



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half of the Spring Term and we are breaking up for our week off. As I reflect on these past few weeks, I feel privileged to have seen the progress that our children have made and to observe the teaching and learning that takes place here at Kelvedon Hatch. The teachers want to provide our children with high quality, effective and memorable experiences both in and out of the classroom.

In my headteachers comment over the past few weeks I have mentioned how important developing a love of reading is, so now seems like a good opportunity to mention World Book Day. As you will have seen from the letter that has recently been sent out, we will be celebrating it on 7th March 2024. Your child has also been given a National Book token for you to use. One of the many great things about the school holidays is that it allows us the time to enjoy reading. I urge you, whatever else you have planned next week, to ensure you read with your children.

As you will see from the diary dates the next half term is a busy one. We will be holding some of our class assemblies and we look forward to welcoming you to these. We will also be holding our parent consultation evenings, we look forward to having you attend these as they provide a positive way to work together and support our children's attainment and progress.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe half term break and we look forward to seeing you return to school on Monday 26th February at 8.30am.



## Diary Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Assembly

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Forest School sessions begin

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (further information to follow)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – KHCCPS PTA Special Persons Day sale

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Harry Potter (Creative Writing) Trip



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## Weekly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	92.3%	81.6%	86.2%	83.3%	87.7%	79.0%	87.6%	85.6%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception	Year 4	Year 6



## Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.3%	90.8%	93.7%	90.2%	94.8%	88.4%	91.6%	91.9%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 4	Reception	Year 2



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Archie	Austin	Laicee	Oliver S	Myah	Aiden



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to Indy in Year 6 for achieving the Headteacher's Award this week.

She has demonstrated showing respect to both adults and peers. Keep up the good work!



## Reminders

The times of our school day will be changing after half term, to 8:30am - 15:15pm.

*The children came home with a flyer about the UK Football Camp that will be running here during half term.  
This flyer will be added to our 'X' feed.*



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# Learning Links

**Year R** – This week in Reception we have been finding out about Shrove Tuesday. We designed our own pancakes and made lists of ingredients we might need. We made cards for Valentine's Day and wrote special messages in them. We also performed our dragon dance which was a huge success. Please can you practise reading and learning the keywords over the holiday.

**Year 1** - Year 1 have continued to write the story of 'Handa's Surprise', we have learnt that adding adjectives make descriptions clear and interesting. Many more of our children are reading at home and are recognising key words but please continue to encourage them to learn how to spell the key words. We have finished our Materials topic in Science by testing how tough some materials were (this was amusing to watch, the children experimented with a variety of items and had 'tug-of-wars' with denim). We've been counting to 50 and recognising that numbers are made up of tens and ones, e.g. 42 is 4 lots of 10 and 2 ones. Please continue to ask these types of questions at home too. As you know we have been comparing toys from the past to modern day ones. Can your child make their own toy or game over the half term break to share with us after half term? Enjoy your break.

**Year 2** - This week in Year 2 we have been exploring the use of descriptive language. We have looked at similes, metaphors and personification. We have then attempted to use these in our Pobble writing. In Maths, we have been using arrays to support our understanding of multiplication and division. In Science we have been testing materials to discover what would be best to build a bridge with. Could you try to repeat the experiment at home? Will your results differ from in class? We hope you have a restful half term!

**Year 3** – In Year 3 we have been carrying on exploring different forms of structured poetry. This week we have been leaning about and writing some of our own Limericks, working hard to make sure we have the right number of lines, syllables and rhymes to make our poems work. During our Science lessons we have been learning about shadows and exploring how they change throughout the day depending on their distance from a light source. Can you explain how shadows work to someone at home?

**Year 4** – This week Year 4 have been busy finishing all of our topics for this half term. The children have written their own playscripts based on a popular children's picture book. They have worked so hard on these and I am very proud of what they have achieved. In Maths we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. During Science this week we have learnt about food chains and predator-prey cycles. Can you tell an adult at home a fact you have learnt in Science this week?

**Year 5** - It has been another great week of learning in Year 5 this week. The children have continued their learning of decimals, fractions and percentages in Maths and completed their persuasive advert transcripts in English. We are really enjoying our class book 'The Nowhere Emporium' and are excited to continue reading it after half term. Our new Geography topic in Spring 2 is all about energy. To prepare, have a think about what energy sources you already know about. Can you create a fact file about energy?

**Year 6** – This week Year 6 have been looking at inverted commas in English and punctuation. Our focus for this week has been spellings, the children have used dictionary's to up level their writing and check for spelling errors. They have learnt how to round decimals using a number line. To end our Art unit, the children have created their own version of a famous artist of their choice using a variety of pastels, paints, chalks and sketching pencils. I would like to thank Year 6 for their hard work, resilience and determination this half-term. Please have a well-deserved rest next week. Can you discuss your artist and artwork with an adult?



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