

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

8th December 2017



Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Thank you to all the parents who responded to last week's message from Jolie Meawad, Year 11 School Council Rep., regarding donations for the Department Birthday presents. We have now received £1163 in donations, still short of the £3000 we need. Today lots of students are in 'departmental dress' and I have seen many of them representing the PE Department! There are some other interesting costumes and I believe Mr Curran has dressed as a figure from history, Rasputin! We hope that we will raise even more money today and get closer to our target. I will give you an update next week.

A letter from the new Chairs of KPS went home to parents this week and I hope that everyone will continue to support KPS in the work they do for the school. They have asked that I raise the issue of employers who may be able to give us matched funding for monies raised by KPS. If you work for such a company, e.g. Microsoft, please email admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk and your details will be passed on.

One of our governors and former student, Charly Lester, was recently invited to speak at the Oxford Union on the theme of True Love. Here is the link to Charly's speech. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuZE122S_9E

Our end of term events have started and we had a splendid Evening of Dance on Wednesday night. As always the students excelled in the choreography and dancing on set themes. Photos and a report will follow in due course. Thank you to all the participants and helpers on the night and to the PE Department for organising the event.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website and Social Media

[U14 Hockey Team Success](#)

[A Level Geography Tectonics Conference](#)

Christmas Concert - Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.00pm

There is now parking available on a first come, first served basis at the Abbey School for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

The concert will feature a range of seasonal songs from Vox Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir, with instrumental music from Brahms, Stravinsky, and The Blues Brothers All of the school's main ensembles will perform, including all of Year 7 singing, and the staff band 'No Direction' will dust off their cobwebs to 'entertain' you again. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 9.15pm.

Please note that refreshments, including mince pies and mulled wine will be available before the concert from 6.30pm.

Concerts tend to sell out quickly therefore we urge you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible through ParentPay in order to avoid disappointment. Ticket price/suggested donation: £5.00. In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to four per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 13th December

Christmas jumpers may be worn to school on **Wednesday 13th December** instead of Kendrick red Sweatshirts. Other uniform items should be worn correctly as normal. Cost £1 for Save the Children.

Socks for the Homeless

Following the success of last year's Sock Drive, **Wednesday 13th December** will see another opportunity for everyone to exchange good quality socks for cakes and treats. All the socks will go to the Salvation Army for the homeless, so students should come along to the Servery at first break to get some cake and contribute to a good cause! If students can bring in treats to share, please email Sharon Igbokwe (13SJS) at 11sigbokwe@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

Library Closures

Please note that the Library will be closed in the afternoon on two forthcoming dates:

Speech Day 12th December - the Library will close at 2.00pm.

Last day of term 15th December - the Library will close at 1.00pm.

140th Birthday Memorabilia – items purchased to be collected from Reception

Students should collect Items already purchased from the main Reception at first or second break. Parents are also welcome to collect items from Reception between 8am and 5pm.

Message from KPS

Thank you to all who contributed to the KPS collection at the Evening of Dance. A very generous £263 was raised. If you would like input in to how this money and all money raised by KPS is distributed to the various school departments please come to our next meeting on Monday 15th January @ 7.15pm.

Please join our Kendrick Parents Society Facebook page which is now active

Canteen Notices

Wednesday 13th December Christmas lunch (no need to pre-order)

Friday 15th December Lunch in the Sports Hall for all. Pre-order a buffet lunch from the canteen by **Tuesday 12th December** or bring your own or club together to make a picnic.

[ParentPay Reminders](#)

- Year 11 Study Skills Roadshow which took place yesterday - £6
- Year 11 Poetry Day Live! at the Hexagon on 24th January - £17

Money owed to School for bus fares etc

Tere are a number of students who have borrowed money from Reception who have not paid the money back. Reminders will be put on registers in the first instance, or an email sent to parents if the cash is not repaid after a reminder. If you are aware that your daughter owes money to school please ensure that the money is repaid as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Safeguarding

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by students or staff will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with in line with our Behaviour and Equality Policies for students and the Code of Conduct for staff.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 th December	Speech Day (for Year 12 and former Year 13 students) at 2.15pm School finishes at 1.10pm for all other students.
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Concert at 7pm (tickets on sale on ParentPay)
Friday 15 th December	End of Term 2, 1.05pm

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 11th December (B Week)

Tuesday 12th December	Speech Day 2pm, school closes at 1.05pm Christmas Concert, 7pm
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2, 1.05pm

NEWS AND EVENTS – BY YEAR GROUP

Year 12

Arrangements for Speech Day – Tuesday 12th December 2017

Please note that all students in Year 12 that took their GCSEs at Kendrick School are expected to attend this event.

Parents and guests should arrive at the school, via the East Street Reception, no later than 2.00pm so that the ceremony can start promptly at 2.15pm.

Students should arrive by 1.45pm and go straight to the Dance Studio. The dress code for students is smart dress (no jeans/trainers please).

You are cordially invited to join us for refreshments immediately after the ceremony. We will also have some of our 140th Birthday memorabilia - mugs, Christmas cards and notelets - available to purchase for cash or by cheque.

We are unable to offer any parking on the school site. The nearest car parks are Queen's Road or the Oracle. The event can last over 2 hours so please ensure that you have allowed for this in your parking arrangements. We would kindly request that guests and students remain in the hall until the ceremony is over.

If you have any queries about the event, then please email Ms Amanda Emberson at aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone on 0118 9015859 (ext 201).