

Kemble Primary School

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Sundial Installation

What a wonderful afternoon Chestnut Class had on Thursday 18th September. At 2:00 pm they walked up to the station, having prepared a class poetry recital, in order to unveil the school's excellent Sundial. There they were met by a range of important people from the area including the station manager, press and senior members of staff from the Royal Agricultural University.

As a school we are proud of our links with the community in which we sit, and are grateful for the opportunity to have our children design and create a unique sundial that will have a prominent place in the community for many years to come.

I would like to say a huge thanks to all of the many people that were involved in the project and, from a school perspective, special thanks to Tamsin for her lovely design, the children who worked alongside Amanda Makin to create the mosaic, Neil Cook for his excellent engraving and Anne Wilton, without whom the project would have never come to its beautiful fruition.

The station manager was so impressed with the poem that he has asked the children to produce an illustrated version to enlarge, frame and put up on display.

Over the next week or two the rest of the classes will take a few minutes to visit the sundial and, if you have not yet seen it for yourself, please pop into the station and take a look. Photos are available on the school blog.



Dates for your Diary

25/9/14 - Kingshill Open Evening 6.45pm

26/9/14 – Swimming starts for Horse Chestnut Class

1/10/14 – Deer Park Open Evening 6.30pm

2/3/10/14 – Kingshill Open Morning 9.15am

14/10/14 – Y5 to visit Skill Zone, Gloucester

16/10/14 – School photos

17/10/14 – Harvest Festival 9.30am at Kemble Church

21/10/14 – Kemble School Open Morning 9 – 11am

24/10/14 – End of Term 1

3/11/14 – Inset Day

4/11/14 – Term 2 begins

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

Letters sent home

After school sports club

Improving reading

Towards the end of last week I posted an advert onto the school blog which advertised the fact that, as a school we would love to start a reading ambassador programme. A reading ambassador could be a parent, grandparent or member of the community that would be willing to give up a little time each week to hear our children read. The key roles would be to help the children develop fluency by hearing them, help children's retrieval and interpretation skills by asking questions about the texts and to help ensure that the children are a. changing their books regularly and b. reading books that are at the right level for them.

This initiative is all part of a big push we are having in school this year to accelerate the children's progress in reading which is not something that can be done without a strong partnership between reading in school and reading at home. Over the next few weeks you will hear about other events and initiatives that we will be launching to help develop reading both in school and at home. In the meantime, if you feel that you are able to commit a few hours a week to help our children improve their reading skills it would be wonderful. Please see me or Anne for more details and to sign up.

Thanks

KPG Meeting

Thank you to everybody that attended the KPG meeting yesterday and for all the offers of support from people who were not able to make it. I am pleased to announce the KPG has a new committee which consists of Candice Beard as Chair, Jenny Piercy as treasurer and Roxy Howell as secretary. Over the next week or so, they will be getting their heads around the role and they will then send out a note about forthcoming events etc. As a parent you are all part of the KPG and so, if you would like to help with any of the organised events or would like to organise one of your own, please see Candice or find me in the playground. The KPG provide fantastic resources for our children and so thank you to everybody who contributes.



Keeping in touch

Chess Club

Last year the school had a phenomenally successful chess club. Unfortunately, the parents who ran it so well last year are not around to do it this year and so if you are interested in running the club or know someone in the community who would please pop in and see Brenda or Kathy in the office.

New faces

I would like to welcome Kathy Jackson onto the school staff. Kathy has been a well known face around the school for a long time and it is great to have her working as an administrator. She will be working on a Tuesday and Wednesday in the office. I would also like to say welcome to Kelly Jeffries. Kelly is a School Direct Student and will be working with us for a large chunk of the year. She will be based in Chestnut Class.

Head lice

Head lice are an ever-present annoyance and recently we have had several reports of children with them. Here is some advice from the NHS on treating head lice: You should only treat your child if you find live head lice, which confirms a live infestation. Don't treat 'just in case'. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them. You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies. Please could I ask that you remind your children not to share hair brushes and combs etc.

Headteacher update, message from the governors

Dear Parents,

The Governing Body of Kemble Primary School want only the very best for your children and therefore it was decided that we should re-advertise for the new Executive Head Teacher for the Kemble and Siddington Schools' partnership, who will take over from Mr. Conners.

The governing bodies of both schools met to shortlist and felt that the applicants did not fully satisfy our requirements and expectations.

The new advertisement will come out on October 3rd, with a closing date of October 17th and shortlisting of applicants on October 23rd. References will then be taken up and interviews for the post will take place in the week beginning November 10th. The advertisement will ask for a starting date of April or earlier.

This will mean that, although possible, it is unlikely that we will have a new executive headteacher in place for the start of the January term. If this is the case, temporary arrangements will be made with the Local Authority for an experienced headteacher to look after our schools. In school, systems and procedures are in place to ensure that there is no disruption to the children's learning during this time.

We are hopeful that this new round of advertising will bring us the right person with the experience, vision and dynamism to fulfil our requirements and take our two schools forward in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Therese Munro-Warwick

Chair of Kemble Primary School Governors

(and on behalf of Siddington C of E Primary School Governors)

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SHARE IN OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

Tuesday 21st October

9:00 - 11:00am

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