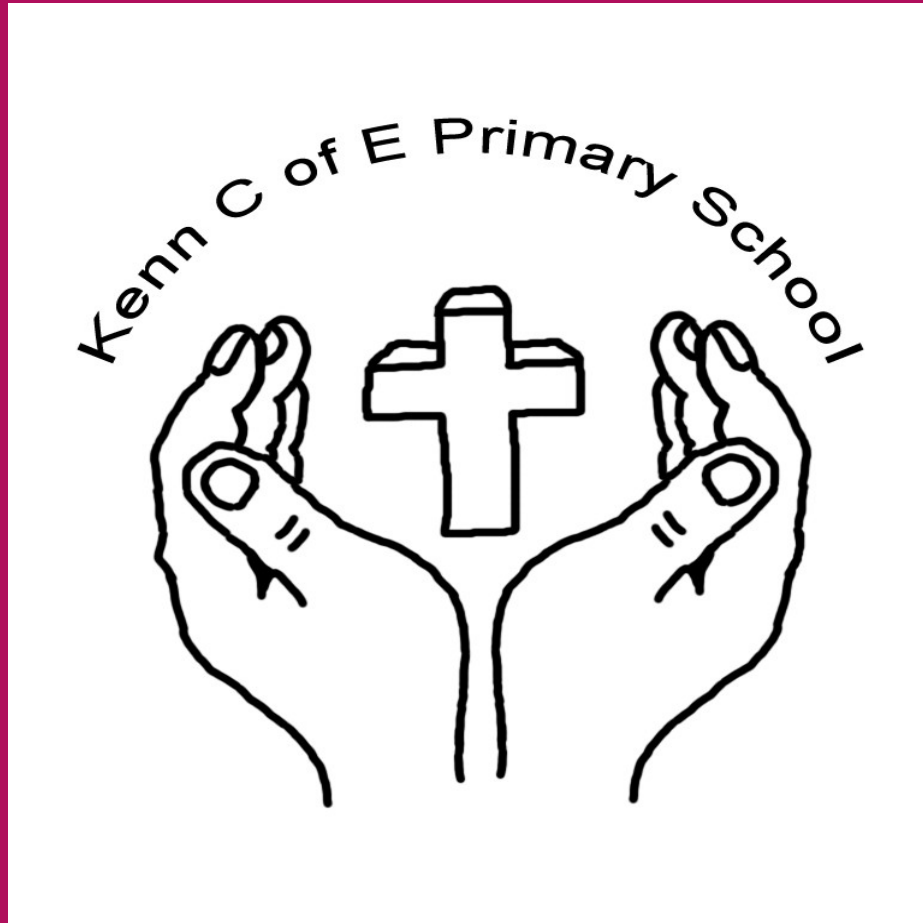


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Newsletter

Thursday 21st October

WELL DONE!

Happy Half Term Everyone

Wow, that went quickly! It only seems like a blink of an eye since the children were returning from the summer holidays and we were welcoming them back to school. It has been a very busy and exciting half term, with harvest assemblies (the first live performances in nearly two years!), the return to a whole school 'bubble', bikeability for many children, PE enrichment days for all classes, recycling workshops and many other exciting developments and activities. However, the most important thing has been the extremely impressive way that children have settled back to the daily school routines, with happy lunch and playtimes, clubs, whole school assemblies and excellent learning in classrooms.

From everyone in school, we would like to say a massive WELL DONE to all children and parents for your positive and supportive approach. Everyone now deserves a relaxing and happy break next week, ready for another brilliant half term in school when we return on **Monday 1st November**.

Our Curriculum



New Curriculum pages on Website

To give you all more information to our curriculum, please see our updated curriculum pages on the school website.

The flip book (shown above) gives an overview of our approaches, with detailed 'curriculum intent statements' and knowledge and skills progressions listed further down the page, for anyone who fancies a deep dive into what the children learn at school.

<https://kenn-primary.devon.sch.uk/info-and-forms/our-curriculum/>

Parents' Consultation Calls

Please remember, this term we will be doing our teacher/parent consultations via the telephone.

Teachers will be available to call you on the afternoons/evening listed below. Please email the Kenn Parents email address (kennparents@kennandkenton.devon.sch.uk) with a preferred hour to be called, and the teachers will do their best to call you in that hour. We can manage 5 calls per hour, so if there is not room in any given hour, you may be asked to choose another.

Week starting Monday 1st November:

Class 1	Monday 2.00pm—4.00pm Thursday 4.00pm—6.00pm
Class 2	Monday 4pm—6pm Tuesday 2.00pm—6.00pm
Class 3	Monday 2.30pm—5.30pm Tuesday 4.30pm—7.00pm
Class 4	Wednesday 2.30pm—7.30pm

Each meeting will a maximum of 10 minutes long. The purpose of the call will be to discuss how your child has settled in their new class, next steps with their learning and anything else that needs addressing.

Staffing at Kenn after Half Term

All the classes will have the same teaching staff after half term. Mr Baxter will continue as Deputy Head. We will inform you as soon as we can regarding when Mrs Arrowsmith is due to return.



Healthy Schools + Sustainability

Thank you for the brilliant response to this update—the reduction in non-fruit snacks for playtimes has been wonderful to see and has been very noticeable.

As a reminder, this is what we have asked you to do:

As part of our aim to be as healthy a school as possible, we would like to remind you of a few key policies.

If having packed lunch, children should have a well balanced lunch. This should include something carbohydrate based to fill children up (usually a sandwich), some fresh fruit or vegetables and something as a treat (crisps/biscuits). Below is an example of a healthy packed lunch:

Please do not send your child in with sweets, fizzy drinks or extra large bags of crisps or chocolate bars.

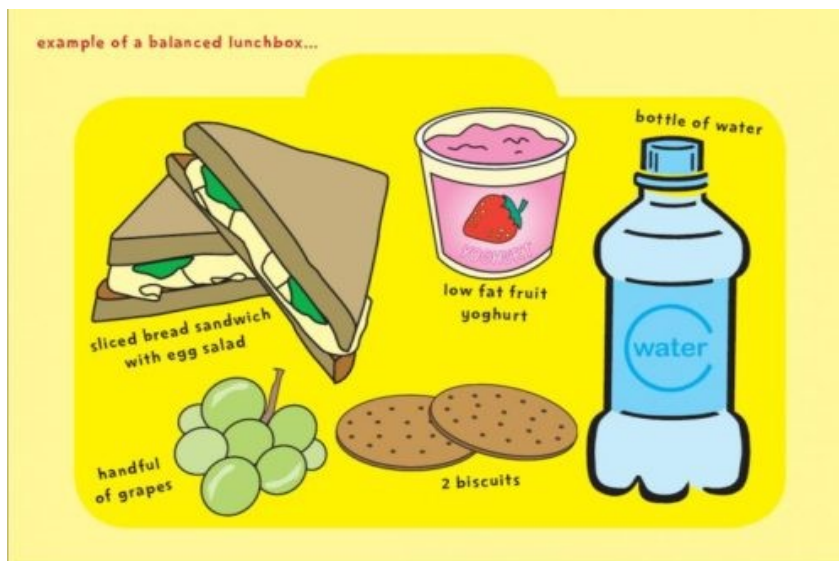
Snacks

Please ensure that any snacks brought into school are fresh fruit or vegetables. We are trying to reduce the waste that is produced by the school, so please don't send in fruit strings/YoYo bears. All snacks should be in their natural wrapper (banana, apple, orange) or in a reusable container. We only have organic waste bins in the playground, so no other rubbish should be brought in.

Drinks

Please ensure that all children have a water bottle in school every day. This should be only for water, no squash or juice.

Please let us know if you have any queries or questions about any of the things listed above.



Facemasks

Again, we'd like to thank you all for wearing facemasks when entering the school grounds. As well as keeping parents and children safe, it has also meant that we haven't been in the situation to have to close classes due to staff shortages. There are many schools who have had to either fully or partially close due to staff being off with Covid. Thankfully, we haven't yet been in this situation.



Oracy October

We are having a big focus on developing oracy skills across the Federation. We have introduced the children to an oracy October initiative. Oracy is a powerful tool for learning and enables children to become more effective speakers and listeners, empowering them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, enabling all children, not just some, to find their voices to succeed in school and life.

During October, why not sit down with your child for 5/10 mins and talk through the following discussion points. These challenges have been developed to help your child develop their reasoning and explanation skills, extend their sentences and widen their vocabulary.



EYFS

What is your favourite colour?

If you could have any pet, what would it be?

What is your favourite game?

Do you like hot weather or cold weather?

What is your favourite food?

KS1

If you could be an animal, what would you be?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

If you could be invisible for the day, what would you do?

Where in the world would you like to travel?

What three words best describe you?

KS2

Are school uniforms a good idea?

What do you think about the climate crisis?

Who inspires you and why?

What is important about parents or carers?

What are the pros and cons of homework?

We hope that you enjoy taking the time to engage in focused oracy time with your child!

Mrs Crossley-May and Mrs Lunn

(English Leads)

Diary of Events

Monday 25th— Friday 29th October	Half term		
Monday 1st— Thursday 4th November	Parents Meetings via Telephone (please see previous page for details)	Phone	After school
Thursday 4th November	Theatre Alibi School visit	School	AM
Tuesday 16th November	SCARF PSHE workshops	School	All day
Friday 17th December	Last day of the Autumn term—Merry Christmas!		

Term Dates

2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021 begins Wednesday 8th September 2021

Half-term 25th to 29th October 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn Term Ends 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022 begins Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half-term Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 28th February 2022

Spring term ends on Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022 begins Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half-term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Second half of term starts Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil Day on Friday 8th July 2022

Summer term ends on Friday 22nd July 2022