

# NEWSLETTER, November 2022



Dear all

Our learners quickly settled back in after the October ½ Term break and reengaged in their learning journeys.

As part of the Employability strand of our TALENTS Curriculum learners in Year 11 had their working experience week. Our learners had the opportunity to learn about the jobs available at various businesses, for example, 3M, Camberley Theatre and The Look Out. Each business was carefully chosen because of its links to our 14-19 Curriculum Pathways and future opportunities for employment for our young people. If you want to find out more information about each strand of our TALENTS Curriculum please visit our website and select the curriculum tab. All our long-term plans for each subject area can be found there too.

During December there are various events which we strongly encourage carers and parents to attend including the Christmas Fayre and the Primary and Secondary productions. We really look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you to all those carers and parents that filled out our survey at the beginning of the month. Your opinions really matter to us and help us to recognise what we can do to improve our school community. We look forward to sharing the results with you as part of our December newsletter.

In the Spring Term, we will be hosting a variety of events for carers and parents including;

- Read Write Inc and Numicon learning sessions
- EYFS & KS1 – Total Communication workshop
- Primary – 'Come Join Us' events
- Secondary – Coffee morning and/or afternoons
- Woodlands Hub – Fir 'Come Join Us' event with Primary and Pine & Chestnut to join Secondary events
- Year 6 Transition to Secondary session

I look forward to seeing you all in school over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

**Jenny Baker**  
**Headteacher**

## **Friends of Kennel Lane School Christmas Party and Community Christmas Draw**



After such a long time away, we are absolutely delighted to be able to invite all learners and their families to the Friends of Kennel Lane School Christmas Party. This will be held at school on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** from **5.00pm – 7.00pm** and as in previous years, the first hour will be quieter and lighter. Please note that all young people must be supervised by carers and/or parents.

Paper invitations with full details and reply slips have been sent home already but if you missed it, don't worry, you can purchase tickets on the night! If you can offer any help to set up/clear away on the night please contact [booga.barnett@ntlworld.com](mailto:booga.barnett@ntlworld.com). We hope you will be able to come along and get ready for the festive season in true Kennel Lane style!

The FOKLS are also selling **raffle tickets** on behalf of the Rotary Club of Easthampstead who will donate to the school a percentage of the sales. Tickets will be available at the Christmas Party and are already available from the School Office but if you can't get in to school, give us a call and we'll arrange for a book to be sent home with your young person. You could win £500, £250 or one of 15 smaller prizes but be quick – tickets and money need to be returned by the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck!

## Diwali in Woodlands

The learners in the Woodlands Hub recently took part in Diwali (Festival of Light) celebrations with sensory activities, including making Diyas with candles and exploring rangoli patterns with different coloured rice.



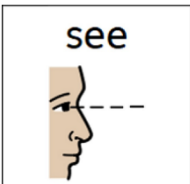
## Ruby's Ramblings



Aydin brushed Ruby. He was very pleased with his progress. Last year he found it difficult to be near Ruby. He has overcome his fear and now looks forward to her visits. Well done Aydin!



## This month's Buzzword is...



Follow the link below for the video and more information on this month's Buzzword

<https://youtu.be/kA8jqS85n2E>



## BBC Children in Need

Pudsey took time out of his very busy schedule to visit us here at Kennel Lane again this year. He spent time in classrooms with learners who were doing lots of fun activities throughout the day.



Learners from Oak class in Secondary visited Fox class in Primary to help them make Pudsey bunting!

We also raised a lovely amount of money for Children in Need. Thank you for your generosity.



## Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



Only just over two more weeks now and the first term of this academic year will be over. Where does the time go? As you see messages appearing from me every month in this newsletter, I thought it might be useful to share a bit more information about the governing board and what we do. The Governors offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the day-to-day operational aspects of a school.

We focus on:

- Ensuring there is clear vision and long-term strategy for the school
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational progress of the learners and the performance management of staff

- Overseeing the school's financial performance and making sure its money is well spent

Another key function of ours is to ensure that the voices of stakeholders are heard. Parents and carers are definitely one of our most important stakeholder groups so we were sorry that none of you felt able to put yourselves forward in the recent parent/carers governor elections. If any of you wish to reconsider you are always welcome to have a no-obligation, informal chat with us to find out a bit more about the role. You can contact us via the school office.

In the meantime, as Christmas is fast approaching, many of the governors hope to attend one of the various festive events planned in the coming weeks and we hope to see and meet some of you there.

### Father Christmas SEN Meet & Greet



We have been asked to pass on this information from Bucklebury Farm Park:

Bucklebury Farm Park will be holding an informal Father Christmas meet and greet session specifically aimed at children and adults with additional needs.

Come and meet Father Christmas between **11am – 2pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** when he will be walking about the farm with Mother Christmas (who loves to practice her Makaton skills!). You can also take part in the usual farmyard activities and deer feeding sessions. The Bucklebury Farm team have several staff members with extensive SEN experience and look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.

If you would like to make a reservation, please visit our website [www.buckleburyfarm.co.uk](http://www.buckleburyfarm.co.uk). Prices are £15.45 for adults and £13.95 for children with no charge for an accompanying carer. Payment is made on arrival at the farm.

*Please be aware that the farm is open to all members of the public on this date and online reservation is advised. Call 0118 9714002 or email [liz@buckleburyfarm.co.uk](mailto:liz@buckleburyfarm.co.uk) if you have any queries or concerns.*

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Friends of Kennel Lane Christmas Party</b> <b>Tickets available on the door!</b>	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day &amp; Secondary Christmas Fayre</b>	1.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Primary Christmas Production</b>	10.00am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Secondary Christmas Production</b>	9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Whole School Christmas Lunch</b>	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Autumn Term</b> Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm Finish Secondary 13.00pm Finish	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>WINTER HOLIDAY</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Start of Spring Term</b> All learners return to school	



**GEMS**  
Autism & ADHD Support Service

GEMS offers free information & support to parents & carers of children with, or likely to have autism &/or ADHD within East Berkshire.

To book on to any of the below sessions, please contact GEMS: 0800 999 1342 or [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)

# What's coming up... Jan, Feb & March 2023



## **Over 5's Autism Course - Virtual**

Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th Jan @ 7 - 9pm all 3 sessions to be attended  
Wednesday 1st, 8th & 15th Feb @ 7 - 9pm all 3 sessions to be attended  
Wednesday 15th, 22nd & 29th March @ 7 - 9pm all 3 sessions to be attended



## **Girls & Autism - Maidenhead**

Thursday 19th Jan @ 10am - 12pm



## **Under 5's Autism Course - Virtual**

Wednesday 22nd Feb, 1st & 8th March @ 7 - 8.30pm all 3 sessions to be attended



## **Adolescence - Bracknell**

Thursday 16th March @ 10am - 12pm



## **Sensory Processing - Virtual**

Monday 27th Feb @ 7 - 8.30pm



## **Sleep - Autism & ADHD - Virtual**

Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th Jan @ 7 - 9pm all 3 sessions to be attended



## **Managing Anxiety - Slough**

Thursday 9th Feb @ 10am - 12pm



## **ADHD Course - Virtual**

Tuesday 17th, 24th & 31st Jan @ 7 - 8.30pm all 3 sessions to be attended  
Tuesday 14th, 21st & 28th March @ 7 - 8.30pm all 3 sessions to be attended



## **Supporting Siblings - Virtual**

Thursday 23rd February @ 6.30 - 8pm