



Kemble Primary School

Tues 12th April 2016

April 29th
School Council Non-
Uniform Day

May 6th
Parent/Head Chat
9.30am

May 9th SATS
Week—no absences
for all classes!

May 20th Leavers
Photos Y6

May 23rd One World
Week

May 26th Kaya
Native American
Drumming

May 27th School
Council Fundraising
Non Uniform Day

May 27th End of
Term 5

June 6th INSET day

June 7th Start of
Term 6

June 9th Year 6
Leavers Service
Gloucester Cathedral

June 14th District
Athletics Y3-6 Deer
Park 9.30am

**This Terms Worship Theme is:
Thankfulness**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I do hope you all had a super Easter break and are enjoying the gradual warming up of the weather. Can I remind all parents about summer uniform which can be worn from this term - summer checked dresses

for the girls in school colours with white ankle or long socks and a sweatshirt or cardigan. Boys can wear short grey trousers and a polo shirt and sweatshirt with long or short grey or black socks. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied up for safety reasons - that is for boys as well as girls - thank you.

Water - as the weather warms up it is very important that your child has access each day to fresh water, so please make sure a labelled water bottle is either left in class or available in their bag. Teachers will allow children regular access to water so that children do not get dehydrated and suffer from lethargy and headaches.



Clubs - once again we aim to offer the children a range of activities after school or at lunch times - Clubs restart Monday 18th April. We have had to split the popular clubs by Key Stage. Please find attached the list of who is doing which club. If there are any changes, please do let the school office know.

School Council Fundraising days - the school councils in each school are doing an amazing job choosing and supporting local and national causes. The first planned fundraising day is on 29th April - the school council will send out further details soon.

Parent / head chat - The first meetings of the summer will be on Friday 6th May. I hope to have feedback on the recent termly reports and discuss school plans for the future.

The Summer Terms

Fun Packed terms - Please refer to the events calendar for all the exciting events we have planned. The term is also packed with sports, a 'One World Week' learning about countries, culture and traditions around the world (please see Mrs Dougill if you feel you have something you can contribute to this week) and of course all our fun end of term activities and plays.

Assessment / SATS - Before we get into the swing of the summer, we do of course have our assessment weeks. These have been marked on the events calendar from the beginning of the year as it is important that all children try to attend school to avoid disruption to the teacher's (and government!) plans. Assessment weeks start on 9th May - thank you.

Violin Lessons

We are now able to offer violin lessons at school with a very experienced teacher - Mrs Imogen Seth-Smith, these will probably be on a Thursday afternoon. If anyone is interested please can you let the school office know - more information and prices will be available soon!



PLANS - development of the school. Last year we put in a bid to re-develop areas of the school to update and modernise areas that are in need of refurbishment, but also to enable the school to run more smoothly with safety in mind. The build project will hopefully start this year, but may be phased over 2 years. The main plans are:

- For the little kitchen area off the hall to be enlarged to house the catering / school kitchen - this will mean that hot dinners and sandwich children will eat together and be more manageable to staff
- For the current catering kitchen and dining room to be refurbished and made into the new Reception class with toilets and a group room for small group teaching (the playground will be developed with a canopy for outdoor play)
- The current chestnut class and the toilets outside with cloakroom will be knocked together to create a better sized classroom
- The library (and breakfast club and after- school club) will be held in the mobile unit where the pre-school are currently situated - they will then have a secure fenced off area and better play facilities
- The pre-school will move to the mobile unit where the current reception class are so that they have their own larger, outdoor play area and own entrance separated from the school
- In time the entrance to the school will be the 'old' school entrance and parents and visitors will then come into a larger admin area with disabled toilet facility

You can see that it is quite a long project and may take quite a while to complete! But it will mean that the Reception, Oak class will be in the main building, next will be Beech class, leading to the Horse chestnut class and then the Chestnut class (where Beech are currently) - this will lead down to a multi-purpose hall and the catering kitchen. The whole project will mean a much safer and child friendly school - with optimum use of space. The project will be led by Gloucestershire Council and the manager is a very experienced member of the schools development team, so he will ensure there is as little disruption as possible to the day to day running of the school. I do hope you all share my excitement of this opportunity!



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Miss Marlowe

Miss Marlowe has been working at Kemble now for 5 years and she has informed us of her intention to leave at the end of the summer term. This will be a great loss to the school, to staff, parents and children alike. Miss Marlowe is an amazing teacher who has, year on year achieved wonderful results, she brings such excitement to teaching and is such good fun. She has run the school council, led languages and music in the school and given so much of her personal time - we thank her so very much for everything she has done. You may be wondering what has sparked this move - and I am excited to tell you that she will be travelling around the world - a dream that she is realising this summer! We wish her well on her journey!



I am pleased to tell you that Miss Hancox, who currently teaches in Years 3 and 4, will be taking on Beech Class from September 2016 and we will be shortly advertising for a part time teacher (5 afternoons per week) to be a job share team partner with Mrs Rogers in Horse Chestnut Class.

April Birthdays

Louis, William L,

Isabella, Blossom,

Lara, Harry,

Carter and Emily