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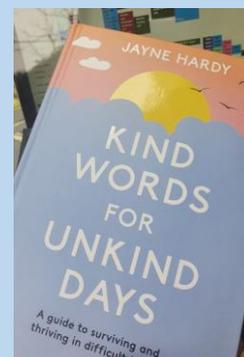
A warm welcome back to the school building, it has been so lovely to see all of the children back in school together again. With the return of school we switch away from Class Dojo and back to the newsletter. Please take time to read it every week to stay up to date with all that is happening in school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about your parking behaviour and respect to local residents and to say thank you to most parents wearing masks. If you haven't this week, and you are not exempt, please can you ensure that you are wearing one at all times on the school property.



I hope that you enjoyed your own 'thank you teacher' cards and love hearts

All staff were gifted this book with a personal message inside – we are always mindful of staff wellbeing here at Kestrel Mead



If you aren't currently following us on twitter – please do! This week there have been several videos of the children in school enjoying their learning 😊



Birthday Parties

We would like to continue giving children the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays with their friends in class. We know how difficult it has been for children to celebrate their birthdays in their chosen way during the past year, so we are going to have an afternoon filled with dancing, games, cake and smiles! The next parties will take place on **Friday 19th March** for any children who have had birthdays in the months **January, February and March**.

Don't worry if your turn hasn't happened yet, we have already planned parties for the rest of the year to make sure everyone has their time to celebrate.

Friday 28th May for children with birthdays in **April and May**
Friday 9th July for children with birthdays in **June, July and August**



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This week, all Infant staff have attended two bespoke training sessions with Alistair Bryce-Clegg on how to develop our continuous provision approach. As you will be aware, in the infant build we have been developing a more play-based learning approach to allow our children to be more independent, curious and active learners. As a school we are very proud of the journey we are on and the success our children have. However, we always thrive to be better and Alistair Bryce-Clegg has shared his expertise with the staff so we can continue to build and develop our approach to provide the best for Kestrel Mead children at the start of their school journey. As a staff we are now reflecting on our current practice and identifying next steps to improve our classrooms and teaching even further. Watch this space for more updates!



Messages from Miss Bickley and Mrs Goulding

Wow, we are at the end of our first week back at school already!

It has been lovely to see you all this week. 😊

A reminder if you haven't already, please return any reading books back into school.

Have a search on your bookshelf or in your bedroom to see if you have one hidden away!

Our libraries are looking a little bare and we want to make sure you get some new books to read!

Over lockdown, the teachers in Year 2 to 6 have been enjoying reading lots of new books in search for some new novels for our English curriculum. We are looking to add books that represent our school and communities cultural and ethnic diversity. The teachers have been thinking about how the books might work in class, the themes that come through and how we can link writing to them. The English team can't wait to start reading the feedback forms and buying some new books! Mrs Goulding has also been exploring new books for the Nursery, Reception and Year 2. We love new books at Kestrel Mead!

Mrs Goulding KMPA @MrsGouldingKMPA · Mar 5
I can't wait to start reading this selection of books today to choose the best texts to enhance our EYFS and Year 1 English curriculum further @kestrelmead Thanks for the home delivery @MissBickleyKMPA #booksbooksbooks #lovetoread #timeforachange





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RED NOSE DAY IS BACK

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. So whatever you can do, please join us.



Kestrel Mead are getting involved with Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March. We are having a theme of 'silly hair'. On this day children can choose to come with the silliest and wackiest hair styles to support the charity. We are asking for donations to be made directly to the charity, which can be done through the website: [Donate | Comic Relief](#) Please start thinking about how to create your silliest and wackiest hairstyles and remember you just need to make others smile!



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