

# Kemble Primary School

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Thank you everybody for another great few (incredibly busy) weeks.

## Read for My School

As part of our emphasis this year, to boost children's reading, we are again taking part in the fantastic "Read for My School" event. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been given their own passwords. Using "Read for My School" gives the children access to a large number of online books. There is a wide selection of books under various categories such as "Adventure", "Animals and the Wild", "Film and TV.", "Historical", "Mystery and Horror", "Real Life" and "Science Fiction and Fantasy". It is a National Schools reading competition that challenges pupils to read as many books as possible in two months. There are books that suit all reading abilities. The children are challenged to read at least one book from each category. The pupils are asked to log each book that they read in their pupil account. The programme can also be accessed via Kindle and I Pad.

For any children, who are unable to access the online books at home, please see me and I will arrange for them to have access to the computers at lunchtime. There will also be opportunities for the children to read at different times during the week in their class.

Please do encourage your child to make the most of this wonderful free resource during the following two months.

## Reading Rockets.

Congratulations to all those children who have been reading to an adult at home. We are very pleased to have our first reading certificates, ready to give out, to those who have already read 50 times. I know there are a number of other children who are getting close to that first target. Please do continue to encourage them to read at home, as it is absolutely pivotal in the development of children's reading.



## Dates for your Diary

Y6 Residential Stackpole 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January

KPG meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February  
2.30pm

School discos 6<sup>th</sup> February

Stackpole Assembly February  
13<sup>th</sup> 9a.m.

End of Term 3 February 13<sup>th</sup>

Inset day February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

Term 4 starts February 24<sup>th</sup>

Parents' Evening February 24<sup>th</sup>  
3.30-6.30

Parents' Evening February 26<sup>th</sup>  
5.00-8.00

## Other News and information

### Dates

Please note the dates for the forthcoming Parents' evenings in February. The first will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 6.30 p.m. and the second on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 5 .00 – 8.00p.m. The sheet for you to sign to book an appointment will be put up outside your child's classroom, week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### Table Races

The children have just begun, or will shortly be starting, to do table races in class. Depending on the age of the child they are given either 5 minutes or 2 ½ minutes to answer 50 questions. Table race one consists of questions on the 2x, 5x, and 10xs table. They have to get 50 out of 50 before they can move onto table race two. This helps the children to learn their tables, which is an invaluable tool for the children to have. I know in the past the children have really enjoyed doing these and loved the challenge of moving through the table races. Please help your children by practising their tables at home with them. We plan to hold a times table challenge, such as "Hit the Button" with the children at a later date, when the winners of each year group will then play against the winners from Siddington. More details to follow shortly.

### Stackpole Residential

On Monday our Year 6 children are off to Pembrokeshire for the week. We hope they have a fantastic time and enjoy many new experiences while they are away. You can follow what they get up to each day on Chestnut's class blog. We look forward to hearing about their exploits on their return.

### Drum Tuition

If your child is interested in learning to play the drums Tim has a couple of spaces so please let Brenda or Kathy in the office know.