

# KEDINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

January 2018

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Kedington to all Pupils, Parents and Staff, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter as the new Headteacher of Kedington Primary Academy. All the staff, children and parents have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community.

Since my appointment in September, I have been fortunate enough to be able to visit the school on several occasions to meet with Mrs Sheargold, pupils and staff. I would like to extend my thanks to Karen for ensuring that the transition to a new Headteacher was as smooth as possible.

To borrow a familiar phrase, my aim at Kedington will be to continue to "appreciate what we have and aspire to greater things." To ensure that during their time at Kedington pupils have the best possible chances to achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Welcome too to Michaela Harris who joins me as Deputy Headteacher here at the school from Lane End Primary School in Buckinghamshire. Michaela brings with her considerable energy and expertise to the role, and I am delighted to have her alongside me as we begin the next chapter here at the school. Please come and introduce yourselves to us in the playground!

Kind regards

Matt Martin

Headteacher



### Dates for your Diary

**8th February - 6pm**

Y6 SATS and Kingswood Residential  
Information Evening

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16th February 2018**

Half Term

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 5pm - 8pm**

Parent Consultations

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

World Book Day

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 4pm - 7pm**

Parent Consultations

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

PTFA Mothering Sunday Gift  
Exchange Day - Reception to Year 6

**26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Y3/4 Production

(Dress rehearsal - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March)

**26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Year 6 Kingswood Trip

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Last day of Term

**30<sup>th</sup> March - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Easter Holidays

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

PD Day

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Children return to school





### School Uniform

During the cold months, please ensure your child is wearing the school's winter uniform. This includes a white shirt and tie. Please note boots are not part of our uniform policy and can only be worn on the playground. For more information please refer to our website.

### PTFA Christmas Fayre

A huge thanks to all parents and children who contributed towards the Christmas Fayre, held at the end of the Autumn Term. I am delighted to report that over £850 was raised for the school. Thanks also to the PTFA for their hard work and commitment towards the school. As always feedback is welcomed on all PTFA events. Please do come and speak to myself or members of the PTFA if you have any ideas or suggestions - or if you are able to give some of your time to help at events.

### Attendance

The Spring term has got off to an excellent start with attendance being 0.9% above the national average, with our attendance rate currently standing at 96.9% . Good attendance makes a significant difference to a child's progress and I would like to thank you for giving this matter such careful consideration.

### New Changing Rooms & Toilets

The building work has begun in earnest to create a new changing room and toilets for upper Key Stage 2. This will be located in the space between the Technology Room, Library and external storage area, backing onto the Year 3 & 4 wet area. The builders have marked off a section of the car park, and we appreciate that this will make space even tighter for the coming term! The existing toilets will have a 'make over' becoming an additional learning area in Years 5 & 6. We hope that this project allows our older children a higher degree of privacy and will meet their growing needs.

### Safety

In order to keep all of our families safe, please use the path when entering and leaving the school premises. The number of adults and children cutting across the car park is becoming of increasing concern and is a risk which can be avoided. Similarly, please consider others when parking your car at drop off and pick up time in and around the school. I am sure you will join me in making children's safety our number one priority.

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### New Website, Twitter and Class Dojo!

Exciting news! Soon we will be launching three new ways of keeping in touch with all the news and events at the school. The new website will be launching imminently alongside a new school Twitter feed @KedingtonPA.

We will also be launching a new program, Class Dojo. This will allow you to keep up to date with the learning within class, as well as giving you a secure platform to message the class teacher. Details will follow soon alongside your login details.