



Kemble Primary School

21 September 2017

**This Terms Worship Theme is:
New Beginnings**

22 September
Whole School Photo,
Individual and
Siblings

29 September
Parent Head Chat
9.30am Blue Room

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

Dear Parents,

FEDERATION SINGING DAY - this was such a lovely way to start the year and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and made new friends. A huge thank you to Mrs Hamlett for her hard work, and to all the staff who made the day run smoothly. We thank Rev. Bob Morris for welcom-

ing us and to the Bishop who dropped to say a prayer! We hope that the CD of the songs will be

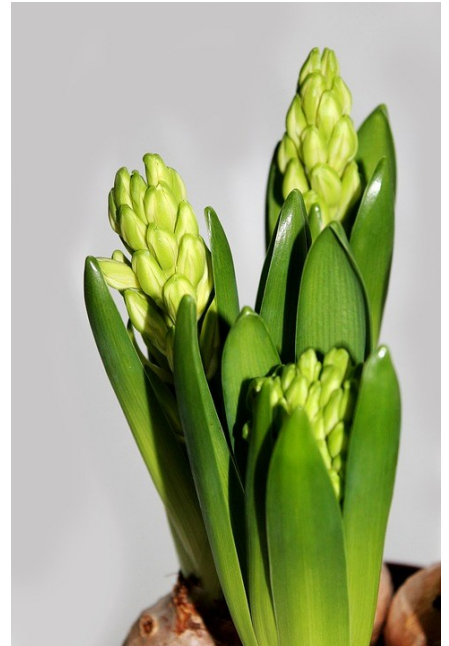


ready in time for Christmas, but unfortunately Mrs Hamlett is poorly at present so there may be a delay. Our thoughts are with her.

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN - all children visited the caravan and learnt important lessons to enhance their personal, social, health education (PSHE) curriculum. We are very grateful to KPG and the PTA for funding this very important teaching experience.

OFSTED - Most of you are aware that we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday. A huge thank you to the staff and the children who were amazing on the day, the governors for their continued support and for all the parents who spoke to the inspector or contributed on the Parentview website. Once the inspector's letter has been checked by the Ofsted checking office and is forwarded to us - we will send it out to parents.

GARDENING - it is always commented upon that our schools look lovely, Mel Piesing plants tubs and hanging baskets at Kemble and John Thomas does the same for Siddington. Last year parents and children, and the garden club with the assistance of Mrs Latimer, planted tubs along the wall at Kemble. We would love parents and children to continue this planting this autumn, so please let the office know if you are keen, and at Siddington, if you would like to plant up a tub or hanging basket, then let us know.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - Each year the children of each class vote to say who they would like to represent them as their school councillors. Once in place, the two councillors from each class meet with a staff member (Mrs Cloke at Siddington & Mrs Rogers at Kemble). If a child in class raises an issue or concern, this is discussed and dealt with, if I need information from the children I can ask the councillors to ask the classes, and the final role is to decide and organise fundraising for the year - usually one Friday per month as a dedicated fundraising day. The councillors will look at a range of charities and decide who to support. Our first fundraising day is on Friday 29th September - once in place, the school council will let us know what we are to do and what charity we are fundraising for. Watch out for the details!

OPEN MORNINGS - Both schools are open on the following dates:

Siddington - Tuesday October 3rd 9:15am - 11:30am

Kemble - Thursday October 12th 9:15am - 11:30am

The open mornings are open to everyone - current parents and governors, prospective parents and community members. Why not visit both schools to look at our fabulous teaching, enthusiastic children and beautiful grounds and resources.

ADMISSIONS 2018 - posters are up on the noticeboard about school admissions for next year. Parents with children of school age should receive paperwork by mid-November with instructions on how to register children. Office staff will be able to help with applications. The deadline for making your application is January 15th 2018 - allocation day is April 16th 2018.

PUPIL SAFETY - over the past two years we have been improving safety at school. Taking advice from county and the police, we have added security cameras and office screen, improved fencing and hedging, and fencing to prevent children from accessing the car park area. We would be grateful if parents could not talk to the children over the wall, but to wait until they are in the playground. Also, once the bell has been rung in the morning, please can you leave the playground so we can lock doors and the gate - thank you.

FOOTBALL NEWS

On Monday the 18th at 4:10pm the children of Kemble school took the field for what would be a fantastic tournament at Deer Park school. The teams were led onto the pitches by their captains Phoebe Woodley and Olly Underhill, both teams behaved themselves impeccably and showed great determination throughout each and every game.

Watching the children play during the tournament filled me with a huge sense of pride, seeing them play with passion and courage but also making sure they were the first to shake their opponents hands regardless of the result. One of our two sides qualified through their group managing to win every game!! Unfortunately their winning streak came to an end against Stratton in the semi finals however they did return to winning ways working hard emerging victorious in the 3rd-4th place playoff!! Returning to school on the Tuesday I was immediately bombarded with questions about the date of the next match or tournament so safe to say that the pupils are keen for more.

I would also like to add a special thank you to my 'assistant coach' Mrs Underhill who stepped in and helped me run both teams as unfortunately the teams had simultaneous kickoff times at opposite ends of the playing fields! And thanks to all the pupils involved, I can't wait for the next one!

Mr P.



STAFF NEWS - we are pleased to tell you that we have employed Mrs Marie Perkins, an experienced teaching partner to work in Beech Class. Mrs Perkins needs to work her notice period and should be able to join us by the end of the month. Welcome to the team!

Please remember that there is no celebration assembly this week as we have our whole school photograph on Friday - thank you.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emma L, Taya, George L-P, Ben, Scarlette, Grace M, Fraser, Angel

