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Dear Parents,

I do hope you all had a wonderful summer break with your family and enjoyed lots of glorious weather, either here in England or abroad. You will notice a few changes in and around school, lots of people have been busy and the improvements are wonderful. We have many more plans for the future so watch this space! This is quite a long letter, I do apologise, but we do have lots of new children and it is always good to have a reminder about school life. Happy Reading!

**NEW CHILDREN** - Welcome to everyone who is new to school this year: George, Ruby, Millie, Degan, Peter, Henk, Liana, Preston, Louis, Sebbie, Imogen and Esther in Oak Class and Oliver, William, Joshua, Harri and Isabella in Beech and Grace, Matilda, Grace and William in Horse Chestnut. We know you will settle in quickly and make lots of friends (parents too!). Please ask your class teacher if you have any questions about school or at the school office - we are here to help!

**MRS DOUGILL'S TIMETABLE** - I base my time equally between schools and I make sure that I am flexible at all times. Here is my timetable for this year:

	Morning	Lunch time	Afternoon
Monday	Kemble	Kemble	Siddington
Tuesday	Siddington	Siddington	Siddington
Wednesday	Siddington	DHT time	Kemble
Thursday	Kemble	Kemble	Kemble
Friday	Kemble	Siddington	Siddington

Dedicated Headship Time (DHT) is time spent preparing reports, strategic planning and reading. This time may be spent away from the schools. I have not managed to have this release time yet - but fingers crossed!

**ASSEMBLIES / WORSHIP -**

Our value / theme for this term is 'Thankfulness'.

Due to the short week, we will not have celebration / reflection assembly this week.

Monday	9:05	Mrs Dougill - worship value / theme for week
Tuesday	9:05	Staff or Psalms led - value / theme



Wednesday	9:05	Worship through song / hymns
Thursday	9:05	Open the book - bringing the bible to life
Friday	9:05	Celebration / reflection assembly - parents welcome

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS** - Please can all parents and children make sure that the correct school uniform is worn daily unless we have a non-uniform day. This does include not wearing coloured socks or hair ribbons, unless they are in the school colours. Shoes need to be flat and well fitted, preferably black (sorry no 'crocks' and no snow boots unless it is snowing!). Daps / plimsolls are best for PE as the grip is good and they are suitable for the hall floor. Teachers will advise children if they need trainers for outside sports. I would prefer jewellery not to be worn as during play it can result in being caught and skin can be torn. Earrings, if worn should only be stud type, again for safety reasons and children will have to cover earrings during PE. It is so nice when children are well presented, they feel good about being part of the school. As well as for safety, a school uniform stops any peer pressure for fashion items, children have enough going on without having to worry about fashions too.

**BEHAVIOUR POLICY** - We have very good behaviour in our schools and this is due to high expectations by parents at home and by staff at school. Earlier this year we worked with parents, children and staff and a new policy was written. Please can all parents make sure they know the policy and what to do if you are worried about behaviour or suspected bullying. You can read the policy on the school website or request to read the policy via the school office. Bullying is rare, and if we work together, and investigate as soon as possible then hopefully we can make sure our children are happy and safe at school at all times - thank you.

**CLUBS** - In the last newsletter of the year we put out a list of all the clubs that we will be offering. Please can you make sure that slips are returned to the office as soon as possible as clubs will start on the week commencing 14<sup>TH</sup> September. If you are new to school, please ask in the school office for the club list. If clubs are over-subscribed, we will group children and then let you know when it will be your child's turn - this way everyone will get a chance to join clubs.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** - This runs each day from 3:00 - 5:30pm term time only apart from the last Friday of the Christmas, Easter and Summer terms. The after-school club will include lots of wonderful activities such as; a variety of sports, drama, debating, craft, book club & reviews, homework time and special activities depending upon the time of year. The club will offer a healthy snack and drink. The cost of a session will be £2.50 per hour. Please contact the school office to make your booking.



We need parents to pay weekly at the beginning of each week or fortnightly to secure regular bookings so that we can plan staffing. If your child attends an in school non- fee paying club then after school club staff will collect them from this club in school or older children can walk straight to the club.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** - This runs from 7.30-8.30am every day. The cost is £2.50 per child per day. Please book in at the office. A healthy breakfast will be served and children will be able to participate in a variety of activities. Children will remain in the care of the Breakfast Club until 8.30am when they will be escorted into the school playground and into the care of the school's teachers in readiness for the school day.

**READING** - reading is the most important skill that your child will learn at school - it enables access to all other subjects and areas of learning, and is great fun! At school we have a reading scheme whereby children will be put onto a level or band of books that is suitable for them. The aim is not to rush through the levels, but to read each book so that it is enjoyed, discussed and read with understanding, and hopefully expression.

Some children adore reading and never need to be encouraged, but some children do find it a challenge so we do all we can to help them access books and script and have fun. We have an award scheme for reading to an adult at home. Each time they do this, please ensure this is recorded and initialled in their reading logs. There is a chart in every class where we record how many times they have read at home. For 50, 100, 200 reads etc, there is a reward to acknowledge the tremendous effort the children are putting into their reading.

**PLAYTIMES & LUNCH TIMES** - We aim for children to be happy and active during playtimes. We have all weather play areas and will encourage games such as football, netball, rounders and cricket. We have playground markings to encourage games such as hopscotch. We have boxes of toys, books, paper and pencils and dressing up clothes. MDSAs (dinner staff) will play with children and start games off for them. Awards are given for good playing, helping or playing with others. This year we have 'golden tickets' which will be handed out to children who show excellent playtime behaviour. I am hoping that warnings and warning cards will be a thing of the past!

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS** - I am pleased to say that we will be starting citizenship awards for children from Year 4 upwards.

The aim of the citizenship award is to encourage children to develop in all areas in preparation for leaving our schools. We aim for children to become responsible,



informed, active members of their local community and the wider world. To achieve success, your child will need to develop these skills within the home, school and local groups which are part of their everyday lives. The citizenship award is structured in three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each of these levels develops skills across six key areas of citizenship:

- Manners
- Local Community
- Economic Wellbeing
- Global Citizenship
- Democracy
- Health and Well being

The KS2 children will be told about the citizenship award on their learning conference day on Thursday. I am happy to show parents the award booklets - please come and see me, and I will leave copies to show in the office (not to be taken away please!).

**MILK** - If anyone wants to order milk for their child then please contact the office, there is a charge for this unless children are on Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals). All children under 5 are entitled to free school milk too.

**PARENT HELPERS & SAFEGUARDING** - In our schools we encourage parents and other family members, as well as local residents to come in and help in school either hearing children read, running a club or helping with an activity. If you would like to help out in school this year, then please see Mrs Turner or Mrs Jackson in the school office to find out more details. We do like it if you do not help in your child's class but to help out in another class in school.

To keep our children safe we carry out DBS (police) checks on all our volunteers unless it is occasional help that is supervised by a school staff member. We have produced a safeguarding leaflet this summer so that all our volunteers know how to keep children safe from harm. The leaflets are available in the school office areas.

**SPORTS EVENTS / TOURNAMENTS** - how we choose! At school we need to have a balance of representing the school at sporting events. On the one hand we want to do well so we do choose children who attend the clubs and also who are seen to do well in school lessons. However, we do want to be fair so we do offer children the chance to play ion tournaments even if their standard may not be as good As other children - we do try to strike a balance! There were lots of wonderful tournaments for the children last year and we are hoping to attend as many as possible this year - help with transport is always needed , so if asked please try to help so we can get children there - thank you.



**FUNDRAISING / SCHOOL COUNCIL** - The first job we have to do this year is to elect a new school council so that we have representatives from each class. Once this is complete, this year the school council will be deciding and organising a termly fundraising day. Each one will be a non-uniform day or linked to a National fundraiser, but it will be up to the children what we have to wear, whether there is a theme and which cause money will be raised for. The non-uniform days are already indicated on the events calendar. Children will need to contribute £1 if they come in non-uniform on these fundraising days. The school council will also be given a budget so that they can organise playground equipment. Please keep an eye on the school council noticeboard to see what they are up to!

**BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER** - Happy Birthday to George, Isla, Grace M, Fraser, Ellie, Esther and Madeline

**FINALLY** - We aim to send out our new 'events calendar' on Friday or early next week. We do hope that we will not have to make changes to the dates, but sometimes it is out of our control. We have given this out so that parents are given lots of time to plan and so that we all know the exciting events during the year - a good document to pop on the fridge door and check weekly!

The first event for parents (no children sorry!) is our assessment /curriculum and e-safety information evening (at the request of parents) on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - this is for both Kemble and Siddington school parents and will be a relaxed event so you can ask teachers about assessment & curriculum at school. We will also be showing a short clip about e-safety and how you can keep your children safe on line.

Oh it is so good to be back!

Mrs Carol Dougill

