



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

Friday 26th March
NEWSLETTER No: 14

Our Value This Term Is... Compassion



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another week I feel I need to start with an apology for the inconvenience caused to all of you on Thursday morning on finding out that school was to be closed due to no water. It is always a difficult call to make and one that we never make lightly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Last Friday was our St Katharine's World Book Day. I am really glad that we waited to celebrate until the children were back in school. It was really lovely to see them all dressed as characters from their favourite stories. One parent remarked on how lovely and indeed 'normal' it felt to be doing something like this in school. Each event like this is a sign that we are on our way back to a fuller school life.

Sticking with that theme, Monday saw our upper KS2 children dressed up as WWII Evacuees. Thank you to parents for supporting two dressing up days in quick succession! The children had a really rich day which began with a drama exercise whereby they stepped in and out of the shoes of an evacuee as different characters appeared in the hall to take them off to begin their new lives. This might have been the Colonel, the local farmer, the baker's wife or the school teacher... or a host of other characters masterfully played by our staff team! The children then baked from authentic WW11 recipes and continued to deepen their historical knowledge in the classroom. Immersive days such as this are integral to our belief that the curriculum must be as vibrant and exciting as we can make it. We are sadly missing our opportunities to visit museums and other places of interest at the moment. Days such as the WW11 day on Monday are all the more important because of that.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Red Nose Day

As you know, we combined Red Nose Day with our World Book Day Celebration. Thank you to all of you that contributed £1 to the Comic Relief Bucket. We raised £85 to go towards the total raised which I believe currently stands at £52 million.

Parents Evening Reminder

This week you will have received a Parent Mail inviting you to begin booking your 2nd parent/teacher telephone consultation this year. Teachers are in the process of preparing short interim reports, detailing recent assessment outcomes and any intervention that is in place. We hope that this will help to focus the discussion and help you to ask specific questions in response to that short report. You will receive these week beginning 19th April as an attachment via Parent Mail. We hope that all of you will take the opportunity to talk with your child/ren's class teachers at this time and find out not only about your child's progress to date but ways that you can be supporting them at home to ensure that together we can maximise that progress as we move into the summer term. Consultations are only 10 minutes. Please be assured that if there are things to discuss that will need more than this time we will find an alternative time for this discussion to take place.

Virtual Easter Service

On Thursday 1st April (final day of Term 4) we are going to attempt a 'Virtual Easter Service' using TEAMS. **This will take place at 2pm.** Each class will present a short piece and we will celebrate our 'gem jar carriers' as normal. We would love parents to join in by logging onto the St Katharine's Assembly Team using their child's Office 365 log ins. These were sent out at the beginning of the last school closure and the details remain the same. A copy of our '*how to log onto Teams*' document is attached along with this letter.

Contact Tracing UP until 7.4.21

As was the case before the Christmas holiday period, schools still have a role to play in track and trace beyond the end of term. Please read the following information carefully so that you know what you should do if you find yourself in the situation where your **you** or **your child** have a confirmed case of Covid and the onset of your symptoms were between 2:00pm Thursday 1st and 2:00 pm Saturday 3rd April.

You need to inform us if you or your child have tested positive for COVID within 48 hours of last being in/at the school using the principal@stkatharines.excalibur.org.uk address, this is because the infectious period of the disease is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (where there are symptoms).
This means you should contact us if you or your child have a confirmed case and your symptoms started on April 3rd or before. If the onset of symptoms occurs from April 4th or later, you do not need to contact school and should follow NHS track and trace advice.

There may be a delay while you get tested and so we will be on duty after 3rd to receive your emails.

Example 1:

Your child displays symptoms on 3rd and receive a positive test result on 4th - you **WILL** need to contact us.

Example 2:

Your child displays symptoms on 4th and receive a positive test result on 5th - you **WILL NOT** need to contact us and should follow NHS instructions for test and trace.

It is the date of the onset of symptoms that is important here rather than the date of your positive test result.

Please note

The email address we have provided for contact is only to be used for this purpose and for the week after we break up only. Emails will be checked daily.

Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>March</i>	
Monday 29 th	Parent Evening Booking from today
<i>April</i>	
Thursday 1 st	Virtual Easter Service *2pm*
Thursday 1 st	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 16 th	Primary School Place Offer Day
Monday 19 th	First day of Term 5
Tuesday 20 th	Fire Safety Session (virtual) Hazel, Oak and Sycamore
Monday 26 th	Parent Consultations This week
Friday 30th	Deadline to accept Primary School Place offers
<i>May</i>	
Monday 3 rd	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations This week
Thursday 6 th	'Stripes' Digital Performance Sycamore and Chestnut
Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term 5
<i>June</i>	
Monday 7 th	First day of Term 6
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th	<i>planned</i> Year 6 Red Ridge Residential
Friday 17 th	St John's information evening for Y6 parents
Monday 21 st , Wed 23 th – Friday 25 th	<i>planned</i> Y6 Bikeability details to follow
Monday 28 th	St John's uniform fitting evening
Monday 28 th	<i>planned</i> whole school photograph

Wednesday 30 th	<i>planned</i> Primary Summer Show Case <i>details to follow</i>
<i>July</i>	
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd	Y6 to Y7 Transition Days @ St Johns
Friday 2 nd	Reports to Parents <u>all</u> year groups
Monday 12 th	Optional Parent Consultations this week
Tuesday 20 th	<i>planned</i> Sports Day am
Wednesday 21 st	<i>planned (back up) am</i> Sports Day
Thursday 22 nd	Gem Day <i>details to follow</i>
Friday 23 rd	Last Day of Term 6 <u>Early Closure 1:15pm</u>

we have decided that we will resume the Key Dates Planner in September 2021. For the remainder of this school year we will use this section of the fortnightly newsletter to inform you of all upcoming dates. Please note that new dates will be in **bold each time.*

T D Days 2020/21

We have **no more** TD days this academic year