



Kemble Primary School

4th January 2018

5th January
Golden Assembly
resumes

8th January
After school clubs
resume and Football
Festival Years 5/6

9th January
Swimming starts for
Horse Chestnut class

18th January
Parent/Head Chat in
Blue Room at 2.15pm

21st January
Messy Church

24th January
NSPCC Assembly

26th January
NSPCC Fundraiser

6th February
KNEX Challenge for
Years 5/6

7th February
Horse Chestnut Class
Assembly at 9am

9th February
End of term and
KPG Valentines Disco

19th February
INSET day

20th February
Start of Term 4

This Terms Assembly Theme is: Truthfulness

Trustworthy words & actions

Respect for doing the right thing

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts

Dear parents and children,



A Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas, with precious time together and lots of fun. Thank you so much for all your super gifts, cards and kind words - it is so lovely to be appreciated. Christmas at school is always a special time and the teachers and children did us proud with wonderful nativity plays where the children acted, spoke and sang so well, and church services that allowed us time to reflect about the special time of the year. Thank you so much to the teachers and teaching partners who worked so hard to make Christmas at school special for us all.

2018 is set to be an exciting year. Teachers have once again planned super topics and lessons so that children are excited and enthused by their learning. Teachers will let you know soon the meeting times for the termly parent meeting, so they can explain all about the topics and what the home learning will be. The feedback by parents about these meetings was positive, but please do come along, it is a shame when only a couple of parents turn up.



MAT - Over the next couple of months the Multi Academy Trust work will continue - hopefully to finalise by 1st April, when we will receive funding directly from the Department of Education and not via the local authority, which means we will be in more control of our finances and purchasing 'power'. All school day to day aspects will not change, only the back office running. We held our first joint Teacher Development (TD) day yesterday morning with Cirencester Deer Park School staff - very successful and productive, with lots of ideas from staff from all schools on how the MAT can improve standards, and events and activities to enhance education for all.

Events - please keep checking your events calendar, and the side of the newsletter for upcoming activities in school. This month we have a school council fundraiser for NSPCC - the school council will be in touch nearer the time with their ideas! I am holding a parent / head chat at Kemble on Thursday 18th January at 2:15pm.

The NSPCC logo is a green square with the letters 'NSPCC' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Support for KPG & PTA - Our parent groups in each school do an amazing job by raising precious funds to help with a range of resources and to host special fun events for the children. It would be wonderful if we had more support for the parent groups and events throughout the year. We are aware that many parents work or cannot commit to events or activities, but please contact any of the parent group reps and ask what you can do to support during the year - this would be really appreciated - thank you.

Helping in school - Teachers are always in need of help during the school day, either to hear children read, change books or to help out with creative projects. Parents are also needed to help with transport to sporting events. If you can help with any of these, we do need you to be police checked. Please see the office to put this in place and then see a class teacher if you want to help out. Mrs Rogers can be approached if you can help with transport of children - there is a form that the office need filling in with car and insurance details if you are transporting children. Once again - thank you so much - small schools always need help from parents, and working together means we can offer children a wide range of activities.



Something new for children (and parents!) - Although our assembly theme this term is truthfulness, to start the new year we have shared an assembly with the children all about 'A simple act of kindness'. We would like all children to think about all the wonderful things they already do for others and how special this is, and allow what they do to be celebrated in a new way. In each school hall there will be a 'Kindfulness Kite' displayed - if a parent or teacher feels that a child has done something very special for others, they can put their name and their act of kindness on a ribbon that will be put onto the kite (we hope to celebrate one or two per Friday). Please see your class teacher or me if you think your child has done something extraordinary for others for us to celebrate - thank you!

Cutting back on sugar! - A news article from Public Health England (PHE) interested me over the holiday.

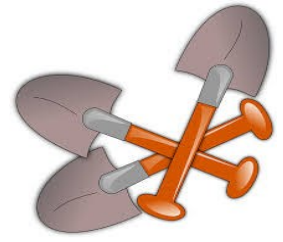
'Half of the sugar young children in England consume comes from unhealthy snacks and sweet drinks, figures show. On average, primary school children have at least three sugary snacks a day, Public Health England found. This means they can easily consume three times more sugar than the recommended maximum. Children between the ages of four and 10 consumed 51.2% of their sugar from unhealthy snacks, including biscuits, cakes, pastries, buns, sweets, juice and fizzy drinks, PHE's National Diet and Nutritional Survey found. PHE has launched a campaign to encourage parents to look for healthier snacks of no more than 100 calories - and to limit them to two a day.'

We know that parents in our schools are generally very aware of making sure children eat healthily and our school meals follow recommended guidelines. It would be super to share any ideas for lunch boxes or snacks, so if you have a favourite, please let me know and I will add a healthy snack tip in each newsletter this year!

Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz 2018 - Kemble has been invited to take part in the Gloucestershire Primary School Wildlife Quiz. However, we need some volunteers to help prepare the children for this. Please contact the School Office if you are able to help.



Lunchtime Wildlife/Gardening Club - We are still looking for a couple of parents to help run this club on a Friday lunchtime with Mrs Latimer as Mrs Dougill is no longer able to help her. If interested, please contact the School Office.



Save the Children Fundraiser - We raised £41 for Save the Children at our Christmas Party in December by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Thank you!



December and January Birthdays

Noah, Henry H, Harriet, Degan, Peter, William J, Ellouise, Jack B, Nicki, Matilda T, Courtney, Oliver M, Sienna, Ellis, Phoebe P, Levente, Jasper, Archie, Daisy.