



# Kemble Primary School

29th January 2018

## This Terms Assembly Theme is: Truthfulness

- 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
- 1st March  
World Book day
- 2nd March  
Parent/Head Chat  
9.30am Blue Room
- 7th March  
Oak Class assembly  
9am
- 7th March  
Arts Evening (KS2  
invite only)
- 9th March  
Interim Reports Out

Dear Parents,

**INTERESTING ARTICLE** - I was fascinated to read about Albert Einstein's early toy at the weekend - a box of 160 small stone blocks in red, limestone and slate grey. These are credited with fostering Einstein's understanding of complicated structures that evolved into the ground breaking theories that transformed modern science. I must admit, my friends and I used to spend endless time creating when we were younger; Lego, Meccano, den building and creating houses and farms out of cardboard and egg boxes. I wondered while reading this article whether children are given enough time to try things out, build and fail and therefore understand the complexities of modern structures and theories. The DfE state what we should teach children and the design and technology time gets squeezed. Staff have a meeting this evening to have a 'play' with K-nex, and learn more about how these construction toys can develop children's tactile sense, manual dexterity and to stimulate creativity. It may be a good time this February to ask children to put down their i-pads and tablets and have a go with their creative minds.



**THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER** - Water is so important for children to keep hydrated & healthy. Children are allowed to drink water during the school day so please can they be supplied with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This can be taken home at the end of the week for a wash. We have ordered new cups and jugs for each class (a suggestion at the Kemble parent / head chat - thank you).



**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please may I remind parents that if you have any concerns about school then the appropriate action is to speak to the class teacher in the first instance, then if you need to, you can speak to the deputy or assistant head teacher or the head teacher. If you have a complaint to make then please follow the correct procedure using the school / GCC complaints policy. Posting your concerns or views on a social media platform does not help to resolve issues.

**PARENT HEAD CHAT NEWS** - Parents told me that they were thrilled with the enthusiasm by all the teachers and teaching partners. They enjoyed the wonderful letter from Mrs Greening, who has settled so well into the school. Parents said the start of term parent meetings were great. Parents and children were pleased with the trips and visitors organised. As well as mentioning the water, see above, parents were concerned that they had heard children saying that certain foods would make you fat. Parents and school staff will try to change the way we speak about food to say that foods are a healthy choice or unhealthy for your body. There were a couple of comments about homework and it will always be hard to get things right for all parents - but do go and speak to your class teacher about the homework being set. In 2 years' time, children will be tested on their times tables, as well as their reading, punctuation, spelling and grammar, so these are the main focus of school homework.

**ROLLER DISCO TRIAL** - After a discussion with parents, we have decided to trial a roller disco - an idea put forward by Grace: McCutcheon. Please see this message from her:

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February there will be a roller disco for all of ks2. It will be held at 12:45-1:00. If you have roller skates or roller blades then please bring them in. We do have a few sets at school to be borrowed. Helmets must be worn because it will be taking place outside and you might like to wear elbow, knee and hand pads. It would be appreciated if you bring in any extra pads, blades or skates for other kids without. Also please make sure you bring your skates/blades in a named carrier bag. If it is rainy or icy we will have to cancel.

Many thanks

Gracie McCutcheon, Y6



## KEMBLE V KEMPSFORD FOOTBALL MATCH



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10 people from Kemble took part in a match against Kempford on our school field. They were very determined to win the cup but we lost 4-2. L. The people who took part were Eddie, Levente, Will Oakley, Lexie, Gracie, Phoebe Woodley, James, Lyta and Olly. There was 1 extra person who played in the last game which was Reuben. He was also made the manager since Mr Peacock was refereeing

the match (very busy man!) But helped out immensely. Overall, we all played well and fair and enjoyed it.

Thanks to Mr Peacock for supporting us and Mr Robinson for cheering us on.

By Lexie and Gracie

**BOOK SALE** - Some members of Horse Chestnut will be selling second hand books and book marks they have made for school funds on the first Friday of every month. There will therefore be a sale this Friday 2nd February next to the tuck shop.

### OLIVER!

Scarlette, Eddie and Elouise will be performing in the Barn Theatre's production of Oliver! At the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester from 14-17 February. Please see the attached leaflet if you would like to book tickets.



### February Birthdays

Betty, Joe, Lexie, Sam, Artie, Willow, Ruth, Arthur