



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

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Our Value This Term Is... *Forgiveness*



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. Since I last wrote we have been visited by both storm Ciara and storm Dennis. There was a bit of fallen debris but other than a (small) leak in the office roof we are relatively unscathed. I hope the same is true for all of you. In the final week of term Wiltshire Fire and Rescue came to visit us and work with Year 1, 2 and 5. The children were very engaged and learnt lots about how to stay safe around fire and how to prevent fires starting. We hope that by building in visits and visitors such as this as the children go through school we add an important element to their curriculum. I would like to welcome Jack Wilson-Storey to year one and his family to our school. Jack's arrival was particularly special as he became the 100th child on role. Our school capacity is 105; in order for us to continue to thrive as a small school we recognise the importance of maintaining our number on role.

This week we also welcome Mrs Hayley Thomas to the team at St Katharine's. Mrs Thomas begins her role as administrative officer as Mrs Stagg begins her new role at finance officer. We feel very fortunate to have such a strong team in the office helping to keep the wheels running smoothly!

This week the *All Stars Cricket Roadshow* came to work alongside the children in Oak Class. It has been very exciting watching them develop new skills and enjoy learning about a new sport. Perhaps we have another Heather Knight or Ben Stokes among us!

Niki Jones

Principal

Congratulations from our Local Authority

On 13th February we were delighted to receive a letter from Helean Hughes (Director of Education and Skill at WC) congratulating us on

our educational outcomes for 2019 '*which are amongst the best primary schools in Wiltshire*'. There was particular recognition of the results achieved at the end of reception 2019, which showed that the young learners at our school had '*achieved significantly higher outcomes than the national average.*' Whilst data is not what motivates our teachers, good outcomes for our children certainly does. I would like to pass on my thanks to the brilliant team of professionals at St Katharine's, both in and out of the classroom, who provide excellent opportunities for the children every day.

World Book Day

As you will already know, next Friday 6th March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating by asking the children to come dressed as a character from a book or, if they would prefer, to come with a clue to a book e.g. a colander (Whatever Next), a toy newt (the one Matilda put in Miss Trunchbull's water jug) ... you get the idea. As long as children can explain the clue let your imagination run wild! Please try to help your child come as a character from a book rather than a TV programme or film (it this didn't originate in a book). It is really nice to focus on stories and books on this special day in the school calendar.

We will have an assembly at 9:15 so that the children can share their costumes and clues. Parents are welcome to stay. There is no celebration assembly on that day.

Mrs Stagg's Tea Party

You will already know that we are planning a tea party for Mrs Stagg on Wednesday 11th March at 2:30pm. This is our chance to say a proper thank you to her for her years of service not only to our school but to education more generally. When Mrs Stagg joined us she had already given 19 years to Ramsbury Primary as school business manager. Please join us, in the school hall, on that day. We will be serving refreshments for both adults and children. Children will be released to you at the normal time of 3:15pm. They can join you in the hall if you wish.

Governors Elections

We are looking to recruit some new parent governors as existing governors come to the end of their terms of office. We will be sending out more information prior to holding an election before the end of Term 4. If you think you would be interested in becoming a governor, please do come in and express your interest. We can put you in touch with one of our existing governors who would be happy to talk you through the role.

Ordering Sue Brady Lunches

Please make sure that if your child has a frequent Sue Brady Lunch that you check that you have ordered for your child. We sometimes have children without lunch, especially after a school holiday, and it can be very inconvenient for you if we have to ask you to break your day to bring lunch in. There are times when there is very little left over and therefore feeding extra children is simply not possible. If you think you may have forgotten, please send your child with a packed lunch to be on the safe side. Unfortunately, we do not have the time or staffing capacity to check on your behalf.

Administering Medicines

Please be reminded that if your child has been prescribed medicine that must be taken during the school day you must complete the required form. This safeguards you, the school and the child in need of the medicine. We are hoping to put the form on the website under the parent tab – until this is done could you collect a form from Mrs Thomas in the school office. For more information please refer to the '[Managing Medical Needs](#)' policy which can be found on the school website under the 'our school' tab.

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

February	
Friday 28 th	All Stars – Cricket roadshow KS1
March	
Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 6 th	World Book Day Please note there will be no celebration worship on this day. We will have an assembly at the start of the school day (9:15 start) instead.

Wednesday 11 th	Mrs Stagg's Tea Party in the hall – 2:30pm
Thursday 12 th March	KS2 SATs information evening 3.15 p.m. crèche available
Friday 13 th and Saturday 14 th	Dance Festival
Tuesday 17 th	Dormouse Corridor hedge planting day – all classes
Thursday 19 th	Performances by 'Stripes' Year 3 and 4 Note year group change KS1 SATs information evening 3.15 pm. crèche available
Thursday 26 th	Year 3 & 4 Handball Details to follow
Friday 27 th	PTA Bunny Bop
Tuesday 31 st	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala <i>Details to follow</i> Oak Class to Ramsbury Estates <i>Details to follow</i>
April	
Wednesday 1 st	STEM Exhibition up in the school Hall
Thursday 2 nd	KS1 visit Great Bedwyn school to see The Shelburne Ensemble am
Friday 3 rd	Easter Service in Church at 9:30 Reports home for KS1 & 2 Last Day of Term 4

Remaining T D Days 2019/20

Thursday 23rd April 2020