

Kemble Primary School

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Welcome back to school.

I hope that you have all had a really great summer and have enjoyed the start of term as much as I have. It is lovely to see all the children settle back into their classes so easily and smoothly, and our new Reception children have fitted in so seamlessly that it feels as though they have been here for months.

At the beginning of the year there are often lots of questions that you have about your child's class, and next Monday afternoon (15th September) the teachers will hold an information meeting so that they can go through their class routines etc. The meetings will take place in your child's classroom and will be at 3:15pm and repeated at 3:45pm. The teachers will also produce a brief handout that they will post onto their class blogs and so, if you are not able to make the meeting, you will be able to access the same information.

Summer Reading challenge

Well done to those children who took part in the summer reading challenge. This year we are going to have a push on improving children's reading and comprehension skills and so you will see lots of references to it in newsletters. The staff began on Monday by looking at common issues in improving children's reading and have begun to produce a useful poster to help you at home when you are reading with your children. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading with and to your children and so, if you feel that you need any support with this, please see your child's teacher. Over the next couple of weeks we will put up a new display where members of staff or indeed parents will be able to choose a favourite book to become the book of the month. If you would like an opportunity to be a chooser, please see me or



Dates for your Diary

15/9/14 - Pulse Club starts, 12.20pm for Y4, 5 and 6

15/9/14 - Parent Information sessions 3.15pm and 3.45pm

18/9/14 - Sundial Installation at Kemble Station 2.00pm – more information to follow

22/23/9/14 – Deer Park Open Morning 9.15am

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

24/10/14 – End of Term 1

3/11/14 – Inset Day

4/11/14 – Term 2 begins

Letters sent home

Tag Rugby Club

Swimming

Mrs. Newton. Look out for more help and information about reading.

Music lessons

It is great to see that so many children have signed up to music lessons this term. There are a few spaces left for the following instruments: flute (7 years and upwards), clarinet (7 years and upwards) and drums (no age limit). If you would like your child to start lessons please see Mrs Turner.

Kemble Community Gardens Open afternoon

On Saturday 13th September there will be an open afternoon at the community gardens from 2-5 pm. Please come along and support the gardens and explore the unique green space in the heart of the village. As part of the afternoon there will be a wide range of fun activities to take part in including:

- Welly wanging
- Woodland treasure trail
- Face painting
- Soak the gorilla
- Toasting marshmallows
- Guided tours
- Tea and cake
- BBQ/ picnic (bring your own food for the BBQ)

Entry is free although donations for activities would be gratefully received.

Headteacher Appointment Update

The governors met during the summer holiday and posted an advert for a replacement Executive Headteacher and this week I have shown some candidates around. The closing date for the post is this Friday and the governors from Siddington and Kemble will shortlist next Monday (15th September). They are hoping to hold the interviews during the days of 25th and 26th September. I will keep you up-to-date as soon as I know anything more.



Keeping in touch

Twitter

We occasionally put messages and notices onto the school's Twitter feed. A copy of our tweets appear on the home page of our website but for more instantaneous information you might want to follow us. This would mean that you be able to get the tweets on your phone/ tablet etc.

If you would like to follow our feed, log into Twitter and search for Kemble Primary News

Newsletters

We aim to print off as few letters and newsletters as possible and so, if you would like to receive them electronically, please make sure that Brenda has your email address.