

Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you well as we approach the festive season and that you are able to look forward to a restful break. Thank you again for your support of our school - it is greatly appreciated.

Student Successes

A reminder that we use Twitter to help highlight student achievement, as well as upcoming events. Please feel free to follow us at: @KirkbieKendal. Please note that the correct Twitter address has no gaps and no underscores. Please don't hesitate to let us know of any student achievements that we might not otherwise know about.

Staff Update

Mrs Bell, our Senior Learning Manager is retiring at Christmas. We wish her all the best and a massive thank you for all her excellent work teaching classes, as well as supporting students and teachers.

Term Dates

We are aware that some websites may give incorrect and unvalidated term dates for Kirkbie Kendal School. When checking, please always use the School's website: <http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk> (*About Us – Term dates*).

Year 10 Virtual Parents'/Carers' Evening

A letter will be sent tomorrow with details of the video link to the Year 10 Virtual Parents'/Carers' Evening, which is taking place on Wednesday 9th December. Students are invited to attend with you and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Christmas Arrangements

Throughout the last week of term there will be Christmas themed lunches but we are not able to do plated-up roast meals this year. We are currently discussing how we might be able to do a virtual festive concert, but the issues to overcome with singing in groups makes this very difficult. Sadly, there will be no whole school carol service this year. However, we will have a mufti day for students on the last day of term - please donate £1.00 for school charities chosen by the student school council.

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Governors' Virtual Annual General Meeting with Parents/Carers, Thursday 10th December 2020 - 6.00 pm

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Governors' Report to Parents/Carers and generally how the Governors fulfil their functions in relation to the school. A copy of the Governors' Report will be available on the school website shortly and I do recommend this to you. (*'About Us' tab and then the folder 'Governor & Financial Information'*). Hard copies of the report will also be available from the School Reception if you would prefer that format. In previous years, the meeting has been 20-40 minutes in length. You are warmly invited to attend. If you wish to attend please email headspa@kksa.co.uk so that Mrs Price can send you the video joining instructions.

School Angel

We have not been able to fundraise for 'extras' for students by our usual car boot sales. However, please read below about School Angel. If you are online shopping, please remember to go via our School Angel page <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/kirkbie-kendal-school.html> or use the 'Links' tab from the school website. No passwords or logins are required, it is 100% free, and you get exactly the same deal on every purchase. School Angel is safe, with no information ever captured, stored or used by the charity. By using the School Angel page, you provide 'free' money for our Parent Teacher Association to support the school.

Weather

We have managed any adverse weather very well, only closing for three days in the last 15 years. As a matter of principle, we will remain open whilst it is practical and safe to do so. Please note that in the event of possible weather closure arrangements are as follows:

- In case of any unexpected closure during the School day please make prior arrangements, if necessary with relatives or neighbours, for your children to return home or to them. The School will email and text to inform you if there is a closure issue
- Check local radio, (Smooth Radio, Radio Cumbria, Heart Radio) and the school website www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk

Dates and Information

Wednesday 9 th December	Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening (appointments between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm)
Thursday 10 th December	Governors' Annual General Meeting with Parents, 6.00 pm
Friday 18 th December	End of Term (staggered departure at 11.45 to 12.00 noon, Y13 to Y 7)
Monday 4 th January	School re-opens for all students - 8.45 am
Monday 18 th January	Start of Year 11 Mock Exams and Year 8 exams
Thursday 21 st January	Year 9 Virtual Parents'/Carers' Evening (appointments between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm)

The staff and I wish you and your family a happy festive time and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher