



ST KATHARINE'S CE  
SCHOOL

**Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

NEWSLETTER No. 5

Our Value This Term Is...



*Dear Parents,*

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope that this finds you rested and ready to go! The first frost is imminent and there are certainly plenty of leaves on the ground; now that we are resigned to the absence of warm weather we can enjoy wrapping up and dust off our woolly hats and gloves.

This term, along with term 6, are perhaps the busiest in our calendar. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned and as we draw nearer to Christmas there are lots of events to keep track of and look forward to. Please support us by reading your newsletters and making a note of the important dates for your child/ren; a copy is placed on the website each fortnight under the parent tab.

<https://stkatharinesprimary.org.uk/parent-info/newsletters/>

*Niki Jones*

Principal

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



### **A Little Goes a Long Way**

For those of you that missed the 'It's Your School' meeting earlier in the year the prevalent theme was that anything that you do to support your child and the school is highly valued. From the perspective of the school and its teachers, we are keen to re-iterate that regular reading, passport maths practice, sensible bed-times and good home-school communication are central to the job that we do. We were delighted to have so many of you attend

Parents Evening last term; not all schools enjoy the same level of parental engagement. Please make a note of the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> December when you are invited to come and share your child's learning in the classroom. The afternoon begins with a presentation from myself and Kevin Sandall, at 1:30pm in the school hall, on learning attitudes and you can then join your child to look through books, Seesaw and talk with them about the learning that they have been doing since September.

We hope that opportunities such as this will help to build your knowledge of current pedagogy and give you an insight into your child's life at school.

### **MDSA Position - reminder**

We are looking to recruit a **temporary** MDSA to support with the lunch time period. The hours would be 12:00 – 1:00 Monday to Friday. Primarily the role would be to support the setting up of lunch, the supervision of the dinner hall and supporting the clearing up afterward. This role is paid at £9.00 an hour.

If you think you may be interested in this position on a temporary basis, please contact Mrs Stagg in the school office.

**We are really keen to fill this role – please pass on the word if there is anyone you can think of that would be interested in the role.**

### **Christmas Boxes**

Please remember that the deadline for bringing the boxes in to school is today, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November (TD day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>). If you have forgotten, try and get them to school on Monday morning and they can still be collected.

### **Children in Need Reminder**

We have decided to hold a non-school uniform day for Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Children can wear Pudsey related items or simply enjoy a dress down Friday.



### **A walk in the woods with Mrs Arnold...**

We were hoping for a few more of you to take up the offer to come into school and find out a bit more about Forest School learning and the ethos that accompanies this. If you would still like to do this, please see the dates and times listed below.

**When:**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm

**Where:**

Meet at the far end of the car park (near the gate to the spinney)

**What:**

Bring your wellies and clothes to keep you warm and dry.

**Please sign up if you plan to come along on either date, on the list held by Mrs Stagg in the school office. We are releasing Mrs Arnold from the classroom to offer this opportunity to you and as such would like to know how many to expect.**

**Nut & Sesame Free School**

We are a Nut and **Sesame** Free School.

**Please note the addition of sesame in this paragraph.** We have children in school with severe nut and sesame allergies. We are a 'nut/**sesame** free' school. This includes packed lunches, mid-morning snacks, birthday treats etc. **Please be vigilant** when packing food for your children to bring to school.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<i>November</i>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>T D Day 3</b> – children not required in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Collective Worship in school (led by Michael McHugh and Sycamore Class )9.10 – 9.40 a.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bonfire Night
	Non School Uniform Day for Children in Need (Bring a £1)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Katharine's Day Service in Church 9.30 a.m. – Parents Welcome
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	A walk in the woods with Mrs Arnold 1
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>T D Day 4</b> children not required in school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5/6 Netball</b> *Details to follow*

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	A walk in the woods with Mrs Arnold 2
<i>December</i>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Group of 15 from Chestnut Class to the Jubilee Centre for Carol Singing</b> *Details to follow*
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 - Chemistry Lecture at Marlborough College</b> *Details to follow*
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit – all classes</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NSPCC assembly and Y5/6 work shop</b> *Details to follow*
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1:30 -2:30 'Tea and Talk' with Ms Jones and Mr Sandall; <i>focus on learning and learning attitudes</i></b> <b>2:30 onwards</b> time in classrooms to share your child's learning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper day *Details to follow*
	PTA Christmas Movie Night (provisional)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Marlborough College Concert – Group of 15 from Chestnut Class</b> *Details to follow*
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity Dress Rehearsal in Church 1:30pm – Families welcome</b>
	<b>Choir singing in Waitrose 4:00 – 5:00pm *TBC *</b> *Details to follow*
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Nativity in Church 5:00 – 6.30 p.m. *Details to follow*
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Brady Christmas lunch ( <i>followed by an</i>

	<i>after dinner walk *weather permitting)</i>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole School Christmas parties pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Carol Service 2.15 p.m. in the school hall. Parents Welcome
	Last Day of Term 2
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Choir singing at the 9 Lessons Service at St Katharine's Church</b> <b>*TBC*– evening event</b> <b>*Details to follow*</b>
<i>January</i>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deadline for Primary admissions applications September 2020</b>

**Remaining T D Days 2019/20**

- ★ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- ★ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019
- ★ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

