



KEW NEWS

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With this newsletter you will receive

- Clubs Letter together with the Yellow sign up form and information sheet
- Form for Year 1 and 2 from Springboard (the Multi-Fit Club)

Dear Parents,

The school is resounding with music and poetry at the moment as we practise for the Carol Concert, and from my window I can see a crocodile of very small shepherds, angels and kings heading across the playground in their wellies through the snow to rehearse for their Nativity plays. This is truly a delightful time to be working in a primary school!

The Infant and Junior discos last week both went with a swing. It was particularly good to see how many of the children felt confident to come forward and demonstrate their singing or dancing in front of a friendly audience, and the general good humour with which they treat each other. The Kew College Friends continue to devote their energies to giving your children these wonderful opportunities whilst raising money for the school and charity. Yesterday they ran the 'Secret Santa' sessions with equal energy, handling a steady stream of excited children coming to choose presents. I enjoyed witnessing the children laughing and chatting as they queued outside my office, marshalled by a parent dressed as a reindeer - well done, that parent!

This evening our singers will be singing carols in Kew Village as part of the 'Kew Sparkle' celebrations. They will be singing at 5.30 p.m., and I am sure they would appreciate as much support as possible from Kew College families, so do some along and join in. The parents of those children should collect them from Kew Village, not from school, afterwards. Please keep a very close eye on your children as this event can become crowded.

On Monday 6th December Years 2 to 6 will be going to St Anne's Church on Kew Green to practise for the Carol Concert from 9.00 to 12.00, then back to school for lunch. On Tuesday 7th they will be rehearsing in the church again during the morning and will need to be collected from school at 12.15, so they do not need to bring lunch on that day. Musicians, however, will remain in the church (with their lunch) for a further practice and should be collected from the church at 2.00 p.m.

Some of you might already know that Mr Newton will be leaving us at the end of this term. He has been successful in a very tough selection process to enter the Army Commissioning Course at R.M.A Sandhurst. We are very grateful to Mr Newton for all his contributions to school life, including some great trumpet playing, and he will be hugely missed. We wish him all the very best for the future. Mrs Bauman will also, sadly, be retiring at Christmas. She has been a wonderfully warm and effective presence in our Infant Department. We wish her all the very best, and hope to see her back in school whenever possible. We are keeping Miss Bauman as a hostage! Miss Constantine will be returning to us in a different guise next term as Mrs Barnard. We wish her a beautiful white winter wedding.

Year 6 have been working with determination in preparation for their entrance exams in January and we are very proud of all of them. There will be a Revision Morning for Year 6 pupils on Monday 3rd January from 10.00 to 1.00. They may wear their own clothes and should bring a snack.

Anne Dobell



NOTICES

GAMES NOTICE

On Tuesday 7th December - no games due to the Carol Service.

On Thursday 9th December, there will be games as usual at University of Westminster Sports Ground. The girls netball tournament (cancelled yesterday due to bad weather conditions)

Last swimming session also next week on 9th December as usual.

Monday 6 th December	Years 2—6 Rehearsal at St Annes, Kew Green, children walking there and back with Kew College Staff. Normal pick up time.	9—12pm
	Choir Club – Last session	
Tuesday 7th December	Years 2—6 Rehearsal at St Annes, Kew Green. Children to be collected from school at 12.15pm	Collection for Years 2—6 at 12.15pm today
	Christmas Concert in St Anne’s Church, Kew Green. Please ensure your child is at the church at 5.00pm promptly. Doors open for parents at 5.15pm.	5.45 – 6.45pm
Wednesday 8th December	Infant Christmas Performances in the Sedum Coffee and mince pies will be served in the main school hall after each performance. Please see for Performance times and collection schedule.	
	9.30am Nursery Red & Nursery Yellow (only Parents NR) Please collect from Nursery Door	
	11.00am Kindergarten Blue (only Parents KB) Parents collect from their classroom	
	12.00 Kindergarten Green (only Parents KG) Parents collect from their classroom	
	1.30pm Form 1M (only Parents 1M) Please collect from the usual collection points	
Thursday 9 th December	2.30pm Form 1C (only Parents 1C) Please collect from the usual collection points	
	9.30 Nursery Red and Nursery Yellow performance (only Parents NY) Please see below the schedule for the morning	
	Coffee and mince pies will be served in the main school hall. Children to be collected after the coffee from the Nursery door.	
	End of Term for Nursery Yellow	4.00pm
	Last Mad Science Club	3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 10 th December	End of Term	12.15pm

DEBATING CLUB

This week's motion was "This house believes that it is better to go on holiday in Britain than to go abroad."

Points raised were:

It is more eco-friendly to stay in Britain.

It is less expensive to stay in Britain especially for larger families.

Health issues are easier to attend to in your own language and without the need for expensive health insurances for holiday destinations.

The weather is at least predictable, even if it is predictably awful.

The language experience abroad is a valuable life skill.

Opportunities to experience different cultures are invaluable when dealing with people.

It is good to experience other physical landscapes and wildlife.

The motion was defeated by 8 votes to 2 with an amazing 16 abstentions! The children have become very adept at thinking on their feet and it is good to see how the children respond with respect to each other's arguments, even when they don't agree! Well done to the debating team this week and to the Chair for the strong control she had of the House.



YEAR 4 CRAFT AFTERNOON



November

Thank you to all Parents and Colleagues who donated money to the Kew College 'Movember' fundraiser. It was a long month of uneasy looks and itchy upper lips, but the men of Kew College succeeded in growing an array of impressive facial adornments.

To date we have raised **£350**. If you have not donated yet, there is still time! Remember that there are two ways in which to donate money. You can either send money directly to the school office or make a donation online. Simply log on to the website www.movember.com and look up our school team (click on the 'Make a Donation' link).

We are known as the 'Kew-Mo-Crew' and our registration number is 884312.

Thank you once again, for kindly supporting this initiative.

Matt Barlow

NOTICE FROM KCF

Tea Towels

The second order of Tea Towels have now arrived, please collect your order together with the correct amount or cheque made payable to KCF (£2.50)

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Children's Christmas Post Box will be in the main entrance of the school from **Monday 6th December**, ready to accept its usual huge numbers of cards.

This is for all children in the school who wish to send Christmas cards to each other. When you leave your cards in the box please could you:

- bundle all cards for the same class together with an elastic band
- Clearly mark the form number
- Put first AND surname on the envelope
This will really help the sorting office!

Many Thanks
KCF

