

In both Main Nursery and Nurture Nursery the children have been exploring 'light and dark' in the run up to Christmas. We've created a 'dark space' in each of the environments and a selection of resources to explore, such as, torches, UV lights, overhead light projectors and lots of colourful, shiny & sparkly materials have been available.

In Main Nursery last Friday, we celebrated our own light switch on. Each entrance was decorated with lights to welcome the children. We all gathered together in the garden to switch on the lights on the central tree and hang some of our laminated Christmas decorations.

As parents can't come into the nursery this year, we're displaying some of the children's work outside for you and the community to see. We hope this gives you a little insight into some of the exciting and creative learning opportunities the children are engaging in.

If you'd like to share your experiences of 'light' and 'dark' at home we'd love to hear about it on Seesaw. We look forward to seeing pictures of your lights at home so we can share the enjoyment.



### Spare Clothes Reminder

Please bring back any clothes your child might have borrowed from us. Also, we'd be very grateful if you have any spare trousers or socks, that you could donate.

### Lunches

You may have seen in the national media about a little girl who died after choking on a piece of sausage. Due to this, and an incident that occurred at our Whitnash Nursery, all grapes and sausages (and any other food if necessary) must be cut length wise so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. Never cut width wise, because they'll still be big enough to choke on. Please slice them downwards in half, or for sausages you might want to cut them lengthwise again into quarters.

### Teacher Training Days coming up!

Please note that next half-term, there are Teacher Training Days on Monday 4 January and Friday 12 February 2021, so there will be no children in Nursery School or Nurture Nursery on those days.

### Social Media

Why not follow us on Facebook - (Kenilworth Nursery School and Early Years Training Centre) and on Twitter - (@KenNurserySch)

We still have available places for January 2021 and we use these channels for promotion. We'd be grateful for as many 'likes', 'shares' and comments on our posts as possible.





### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 11 December, which fundraises for Save the Children. We'd like to join in at Nursery again this year. If you'd like your child to take part they can wear a jumper or any items of Christmas clothing that's appropriate to wear at Nursery School. The suggested donation is £1 each but any donations would be gratefully received. We'll have collection boxes at each entrance for you to pop the money in to.

### Xmas Cards

This year we're asking children not to bring Christmas cards in for their friends, as we're trying to limit what's coming in to Nursery and to be as safe as possible.



Every time you buy books from our local independent bookshop, Kenilworth Books, they donate a token worth 50p towards buying books for our Nursery School. Spreading the word means that more donations will be made to our Nursery School. So, tell your friends & family to help fill up our library and enjoy shopping locally at the same time.

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020/21

(new dates listed in **red**; Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

**Autumn term dates: Tuesday 1 September - Friday 18 December 2020**

Last day of term - Friday 18 December

**Spring term dates: Monday 4 January - Thursday 1 April 2021**

**Teacher Training Day - Monday 4 January** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

**Teacher Training Day - Friday 12 February** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Spring half term: Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2021

**Summer term dates: Monday 19 April - Wednesday 21 July 2021**

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May 2021

Summer half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

**Teacher Training Day - Monday 7 June** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

**Open Day for new 2021 cohort of children - Wednesday 14 July** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Last day of term - Wednesday 21 July 2021