

# Kemble Primary School

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What a great two weeks we have had. The children are really throwing themselves into their studies, some even dragging their parents to the circus! Well done all of you.

## Bug Club and Mathletics information session

This week the children from Year 1 up will be re-issued with their Bug Club and Mathletics passwords.

Bug Club is an extra resource that allows children to access a wide range of texts online. One of the great things about Bug Club is that it will allow teachers to select specific texts for a child based on interest and also their current National Curriculum level. When a child logs in they will see a virtual book bag with up to five texts in. As they read there will be comprehension questions for them to answer, which are indicated with a picture of a bug.

Mathletics is an online maths programme that allows children to practice their mental recall skills (through live mathletics) as well as practise some of the key elements of learning that they have done in school. The children will use Mathletics in school and for homework. (I particularly like the tables songs!)

On Wednesday next week (15<sup>th</sup> October) I would like to run a short information session that will cover both resources. It will be to go through the very basics of logging in, navigating around and talking through what you see and how to get the best out of it. If you have not used either Bug Club or Mathletics before or you have not used it with your children for a while then it is a good opportunity to brush up.

Also, Mrs. Shepherd has very kindly offered to run a Mathletics Club for those children who are not able to use the resource at home. More details about that club will be sent out soon.



## Dates for your Diary

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

15/10/14 – Bug Club and Mathletics information session 3.15 – 4.00pm

16/10/14 – School photos from 8.30am for families with pre-school children

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

17/10/14 – School discos R/KS1 5pm -6pm, KS2 6.15 – 7.30pm

21/10/14 - Open Morning 9-11am

24/10/14 – Apple pressing afternoon

24/10/14 – End of Term 1

3/11/14 – Inset Day

4/11/14 – Term 2 begins

5/11/14- Reading Festival Week

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

11/12/14 – Reception/KS1 nativity

19/12/14 – Carol Service

## Letters sent home

Code Club and Y5 Skillzone visit

## Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival is on Friday 17th October at 9:30am in All Saints Church. This year, as last, we will be collecting items for Cirencester Foodbank – emergency food for local people in crisis –

“ The Cirencester Foodbank opened its doors at Ashcroft Church in October 2012. The response from local churches and schools to the appeal for food was fantastic. We need your support this year. In the last few months the Foodbank gave out more food than we received in donations as an increasing number of people find themselves in crisis as a result of illness, debt, family breakdown and unemployment.”

They have asked that we provide any of the following: Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar (500g), Fruit juice (carton), Soup (tinned and packet), Sponge pudding (tinned, Cereals, Rice pudding (tinned), Teabags, Instant coffee, Instant mashed potato, Rice, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned fruit, Jam (not homemade), Biscuits or snack bars, Pasta.

If you would like to donate please put the items into a carrier bag to make it easier for your children to carry up to the church.

## Clubs

We endeavor to run as many clubs as possible in school and are very lucky with the amount of parental support that we get to run them. We currently have Pulse singing club, a Reception and KS1 tag rugby club, a KS2 multi-skills club and our Code Club will be starting again this week. Also, as mentioned on page 1, we will soon be running a Athletics club. Other clubs coming soon: Mrs Parmiter and Miss Marlowe will soon be starting their lunch time KS1 choir, Mrs Rogers will be starting a lunch time fitness/ circuits club and Mr Bryant will be starting hockey club. We are also hoping that we might be able to run an archery club after half term. If you would like to run a club for the children please pop in and see Mrs Turner or Mrs Jackson in the office.



## 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.

## Reading Ambassadors

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with reading in school. I would love to have a few more and so if you feel that you can spare an hour a week to help our children then please see me or Mrs. Newton.

## Apple Pressing

After last year's success. Mrs Baber has kindly offered to run another apple pressing afternoon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. All children will take part and so please could they bring their wellies, a waterproof coat and an empty small(ish) drinks bottle.

## **Open Morning**

Don't forget that on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October we have our Open Morning. Primarily this is for parents who are new to the school or are thinking of sending children to the school but all are welcome. If you know of any parents who are deciding where to send their children in September next year please remind them about the morning and encourage them to come along.

## **Reading Festival Week**

The week following half term we are planning a reading week. As there is an INSET day on the Monday and three members of staff (across our two schools) are out on first aid training we are planning to run the week starting on Wednesday and finishing on Monday of the following week. The Travelling Book Fair is going to be back with us from 5<sup>th</sup> November and there will be lots of lovely activities for the children to enjoy during the week and hopefully some that you would like to be involved with. During the week (Wed, Thurs, Fri, Mon) the first 20 minutes of the day can be used as an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child(ren). We also want the children to go off over the half term and come back with photos of them having done some 'extreme reading' i.e. reading in places that you perhaps wouldn't normally expect. We will put these photos on display for everybody to see. A further activity that the children will take part in during the week is that they will choose a favourite book/ author and put together an argument to convince others to read it. During the week they will present their argument and the children can vote. Therefore, between now and the week after half term it would be great if you were able to talk about books and authors that your children really like so that they can present their argument. If any parents would like to be involved in the activity please see Anne. During the week the children will also be learning to perform a story and so would like to present this, and a selection of their work to you on the afternoon of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. You are welcome to the school at 2:15 where the children from each class can share their performances and you can look at the extreme reading photos and see some of the other work that has been produced during the reading festival.

## **Nits**

Unfortunately we have quite a few cases of nits at the moment. Please can I ask that all parents check their children's hair and treat as necessary. It is also important that all children with long hair wear it tied back.

## **Fireworks night Committee Meeting**

There is a Fireworks Night committee meeting at school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30 pm. All are welcome.

## **Disco**

There will be a fantastic Halloween disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October for Reception and KS1 children from 5 – 6pm (parents of Reception children are required to stay) and for KS2 children 6.15 – 7.30pm.