



Kemble Primary School

Friday 17th April 2015

Key Dates

April

Friday 17th April
1.15pm

Round 2 of the
Nature Quiz at
Powells' School

Tuesday 21st April
1.30—3pm

Y5 Crystal Maze at Deer
Park

Friday 24th April

First Head/Parent
meeting
after morning assembly

Thursday 30th April

Beech Class visit to
Cotswold Wildlife Park

May

Friday 1st May

Popcorn Club 5—7pm

Monday 11th May

SATs week

Tuesday 19th May

Life Education Bus
visit

Friday 22nd May

End of Term 5

This Terms Worship Theme is:
'COURAGGE'

Welcome Back!

It is so good to be back at school and lovely that we are being treated to some warm weather. This is a good opportunity for me to remind you that it is very important that children wear sun-cream to school daily, as even on a cloudy day the sun can be harmful. If you want to put the tube of cream in your child's book-bag, we can encourage topping up before they go out at lunch times on sunny days.

It is also a good time to dust off school summer dresses or shorts. If you decide on sandals for school wear rather than shoes at this time of year, please make sure the sandals are fitted, 'Crocks' or 'Jellies' are not suitable for school. Thank you.

Curriculum Topics

April and May are very busy months at school as it is assessment time, but teachers are still planning wonderful topics to enthuse and excite the children:

Oak - Are all mini beasts scary?

Beech - Amazing Africa!

Horse Chestnut - Active earth - (Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Tsunamis)

Chestnut - I'm a Kemble student get me out of here! (Mapping skills) & Light

Pupil Premium

Did you know that some families are eligible for Pupil Premium funding of £1,300 if they are Free School Meals (not the universal free meals for all children from R - Y2), or £300 if they are from a forces family or £1900 if they are adopted from care. The school receives this money each year to spend on additional teaching, TA support or it can be used for resources such as an iPad, after school clubs or other curriculum enhancement. Do please come and see me for more details - it is strictly confidential and your child would benefit hugely.

Book Launch Party



We have had this message from Octavia's Book shop in Cirencester:

'I am pleased to invite your pupils to the launch party for new children's book *'A Tale of Ted: A very naughty horse'*. The launch event will be at **11am on Saturday 25 April in Octavia's Bookshop in Cirencester.**

A Tale of Ted is the debut children's book from event rider and former British Equestrian Team member Lottie Prentice. It features her star horse Ted who is both very very clever and also extraordinarily naughty. It has already received rave reviews from local celeb parent Ben Miller and grandparent Jilly Cooper. Jilly Cooper declared the book to be 'absolutely ravishing, beautiful'.

'We'll be giving away some child-orientated goodies at the launch event too and running a colouring-in challenge, so it'll be quite a party. The author will be signing books and they will be on sale for £6.99. We're all very excited to be able to host the launch at the award-winning children's bookshop Octavia's Bookshop in Cirencester. Both the author and illustrator are local so this should be a very special event.'

Pupil Numbers

We are very lucky at our schools to have small numbers which means that children get lots of attention and support when they need it. We have to balance this with making sure we have enough children in school to pay for teachers and curriculum resources, as well as funding larger projects such as play equipment or curriculum enhancement. At Kemble the Pupil Admission Number (PAN), the number we are allowed to take each year is 15, this year only 12 have booked in. At Siddington, the PAN is 12 and only 6 have booked in. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school, or who is yet undecided where to send their children, please try to advertise the school as we do need good pupil numbers to balance the books and afford all the things we want to do - thank you so much.



Recipe Book

For those of you who took up my Easter break task of writing a recipe to create a joint Kemble & Siddington Recipe Book, please can these be emailed to me by Friday 24th April (1 extra week) and if we have enough, I will collate them over the weekend. Happy writing! (Remember on an A4 sheet please, and decorate or add pictures if you can.)

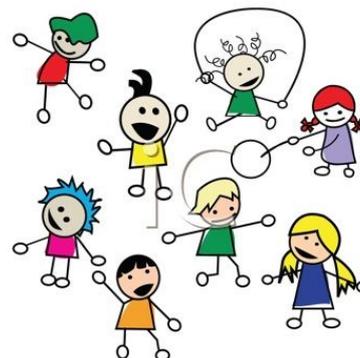


Happy Playtimes

I am still in need of dressing up clothes for school play times so the children can play make believe games - please have a look in your wardrobes to see what you can donate - thank you .

Play Equipment

Firstly a big thank you to KPG who helped fund the new play equipment which is due to be installed next week but please make sure that children keep away from the area whilst it is being built.



Clubs -

look at our new display in the conservatory for club information.

Information — Do you have enough information about the school curriculum? Have a look at our website and let us know what more we could tell you!



April Birthdays

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| Aimee Poole | Emily Pink |
| Cameron Wixey | Lara Bird |
| Carter Clinch | Blossom Beard |