contrasting placement at Deer Park School, one of our sister schools. She will be taking over Lake Class and will work very closely with the KS1 Leader and Deputy Head, Ms Khinich. You may have seen Miss Richards in school this past week as she has been getting to know the class.

**Christmas card competition** – Children who designed a Christmas card submitted their entries which were judged by School Council. The winning cards were then printed and we have sent them to our sister schools, community groups and other people with whom we work closely to enhance our school provision. Winning designs came from:

Iena Fee in Dale Class

Helen Ahmed in Dale Class

Lilly Aouis in Moor Class

Kiki Padfield in Cove Class

We thank them for their beautiful designs which were shared with the school in assembly.

**Late Collection** - We would like to remind you that the school day ends at 3:30pm and that is when all children should be collected. The gates close at 3:40 – 3:45pm. If you arrive to collect your child after this time, you need to go to the main entrance and sign the late collection book. Any collection after 3:45pm will incur a fee of £5 for every 5 minutes beyond 3:45pm. We will be enforcing this strictly from January.

Please be aware that putting your child in a club while they wait to be collected will no longer be an offer we can make.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

**Attend and Achieve** – It has been a term of fluctuating attendance and our average attendance currently stands at 96% which is below national average. We had one day when our attendance was 100% so it is possible! We ask all parents to call **on every day that their child is unwell or not attending school** and we ask that you do not to take any time off during the school term or school day. It is crucial that children have both morning and afternoon attendance marks and that they are in for the whole day. Where appointments are necessary, we are thankful to parents who make those appointments outside school hours wherever possible. Please note that any absences requested for holidays will not be authorised during term time.

Please see the table below for class and overall figures. Let's keep working on this to see if we can have more than one day when we have 100% attendance!



**Attendance**

| Class   | Attendance | Overall Attendance |
|---------|------------|--------------------|
| Meadow  | 96.0%      | <b>96.7%</b>       |
| Pasture | 96.4%      |                    |
| Dale    | 97.2%      |                    |
| Lake    | 97.4%      |                    |
| Cove    | 96.5%      |                    |
| Heath   | 98.6%      |                    |
| Moor    | 95.8%      |                    |

**Remember that the National Attendance Figure is 96+%.**

A few brief reminders:

- We return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (staff have an INSET day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January but we will not be on-site) at the usual time and look forward to seeing ALL children on time on that day.
- Please ensure that children come to school with appropriate uniform, including PE kits. They should also have warm clothing as some reports are suggesting a harsh winter!
- Next year's term dates are now on the website. Please refer to them when booking holidays and avoid making bookings on any school days. Thank you.

Finally, whether you celebrate Christmas or a different festival, we wish you all a very peaceful and enjoyable holiday. May you spend many happy hours with friends and family and we hope to see you back in January, fully refreshed and ready for the new term.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts and also for your support and commitment to the school.

With best wishes from all at Kilburn Grange

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**



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### Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year: 2019-2020

|   |   |               |
|---|---|---------------|
| Autumn Term 2019  |   | Total Days 74 |
| First Half of Autumn Term   | Monday, 02 September 2019 – Friday, 18 October 2019                               |               |
| Half Term   | Monday, 21 October 2019 – Friday, 25 October 2019                                 |               |
| Second Half of Autumn Term  | Monday, 28 October 2019 – Thursday, 19 December 2019                              |               |
| School Christmas Holidays   | Friday, 20 December 2019 – Friday, 03 January 2020                                |               |
| Bank Holidays   | Wednesday 25 December 2019, Thursday 26 December 2019 & Wednesday 01 January 2020 |               |
| Inset days this term – Monday 2 September<br>Tuesday 3 September 2019 |   |               |
| Spring Term 2020  |   | Total Days 60 |
| First Half of Spring Term   | Monday, 06 January 2020 – Friday, 14 February 2020                                |               |
| Half Term   | Monday, 17 February 2020 – Friday, 21 February 2020                               |               |
| Second Half of Spring Term  | Monday, 24 February 2020 – Friday, 03 April 2020                                  |               |
| School Easter Holidays  | Monday, 06 April 2020 – Friday, 17 April 2020                                     |               |
| Bank Holidays   | Friday, 10 April 2020 & Monday, 13 April 2020                                     |               |
| Inset days this term – Monday 6 January 2020                          |   |               |
| Summer Term 2020  |   | Total Days 61 |
| First Half of Summer Term   | Monday, 20 April 2020 – Friday, 22 May 2020                                       |               |
| Half Term   | Monday, 25 May 2020 – Friday, 29 May 2020   |               |
| Second Half of Summer Term  | Monday, 01 June 2020 – Tuesday 21 July 2020                                       |               |
| Bank Holidays   | Monday, 04 May 2020 & Monday, 25 May 2020   |               |
| Inset days this term – Monday 20 July 2020<br>Tuesday 21 July 2020    |   |               |

## KEY FORTHCOMING DATES

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Healthy eating assembly for all children

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Workshop for parents, led by Ms Khinich, on Accelerated Reader for Y2 and Y3 parents. Time tbc.

Please see above the 2019/2020 term dates, also posted on the website. Look out for further dates in our next newsletter as classes will be preparing class assemblies for parents to watch. Full details and dates will be shared in the next newsletter.