

# Kemble Primary School

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I can't believe that here we are again at the end of another half term. I would like to thank all parents, staff and governors as well as all the other groups of people who make this school so special including the KPG, Open the Book and Pulse. My biggest thanks is to the children who, as always, have worked hard all term and demonstrated an excellent appetite for learning. I hope that you have a great break and manage to find some fantastic opportunities for extreme reading!

## Harvest

A massive thank you to everybody who contributed towards the Harvest Festival. We had a good amount of produce to give to the food bank in Cirencester. As well as that, the children sang, spoke and acted really well. All in all, another lovely harvest service.

## Poppy Appeal

As with last year we have lots of poppy appeal merchandise to sell. The items include, friendship bracelets, flexi rulers poppy bugs, pencils and hair clips amongst other things. The suggested prices vary according to item and are either 50p or £1.00. There are, of course, some poppies, which we suggest children donate at least 50p for. It will all go on sale on Tuesday 4th November and so, if your child would like to buy any of the items, please send them to the office with their money. All items are limited and so will be sold on a first come first served basis.

## Open Morning

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Beard, Miss Piercy and Mrs Brown for putting on such a good spread for the visiting parents during our Open Morning. It was a lovely morning during which the children stole the show both in class and as guides.



## Dates for your Diary

24/10/14 – End of Term 1

3/11/14 – Inset Day

4/11/14 – Term 2 begins

5/11/14- Reading Festival Week – details of various activities on pages 2 and 3

8/11/14 – KPG Fireworks Night

11/11/14 – School photos – rescheduled date

17/11/14 – Story performance 2.15pm and display of work

17/11/14 – Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm

19/11/14 – Parents' Evening 5 – 8pm

5/12/14 – Pantomime – more details to follow

9/12/14 – Reception/KS1 nativity

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19/12/14 – Carol Service

19/12/14 – End of term 2

## Letters sent home

Oak Class cooking consent

Reading Week

## Opening of the additional line

On Friday 17th a few children from the school were asked by Network Rail to attend a ceremony to open the additional line at the station. There, the children presented Princess Anne with a bouquet of flowers and showed her their wonderful sundial. As always the children were impeccable in their behaviour and their ability to talk to the Princess and the press. You may have seen an article in the Standard or indeed on the local news.



## Reading festival

Last newsletter I wrote about the reading festival and so I would like to remind you of some of the key associated events. The festival begins on Wednesday 5th November and ends the following Monday. Each morning of the festival parents are welcome to join their children from 8.30am for fifteen minutes of reading. On Wednesday 5th November the children will do a round robin of reading events. They will be based in their houses and so mixed across the school and will move around during the day. One of the activities will be a forest school based activity and so please could all children bring in their forest school clothes on that day.

On Monday 10th November the children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book and bring their book with them. In the afternoon of that day, some of the children will take part in a debate in front of the rest of the school. In the evening of Monday 10th the children are invited back for our popular book at bedtime. They can come in at 6:30 pm with a cushion and (if they want to) in their pyjamas to share in a story with their class teacher. There will also be a mug of hot chocolate for them to enjoy. The session will finish at 7:15 pm. At the same time we will host a short reading curriculum evening which is a chance for parents to find out a bit more about how we teach reading in the school. We have combined the two events so that it allows you to drop off your children at the book at bedtime event and then attend the information session in the hall. The curriculum session will also run between 6:30 - 7:15 pm.

As part of the reading festival the children in each class will learn to retell a story or a piece of non-fiction. On Monday 17th November you are invited to come to the school hall at 2:15pm and see the children recite their pieces.

Over half term it will be excellent if you can get a photo or two of extreme reading (you are welcome to submit photos of adults as well as children!) and also help your child think of their favourite author or book and how to convince others of their choice. Additionally, don't forget to have a think about a costume.

Yesterday the children were given a leaflet about the Travelling Book Fair. The fair will arrive at school on Tuesday 4th November and will be up and running from Wednesday 5th. It will be in school for you to shop at until the following Tuesday. We hold the fair every two years, which is a great way for you to select a new book or two with your child and possibly stock up on Christmas presents! In the past it has been a brilliant way for the school to earn commission, which then gets used to buy more books for our library. The book fair runs for half an hour or so after school each day. Last year Mrs Anslow did an excellent job at running the fair and so we are looking for any parents who might be willing to help each day or on a rota basis. If you think that you would like to help please see Mrs Turner/Mrs Jackson.

## Quick Sticks



On Thursday 23rd of October Chestnut Class went to Deer Park School for a Hockey tournament (Quick sticks). We were split into four teams and each team were in separate leagues. Each team played five matches, two of the teams came second which meant they got through to the next round. The teams that got through played three more matches and the others cheered their class on. At the results, the two teams didn't win quite enough games to get to the podium places. All in all Chestnut class had a wonderful morning at Deer Park, Quick Sticks tournament. We would like to thank all of the parents and teachers for supporting us and giving us lifts.  
Gaby Reeves and Jodie Savage

## Disco

What a lovely Disco we had last Friday. Thank you to the KPG for putting in all the hard work to bring about such a great event for the children.



## Messages:

Year 4,5,6 after school tag rugby club on 12th November is cancelled.