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Weekly News



Respect	Caring	Co-operation	Perseverance	Honesty	Responsibility
Reverence	Compassion	Service	Endurance	Virtue	Trust

Headteacher's Message

It's been another productive week at Kelvedon St Mary's. This half term we are learning about our values of compassion and caring during our collective worships and assemblies. On Monday, we welcomed Reverend Tasha who made us think hard about what we can do to take care of God's wonderful world. Many of the children voiced a preference to reduce, reuse and recycle and so we will be considering how we can further promote this in school.

Over the last fortnight children in year 6 have led tours of Kelvedon St Mary's for prospective parents. We have been delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received. Many have commented on how impressed they were by the children's knowledge, ability to engage the audience and confidence. Well done children!

On Tuesday our girls' football team took part in the Essex County Schools FA U11s School Final. Unfortunately, after a loss, draw and a win – the girls were knocked out of the competition. Most impressively, the girls have been fantastic ambassadors for the school and have made great progress as a team. A big thank you to the staff, parents/carers and friends that supported the girls on this brilliant achievement.

As you will be aware, we have recently implemented a new validated phonics scheme to support our earliest readers to decode words with accuracy and fluency. Mrs Powell, our Phonics Lead, is hosting a parent workshop on Thursday 24th November at 3:30pm in the school hall. The purpose of this session will be to share our approach to teaching phonics and provide ideas on how to support your child at home. Please do come along.

Please note, the school gates will continue to be closed promptly at 9am for the children's safety. We are talking to the children about the importance of punctuality and our expectations for all children to arrive on time. If the gates are closed when you arrive – please report to the school office. Enjoy a great weekend,
Lois Osborne

Diary Dates

Next week:

November

- Tuesday 22nd November – Year 6 Communion
- Thursday 24th November – Phonics workshop for parents at 3:30pm
- Friday 25th November – Enterprise sale

December

- Thursday 1st December – Year 2 and Year 3 Christingle Service at 2pm.
- Monday 5th December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 6th December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm
- Friday 9th December – PTFA Christmas Fair, 3.20pm – 4.20pm
- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Carol Candlelight Service and Christmas Dinner (please note that the PTFA disco will be held next term)
- Friday 16th December – Last day of autumn term
- Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January – Christmas break

Excellent Punctuality

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:

KS1: 2M

KS2: 4F, 5S, 5C, 6L

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have kindly donated to Children in Need today. We will let you know how much money we have raised next week.

Polite Reminder

Please ensure children do not climb on the large playground apparatus at the start or end of the school day. Members of staff are not supervising at this time and so it is not safe for the children to play on the equipment.

School Development Update

As part of an initiative across Canonium Learning Trust to gain a better understanding of children's performance, we will be introducing termly assessments. The first round of termly assessments will begin week commencing 21st November. Over a period of a fortnight the teachers will support the children to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through low-stakes tasks, including classroom activities, written outcomes, reading and maths quiz packs.

We look forward to sharing your child's performance and next steps for learning.

Stars of the Week – These learners have demonstrated our school values.



Gold Book Honours – These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible	Resourceful	Reflective	Resilient	Reasoning	Risk-taking
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They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.

