



ST KATHARINE'S CE  
SCHOOL

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
NEWSLETTER No. 10

Our Value This Term Is... *Justice*



*Dear Parents,*

Exciting things have been taking place in the last two weeks. Our Lego Robotics team journeyed to Bristol to take part in the competition that they have been working so hard to prepare for. They did extremely well and returned with yet another trophy for our cabinet.; this time, runner up in the robot design category. Overall they came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 20 competing primary teams and perhaps most importantly were a joy to work alongside, for both Mr Sandall and Jon Bone. We would like to make a special mention of Jon, who has extended his help to Robotics club for a 5<sup>th</sup> year, despite both of his own children having moved on to secondary school. We are incredibly grateful to him for the time and effort he has put into this event – we could not have achieved as well without him.

On Monday, Oak Class went to Sevington Victorian museum school to find out about life for Victorian school children. We all dressed up as Victorians, experienced Victorian lessons, lunches, play times and punishments! It is such an authentic experience and I have already had your feedback about how much has been remembered by the children. We work hard to find enrichment experiences such as this to sit alongside some of our themes and would like to thank you for supporting us to do so.

Finally, I would like to Welcome Jacque to Year 1 and thank the children in Oak Class for

all the support and kindness they have shown our new to St Katharine's learners so far this term.

*Niki Jones*

Principal

### **Parent Mail**

This letter should have come to you via parent mail and we are nearly there with everyone having signed up for an account. We are aware that this has been frustrating for a few of you and we are doing our best to resolve that. Please let us know if you are experiencing problems. The next stage is to offer you Parent Pay and the opportunity for you to sign permissions and other forms online; saving you time and us paper.

We want to be sure that everyone is up and running before the next phase. Please help us with this by letting us know if you think that are not getting things when they come out.

### **CAHMs Workshop at Burbage School**

Some of you took the opportunity to attend the workshop around the theme of anxiety at Burbage school this week. From the feedback that I have had, this was well attended across the 3 schools (St Katharines, Great Bedwyn and Burbage) and was a useful session with some good messages to take home. If you weren't able to attend there are some slides available that we will be sending out via parent mail soon.

### **Uniform Reminders**

***Please help us with the following:***

- ★ No stick on tattoos
- ★ No nail varnish
- ★ Long hair tied up (helps reduce the risk of head lice)
- ★ Fit for purpose robust school shoes – *we want the children to run, jump and climb*
- ★ Warm coats that enable children to be cosy when they play outside
- ★ Clean white T shirt for PE – this should be different to the school aertex shirt (consider purchasing the St Katharine's PE T-Shirt if you haven't already)

### **Mental Health Week**

You will have seen from the calendar that we are going to have a focus on well-being (good

mental health) during the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We will begin with our collective worship on Monday of that week talking about the key theme **'Find Your Brave'**. Teachers will be planning opportunities to talk to children about mindfulness and the things we can do to solve problems when they occur. If you would like to talk about this at home you can look at some of the materials on the website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

### 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>February</i>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Candlemas Service at St Katharine's Church Choir singing
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Mental Health Week
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	School Nurse height and weights – reception
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 & 6 Hockey
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day of Term 3
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	All Stars – Cricket roadshow KS1
<i>March</i>	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Mrs Stagg's Tea Party in the hall – 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KS2 SATs information evening 3.15 p.m. crèche available
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Dance Festival
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Performances by 'Stripes' Year 4 and 5 <i>Details to follow</i>
	KS1 SATs information evening 3.15 pm. crèche available
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 & 4 Handball <i>Details to follow</i>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Bunny Bop
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala <i>Details to follow</i>
	Oak Class to Ramsbury Estates <i>Details to follow</i>
<i>April</i>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	STEM Exhibition up in the school Hall
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	KS1 visit Great Bedwyn school to see The Shelburne Ensemble am
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Easter Service in Church at 9:30
	Reports home for KS1 & 2
	Last Day of Term 4

Remaining T D Days 2019/20

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020