



# Kemble Primary School

12th March 2018

**This Terms Assembly Theme is:  
Truthfulness**

13th March  
Parents' evening 5:00  
- 7:30pm

15th March  
Parents' evening  
3.30-5.30pm

19th March Avon  
Tyrell Residential  
week - Year 6 only

23rd March  
School Council  
fundraising day

29th March  
Easter Service All  
Saint's Church  
9:15am

29th March  
End of term 4

16th April  
Start of Term 5

4th May  
INSET DAY

14th-24th May  
SATs weeks

18th May  
Parent Head Chat  
9.30am all welcome

24th May  
Reflection morning—  
all welcome

Dear Parents,

**Arts Evening** - What an amazing evening it was for the KS2 pupils from both schools to share and show their fabulous talents. A huge thank you to all our dedicated staff who enthuse and cajole our children! Thank you also to parents for supporting your children and the school - it was lovely to have such a packed hall! £30 was raised and this will go towards a musical treat for the children planned for May.



**Parents evening** - Parents evenings are this week Tuesday 5:00 - 7:30 pm and Thursday 3:30 - 5:30pm. It is very important to attend so that we can work together making sure we do the very best for our children. Staff will call to have a chat about your child's progress if you have not signed up.

**School Council fundraiser**  
- Our next event is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - the children will be fundraising for Sport Relief - more details will follow soon - but wrist bands are already on sale at the school office.



## **Interviews for Mrs Newton's role and reception class**

**teacher** are to be held this Thursday - we have 4 strong candidates for the day and we will let you know who has been successful soon.

**Post box** - Sometimes the office get very busy with parents needing to drop off money or notes. To help with this issue there is now a post-box located by the conservatory. If you want to drop things for the office then please use this option. Envelopes must state: Child's name and class, and what the money or note is for eg ASC or Class trip. The box will be emptied each morning and at the end of the school day. Please do not use this box after 3:00pm - thank you.

**Multi Academy Trust** - As we are drawing nearer to the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the governors and I thought it would be good to clarify and explain about the MAT so that it reassures and also answers any last minute questions.

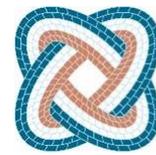
It has been known for many years that schools working closely together tend to do better than those who are isolated. By 'doing better' we mean can share good practice, share resources as well as support and challenge each other and this can lead to improvement of opportunities for children and staff.

As tighter budgets are hitting local authorities, cut backs to school have been inevitable, and although we are lucky as we are federated and already have savings on some shared staff, we are having to be more careful year on year. Working together with other schools in a MAT will enable savings on office staff such as finance, payroll and administration, pooling resources and purchasing on equipment, and utility bills, and finally sharing expertise within staffing for training and development.

Two years ago all the head teachers and chairs of governors of Cirencester schools met to discuss ways of working together and parties interested in joining together to be a multi academy trust have worked together. Each school has its own needs and aspirations and it has worked out that Cirencester Deer Park School, Kemble and Siddington Schools were ready to embark on this project first. Chesterton Primary School are also joining us from September. We are expecting that in the future another couple of schools will join us.

Since the initial meetings, a group of representatives from each school and local community members have been meeting to move the project forward. Consultations took place with parents, other community members and groups and all responses were positive. Due diligence was carried out on each school and as reported through my newsletters, the DfE approved our applications - with a very strong endorsement. The thorough work carried out over the past two years showed that we had considered all options and scenarios and prepared well.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, the schools will work in exactly the same way that they do now. I will still be the executive head teacher across the two schools and there will be senior leaders in each school, Mrs Hamlett at Siddington and Mrs Newton's replacement at Kemble. They, as now, will deal with the general day to day running aspects when I am not on site and will be the first port of call for parents and children.



CORINIUM  
EDUCATION  
TRUST

Our Multi Academy Trust - to be called 'Corinium Education Trust' (CET) will oversee the schools within it just as the Local Authority has. The Diocese will still oversee Siddington as a Church of England school and have representation at each level. Our governors will still be responsible for the school ethos, the quality of teaching and learning, staff appointment and performance management, pupil disciplinary panels, admission appeals and uniform. A Trustees Board, made up of local community members will oversee performance of the schools, statutory and legal compliance, financial control, risk, premises, HR, health and safety and the MAT development. 'Above' the trustee board there is a member's board who are responsible for the appointment of the trustees, approval of annual accounts and appointment of external auditors.

The trustee board represent a range of expertise: Graham Russell - business, Charles Woodd - finance and pensions, Susannah Gilbert - Compliance, Claire Mould - charities and social care, Jane Lloyd - primary education (our vice chair of governors) and Chiquita Henson - secondary education.

From a pupil perspective, there will be no change to uniform, logo or learning. But we hope to be able to offer additional opportunities to the curriculum when we have settled into the CET structure and staff start working more closely together. And be reassured, parents and children can choose any secondary school education as now. Exciting times!

## **Nature Quiz by Lexie Woodley**

On Thursday 8th March, four children and two reserves went to Fairford School to compete in a Nature Quiz. By round one, we were nervous, but by round two, we were more confident. At one point we were losing 18-21 and managed to come back to 30-30, then we had a tie breaker question where however got it right obviously won unfortunately we lost but we showed great sportsmanship and of course had fun. The people in the team were Gracie, Will O, William T and me. Our two reserves were Phoebe W and Jonathan. Overall, we did great with a score of 34. Well done.

## **Netball report by Jasper Beard and Oscar Woodley**

First of all I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Muller and Mrs Howell otherwise all of this would not be possible. We came third place in the tournament. We drew 1,lost 1 and won 2 . Our team was Jasper, Oscar, Lexie, Linda, William, Joshua and Freya. Every one played well and we all got along as a team.

By Jasper and Oscar .



## **KEMBLE YOUTH CLUB**

If you are interested in helping to get Kemble Youth Club running again (for ages Y6 upwards), please can you contact Nicky Baber on 07956 629147

## March Birthdays

Erika, Reuben, Jazmin, Amelie, Henry, Tye, Poppy B, Jeannie,  
Liana, Henk, Preston

