



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

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NEWSLETTER No. 13

Our Value This Term Is... *Forgiveness*



Dear Parents,

For us this has been a remarkably quiet fortnight – that may not have been reflected in the world outside of St Katharine's! We did of course enjoy a wonderful World Book Day; as ever the children fully embraced the event and came to school dressed as characters from a whole range of stories. We had the full Hogwarts set on the premises, a handful of Where's Wallys, more than one Tiger Who Came to Tea and a whole host more. Please visit the news page of our website to see a gallery of pictures from the day.

Thank you everyone who came along to Mrs Stagg's tea party on Wednesday. The choir sang for her and she opened her many gifts bought for her with kind donations from parents, staff and governors. We will send out a Parent Mail with a photograph of both Mrs Stagg (and her gifts) so that you can see them for yourselves.

Yesterday I sent out a letter explaining our preparedness for school closure, should that be the government's decision in the coming days or weeks. Please read the letter as it highlights what we will be doing should that take place.

In the meantime, I wish you a happy and healthy weekend.

Niki Jones

Principal

Dormouse Corridor – Hedge Planting Day

On Tuesday 17th March Sycamore Class are planting the Dormouse Corridor Hedge from the spinney to the main body of the forest.

Letters have been sent out inviting you to join us and hopefully, if you intend to come along, you have sent in your responses. If you would still like to come and haven't done this, please see Mrs Thomas in the school office to register the time you plan to come and help. Each class has a designated time when they are out planting within the day. Please make sure that your children are dressed for outdoor learning and have enough warm and waterproof clothing with them. They will also need wellington boots to wear outside and appropriate indoor footwear to change into. This is a really exciting realisation of a big project and a huge amount of work on behalf of the children in Sycamore class and is the beginning of a real focus at St Katharine's on embedding 'conservation' as a strand of learning in our developing curriculum. We are hoping the press will join us on the day – look out for the article in Marlborough News Online and in the Gazette and Herald. We are again extremely grateful to Ramsbury Estates who have fully supported this project and whose focus on sustainability and conservation enables us to get involved with really meaningful projects such as this in our immediate environment.

Piano

With huge thanks to the PTA and of course our parent body who support them, we are in possession of a shiny, new electric piano. This purchase will support the development of music across the school: impacting on our choir, all classes in curriculum music time, the whole school in singing assembly and individuals accessing peripatetic music lessons. Mrs Pattenden, as a very experienced music lead, researched the best model for our setting and the PTA sourced and bought it. We also have a shiny new piano stool to go with it. We now have a very old and slightly out of tune piano that we need to get rid of. If you think you would like it, we are offering it – 'Free to a Good Home' – on a first come first served basis. Please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office if you are interested.

Bunny Bop

As you know the tickets for the Bunny Bop on Friday 27th March are now on sale in the school office – the cost of a ticket is £3.50 which includes games, disco and a light tea for the children. Doors open at 5pm and it will finish at 7pm.

Please get your tickets as soon as possible (by Tuesday 24th March) so that the PTA members who are organising this event can begin

planning the refreshments that they are going to need. Please remember that you will need to stay on site for this event but there will be space (away from the disco) where you can catch up with friends and enjoy some grownup refreshments of your own.

Bags2School

In the next couple of weeks you will find a bag from Bags2School in the children's book bags. Please fill it with your unwanted clothes (apart from those with school logos or company names on), shoes (pairs only please and tied together or with elastic bands around them), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties. Also jewellery, belts, soft toys, household linen (not duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions or rugs), curtains, towels, sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers are accepted. Please don't put ripped or stained items in as they can't take those. The bags will be collected from school on Monday 27th April, so we have plenty of time to fill them. More bags are available, so do ask if you need extra. But note that other bin bags from home are also accepted. We get 40p/kg so every bag helps.

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>	
Friday 28 th	All Stars – Cricket roadshow KS1
<i>March</i>	
Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 6 th	World Book Day <u>Please note there will be no celebration worship on this day.</u> 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 - CANCELLED
Tuesday 17 th	Dormouse Corridor hedge planting day – all classes
Wednesday 18 th	Year 6 accelerated maths at St. Johns school
Thursday 19 th	Performances by 'Stripes' Year 3 and 4 <i>Note year group change</i> KS1 SATs information evening 3.15 pm. crèche available
Friday 20 th	Reception class – height and weight
Tuesday 24 th	Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival am
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> Chestnut Class to Ramsbury cowslip planting <i>Details to follow</i> Oak Class to Ramsbury Estates <i>Details to follow</i>
<i>April</i>	
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