



Kemble Primary School

2 October 2017

This Terms Worship Theme is: New Beginnings

October 5
Harvest Festival
9.15am at Church

October 12 Open
Morning 9.15-
11.30am All welcome

13 October
Interim Reports

17 October Parent's
Evening

19 October Parent's
Evening

20 October
Break up for Half
Term

20 October
School Fundraiser

30 October
Return to School

17 November (No
Celebration Assembly)
Chestnut assembly

20 November
Y3/4 Music Concert
this week Date TBC

24 November
Parent / Head Chat

Firstly a huge THANK YOU! To all the parents who so kindly gave each staff member a gift of flowers, wine and the chocolates. It is so lovely for everyone to feel appreciated. I know that the teachers and teaching partners and office staff work so hard to make sure your children have the very best care and education - it was a wonderful thing to do.

Harvest Festival Harvest time is with us again, a time to say our thanks for all the wonderful things we have.

At both schools we celebrate Harvest time with a visit to church and the children present their thoughts about harvest.

It has been 'traditional' that if we can, each child brings a dry / packet item of either food (packets, tins etc in date please) or toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap etc. After the service the items are donated to the food bank in Cirencester to distribute to local families. We look forward to welcoming everyone along to the church at **Kemble - 9:15am on Thursday 5th October**



OPEN MORNINGS - It will be lovely to see as many parents and visitors as possible on the open morning - Siddington - Tuesday 3rd October, Kemble Thursday 12th October - come and see the children learning!

MAT UPDATE - Kemble, Siddington and Cirencester Deer Park School are working closely to ensure that the multi academy trust enables a smooth transition and running of the schools. Cirencester Deer Park are putting in an application to convert from a single academy to a multi academy, then Kemble and Siddington will join as academies. There is quite a lot of legal paperwork to be carried out over the next few months, but we are aiming to join in April next year. Just to reassure everyone that all parents and children will have the same choices at secondary level as they have now, and that hopefully children, parents and staff will see no change to the day to day running of the schools, but we will have further closer working opportunities, sharing of good practice and resources.

CHESS CLUB - We have chess boards and pieces at school but unfortunately no-one 'capable' of running a chess club. If this is something that you would be able to do, then please contact the school office. Thank you.



STEM CHALLENGE CHEQUE - at the end of the last academic year, you may remember that Ellis and Eddie won a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) competition and the sponsors, the Air Tattoo, won a trophy and a cheque for the school. Eddie and Ellis have decided that we need to buy, maths, science and technology equipment that will enable children to work with motors and engineering aspects of design - so we will be buying equipment such as K-nex and Lego with motor capability for the KS2 classes - thank you boys and well done again!

PARENT HEAD CHAT - these items were raised / discussed.

Good feedback about the start of the year, the teacher meetings, class blogs and the curriculum meetings with handouts which were very informative. The new homework system has been well received, especially the topic based activities (lots of family fun!).

PARENT HEAD CHAT CONT.... If you need any personalised learning, then do please speak to your class teacher for ideas and remember that we pay for home access to Mathletics and Spellodrome. Please ask your class teachers if you do not have this access. The office staff tried to organise the club lists by the end of last term but we received so many 'late' slips at the beginning of this term, that there have been a few sorting issues. Parents are asked to please hand slips in by the suggested dates - thank you.

Staffing issues are Mrs Dougill's decision and she will always try to keep the consistency for the children and employ the very best candidates. Hearing children read was raised and Mrs Dougill reminded parents that hearing individual children read does not have as much impact as the guided reading sessions that are carried out daily by the teachers. However, reading to a parent is wonderful and gives extra confidence to some children so if you have time to spare, please come and organise a police check (DBS) with the office staff and then we can offer your services to the teachers!

Parents wanted to know if the teachers would organise as many school trips as last year. Mrs Dougill said that teachers are just as keen as they are to have trips, and as long as the trip, visit or visitor fits in with the topic to enhance the curriculum then they would be organised. We try to encourage 3 per year. School sets aside some funds for trips, but we are very grateful that KPG support the school in this area.

A new reception mum emailed Mrs Dougill about the start of the year and gave lots of praise and ideas for next year - thank you!

At the meeting, we discussed the 'leaver's service, presentation awards and sports awards. There will be changes next year:

- Sports cups to be presented at the sports day when more parents are there

- We will put a list of award winners in the school hall so future generations can see who has won in the past

- The leaver's service to be re-named - Moving On Celebration Assembly - all parents will be welcome

- At this end of year assembly, the Year 6 children moving on will lead, and there will be awards linked to the Owl Learning 'Gems' and the Christian Brann Cup.

BEHAVIOUR- behaviour in clubs was raised. Please can all parents speak to their children to remind them that they must have good behaviour in clubs that are run, as people give up their time to run these and it is important that the time is not spoilt by a few. Mrs Dougill will issue each club runner with a behaviour chart (part of our school behaviour policy). She will also change the behaviour policy to state that if children are poorly behaved in clubs, then they will receive a warning. The second warning will be shared with parents and if there is a third time, then the child will not be able to join that club until the following term. Children do need to remember to bring a water bottle and the correct kit to sporting clubs.

And finally a few housekeeping aspects that relate to children's health & safety that were discussed at the meeting:

Please can parents & carers refrain from smoking close to the wall or near the school - thank you

Please can parents NOT park on the zig-zag lines - the police can ticket illegal parking

Please can parents NOT park opposite Church Road or over the track leading to houses opposite Church Road - please can everyone make an effort to park away from the school and walk - much healthier! Thank you

Please can parents slow right down to 20MPH around the school - this will hopefully encourage other drivers to do so also



LEADERSHIP CHANGE - From this week, Mrs Morrogh-Ryan will teach in reception class on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Newton will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays - this is to enable Mrs Newton to carry out her Special Educational Needs and leadership work.

Kemble School Office Hours

Please note, from Monday October 9th, Mrs Beal and Mrs Jackson will be splitting their hours as follows:

Monday—Mrs Jackson

Tuesday—Mrs Jackson

Wednesday—Mrs Beal

Thursday—Mrs Beal

Friday AM—Mrs Beal

Friday PM—Mrs Jackson

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS VACANCY—

A vacancy has arisen for a Clerk to the Governors for Kemble and Siddington Primary School. Please see the school office for details. Closing date 13th October 2017.

Advert—Home-Start Cotswolds Volunteering Opportunities

Do you have parenting experience, care about others and have a few hours to spare each week? If you have answered 'yes'..... You could be a Home-Start Volunteer offering friendship, support and practical help to local families with young children.

Our next 40 hr training course will run every Wednesday during term time for 10 weeks from 17th Jan to 28th March 2018.

If you think you could help us make a difference to a family, please contact Janice, Katharine or Lynn

Tel: 01285 885391. Email: office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Web: www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk Pls also the attached flyers on volunteering

October Birthdays

Orlah, Josh, William T, Lottie M, Lottie P, Gracie S, Poppy W,

