

Parent Newsletter - Week 17th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Where has the year gone? It went so quickly! What a fantastic year it has been.

RESULTS - The school results that have come in so far (although not validated yet) have been very good and most well above the national. We are so proud of all our children - a huge well done to all! Remember that we are a small school and 1 pupil can alter the % quite a large amount and that all pupils and cohorts of children are different. National scores are based on 2016 results.

EYFS scores (children attaining a Good Level of Development)

National 66% (2016) Kemble 82%

Year 1 Reading test National 77% Kemble 80%

Key Stage 1 Tests expected (exp) or a greater depth (gd) in learning

Reading National 74% (exp) 24% (gd)

Kemble - 82% (exp) 31% (gd)

Writing National 65% (exp) 13% (gd)

Kemble - 81% (exp) 25% (gd)

Maths - National 73% (exp) 18% (gd)

Kemble - 87% (exp) 31% (gd)

Key Stage 2 Tests -

Reading National 66% (exp) 19% (gd)

Kemble - 100% (exp) 50% (gd)

Writing - National 74% (exp) 15% (gd)

Kemble 100% (exp) 40% (gd)

Maths - National 70% (exp) 17% (gd)

Kemble 100% (exp) 60% (gd)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT - Kemble has seen a change to the building to enable a safer entrance and security, for us and for the playgroup. The children now can eat together in one school hall and Philippa has got a super brand new catering kitchen. We have new offices for staff and a wonderful new Beech class, with attached group teaching area and funky, fun and safe toilets. The fencing is now in place to ensure children and cars are segregated, and the toy shed is up! The end goals and netball posts should be in place over the summer.

Siddington has grown this year from 3 to 4 classes and we aim to stay this size now. We have seen phase 3 of the playground carried out a year early, so no more mud next winter! The forest school area continues to develop - our next plan is for a covered outdoor classroom (we would like to joint fundraise with the PTA for this next year). We have re-vamped the little school kitchen so it is easier to cook with the children and for serving lunches.

VISITS AND VISITORS - Here is a list of all the wonderful things our children have been up to:

Kemble

September	Fire Engine visit
September	Shakespeare Company - A Midsummers Night Dream Workshop
January	Residential trip to Pembrokeshire - Y6
March	Chedworth Roman Villa
March	Birdland
May	Butterfly World
June	Cadbury World
June	Pizza Express
July	Burford Wildlife Park

Siddington

September	Shakespeare Company - A Midsummers Night Dream Workshop
January	Residential trip to Pembrokeshire - Y6
February	Slimbridge Wet and Wildfowl
May	Butterfly World
June	Cadbury World
June	Cricket Coaching - Mr David Dunn x 8 wks
June	Optician's Visit - Haine & Smith
July	Beach Visit - Cotswold Country Park
July	Cotswold Wildlife Park

Year 6 from Kemble and Siddington went to Gloucester Cathedral for a leaver's service

Whole school treats

Federation - Cheltenham Everyman Pantomime December
 Kemble - Magician (KPG) December
 Federation - Science Dome January
 Federation - Life Education Bus May

HEALTHY BODY & MIND - Both schools have worked on and produced a healthy body and mind leaflet for children. Siddington had 2 very successful prayer space mornings and Kemble had a reflection & prayer space morning - super community link projects.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - A huge well done to our school council who have done an amazing job deciding upon and organising school fundraising. Just look at the great job all our children have done:

Kemble

October	Jump Rope - British Heart Foundation - £588.50
November	Children in Need £159.25
December	Christmas Jumpers - Save the Children - £68
February	Non-uniform day - Playground games - £84.60
March	Red Nose Day - £89
June	Enterprise Week - £373.96

Siddington

October	Jump Rope - British Heart Foundation - £1162.20
November	Children in Need £131.70
December	Christmas Jumpers - Save the Children - £35.00
February	Oak & Furrow Wildlife - £68.60
March	Red Nose Day - £231.50
April	Marie Curie - £20.82
June	Enterprise Week - £235.65
June	Christian Aid - £10.00

SPORTS - Have a look at all the tournaments we took part in this year:

- Football festival- Wednesday 21st September
- Football Friendlies throughout the year with Kempford (All ages)
- Year 5/6 Cirencester Football tournament November
- Yr 5&6 Tag Rugby (DP cluster) Monday 7th November
- Yr 3&4 Indoor Athletics (DP cluster) Monday 21st November
- Yr 5&6 Indoor Athletics (DP Cluster) Monday 5th December
- Westonbirt Cross Country Race, Wednesday 22nd February (Open to KS2)
- Kingshill Cross Country Race, Tuesday 21st February
- Farmors Cross Country Race, Friday 24th February
- Deer Park Cross Country Race, Wednesday 1st March
- Year 5/6 High 5 netball- Monday 6th March
- Y5/6 Swimming Gala 27th March
- Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Thursday 30th March
- KS1 interschool Gym session April 2017
- Year 3/ 4 Quadkids Thursday 4th May

- Year 5 Archery 15th May
- Year 3/4 Mini-Reds Tennis 18th May
- Year 6 Mountain Bike 22nd May
- Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament 12th June
- Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Tournament 21st June
- District Athletics- Wednesday 7th June.
- Area Athletics- Monday 26th June.
- Sports Day 6th July
- Year 3/4/5 This Girl Can festival - Kingshill

Well done to all of the children who have represented the school over the past year, you have been amazing and we are very proud of you. Thank you to all the staff, teaching assistants and parents who have taken the children to and from the tournaments and supervised or helped out - we really do appreciate it.

Kemble Sports Day Results - 1st Severn with 112, 2nd Avon with 101, 3rd Wye with 83 and 4th Thames with 70 - well done to everyone who took part!

KEMBLE HOUSE POINTS - 1st Avon with 2,854 2nd Thames with 2,828 3rd Severn with 2,766 and 4th Wye with 2,764 - well done a dramatic year this year! The house treat chosen by the school council was a DVD and popcorn!

SIDDINGTON HOUSE POINTS - 1st with 1,905, 2nd Wye with 1,837, 3rd Avon with 1,835 and 4th Severn with 1,834 - wow -that was close! The house treat chosen by the school council was a DVD and popcorn!

MUSIC - We had a very successful arts evening in April with children showing us all their talents in drumming, singing, recorders, classical guitars, electric guitar & ukulele, piano, flute and clarinet and a first this year - a stunning ballet display. Wow - what amazing children we have. A huge thank you to all our super music and choir leaders whose dedication and enthusiasm rubs off on our pupils. If anyone is interested in music tuition, please ask what is available and costs at the school office.

CLUBS - We really have had a good year with clubs on offer to our children. Lots of these would not go on without the help of staff, parents, governors and friends of the school - a huge thank you for offering a wonderful range of clubs to enable our children to try new things and to develop a good range of skills and knowledge in sports, the arts, nature, creativity and just having fun!

KPG & PTA - Parents, thank you for your support this year - our parent groups have once again raised lots of money and provided children with so many additional experiences and visits. A few things that have been paid for are: The annual theatre trip and ice cream, the Life Education caravan, popcorn film nights, tuck shops, Easter egg hunts and visit subsidies for each class. KPG also donated £3,000 for much needed science equipment. Without you all we could not offer so many extras to our children - we are very lucky and grateful.

STAFF CHANGES - there have been quite a few changes to staff and to make it easier for everyone, here is the staffing list for 2017/18. You will notice that we are using the new term teaching partner rather than teaching assistant. This is to recognise the fact that all our staff teach the children. Please remember that teaching partners work in different classes depending upon the needs of the class and cohort. There may be changes during the year as needs change.

AREA	TEACHER	TEACHING PARTNER
Oak Class	Mrs Newton M,T,W,F Mrs Morrogh-Ryan Th,	Mrs Savage- full time
Beech Class	Miss Hancox	Mrs Dowling M,T,W,Th,(ams) F all day Mrs Cheesman, M,T,W,Th (ams) Mr Peacock F (am) Th (pm) Mrs Allen M,T (pms)
Horse Chestnut Class	Mrs Rogers M,T,W Mrs Janvrin Th,F	Mrs Loveridge M,T,W,Th,F (ams)
Chestnut	Mrs Parmiter M,T,Th,F Mrs Young W	Mr Peacock M,T,W,Th (ams)
Forest School & Cooking	Mrs Wilson	All day Wednesday
Office	Mrs Jackson Mrs Beal	
MDSAs	Mrs Loveridge Mr Peacock Mrs Phelps Mrs Zabialowicz Mrs Dowling	
Breakfast & Afterschool club	Mrs Loveridge Mrs Jenkins Mrs Topp Mrs Savage	

Mrs Dowling and Mrs Allen to also carry out intervention programmes with selected children.
Mrs Yong to carry out teaching 1:1 and small group when needed.

AREA	TEACHER	TEACHING PARTNER
Robin Class	Mrs Kylie Cloke	Mrs Smith - full time except Fri pm
Kingfisher Class	Miss Bint	Mrs Florence M,T,W,Th,F (ams) & 3 pms Mrs McCutcheon 1 pm
Eagle Class	Mrs Hamlett M,T,W Mrs Dawson Th,F	Mrs Ule (5 pms) New TA 5 ams
Owl Class	Ms Wyatt	Mrs McCutcheon (M,T,W,Th,F) ams
Forest School & Cooking	Mrs Wilson	All day Tuesday

Office	Mrs Mason Mrs Hillier	
MDSAs	Mrs Skok Mrs Mlynkova Mrs Ule Mrs Knowles	
Breakfast & Afterschool club	Mrs Smith Mrs Skok	

Mrs Meredith to carry out intervention programmes with selected children. Mr Newton to carry out teaching 1:1 and small group when needed.

We welcome all our new members of staff and say a sad goodbye to Mrs Turfrey & Mrs Turner at Kemble and Mrs Cartwright & Mrs Parris at Siddington, all of whom have served the school so well over many months and years - we will miss you very much, but wish you well in the next stage of your 'careers'.

Kemble staffing - Staffing need for September 2017 - We need a midday supervisor for 1 hour per day (job shares welcomed) for up to 5 hours per week. The role includes playing with children, organising games, helping children with their lunch, and may include putting tables and benches up, wiping tables and putting away afterwards. It is a fun, rewarding role and you will work with a very friendly team. Please see the school office if you are interested further.

Kemble - New for 2017/18 Mrs McKay is going to be our new 'Parent Liaison Officer, with Vicky Muller as her assistant! The role has 5 aspects:

- To check website and let the office know of any out of date / incorrect areas
- To encourage parents to attend or remind parents of events in school
- To liaise between the head teacher and parents if there are concerns or areas to praise
- For the head teacher to ask advice on what parents feelings may be if there is a need in between the head teacher chats
- To check parent head chat notes and any issues that are raised during them

We hope this will help with communication between the school and parents. Parent governors are still available for advice, listening to praise and concerns too.

MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (MAT) UPDATE - We are pleased to tell you that the consultation period is going very well. The diocese have agreed to us forming a MAT with Cirencester Deer Park School and have said that our application was very strong. The next step will be to put our application in to the Department for Education. If things go to plan we hope to form the trust, our working name is currently 'Corinium Education Trust', early next year. I will keep everyone informed as things progress.

AIR TATTOO STEM CHALLENGE 2017

Ellis and Eddie went to the Air tattoo on Friday 14th July, 2017 to take part in a competition to see whose vehicle (that they made at school) could travel 5 metres the quickest. Ellis and Eddie amazingly won with some ups and downs along the way, coming 2nd in their group stage race and then going on to win the whole competition and coming 3rd in their presentation with 34 points out of 40. Overall they had a great time and had an amazing day. They won a trophy and a cheque for the school. Well done boys - we are all proud of you!

HAPPY HOLIDAY - please have a look at the school website, particularly the English and Maths areas - there are lots of fun links and things to do or look at! However, your children have had a very busy year and many of them do additional clubs and activities, so they will need lots of chill out time too. Let them play and do things that do not have a fail / succeed aspect to them; nature walks, drawing, craft, construction toys and imagination.... All very good for your children's wellbeing.

It really leaves me to say a huge thank you to all our super staff and governors who have served the children so well over the past year - an amazing year and well done - rest well ready for September!

May we remind parents and children that the first day back for children is Wednesday 6th September and that on Thursday 7th September we have our federation music day (this is not a religious event even though it is being held in the Baptist church). The new reception classes start on Friday 8th September. Have a super holiday everyone and see you in September!

Kind regards,

Mrs Carol Dougill

July Birthdays

William O, Oscar, James, Harri, Joshua, Jack, Max, Thea, Bella,
Zach H, Leila, Rollo and Digby

