



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

Friday 11th June

NEWSLETTER No: 18

Our Value This Term Is...

Peace



Dear Parents,

And so... Term 6, the final term, begins. It is the nature of the past year (and more) that we are drawn to reflect on what we have been through and where we were this time last....

This time last year we were just beginning to invite a few groups of children back to school for this final term. Many of the children remained at home until the very end of term when we were able to get them in for a few short days. I think every year goes by in a flash but this one seems to have done so more than ever before.

Despite not taking part in quite the volume of activities that we might ordinarily do, the calendar between now and the end of term seems very full. We will add new events in the diary dates section over the coming weeks, as they arise; please look out for these so that you stay informed.

We will be waving off our Year 6 children for their residential in Wales on Monday. It has been a bit touch and go as to whether this would go ahead and so we are very pleased that they will get to experience this end of primary school rite of passage. The centre that we use – Redridge nr Welshpool – is an amazing resource and we look forward to hearing their stories when they return on Friday.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Sycamore Smoothie Making

The penultimate day of term 5 saw the conclusion of the Design and Technology block of learning that Sycamore class had been working on for the 3 weeks prior to that. The day was spent making the final versions of their much experimented with recipes; a recipe that they had designed and perfected in pairs. Prior to that the children had made packaging for their smoothie and short adverts using film software.

The block had started with a trip to Warren Farm to see how milk is produced (*there is no one sat on a stool doing it by hand as it turns out*) and to quiz Anne Homer about how she arrived at her 'The Milk Yard' concept.

Huge thanks to Millie Fortune (Ned's Mum) and David and Anne Homer (of Warren Farm) who gave up an afternoon to judge the smoothies (Dragon's Den style). I was fortunate to spend the afternoon as a judge also.

I ended the day a very proud headteacher, having witnessed the result of an incredible amount of hard work and effort on behalf of the children. The smoothies were delicious, the packaging creative and the adverts enticing. Again, I am so grateful to the teaching team at St Katharine's who give so much of themselves when designing and planning their work with the children.

When you are next able to come into school, you can marvel at the smoothie on the ceiling of the school hall – who knew that it could travel that far!!!

**Special mention also to Mrs Crewe who had a long day in the kitchen and did a lot of wiping!*

Class Structure Next Year

Please see the attached letter that explains our class structure for next year and how we plan to prepare the children before the end of term.

Next Year's TD Days

Please find attached a modified version of next year's calendar with the TD days highlighted in blue. Please note that there is no longer a TD day on 15th November as originally planned, we now have a TD day on Wednesday 20th October. All of next year's TD days are listed at the bottom of the Diary Dates section of this newsletter.

Thank you from Tash@In2Sport

Thank you to those of you that contributed to the gifts that we bought for Tash and Adele in celebration of their wedding. They were both delighted with the items for their kitchen and are

looking forward to using them when having guests for dinner!

Uniform

At this time of year when the weather is improving the children tend to remove their jumpers at playtime. To minimise the mountain of lost property, please can we ask that you ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled. If you have taken advantage of the second-hand uniform provision, please also remember to update the name in the clothing so that we can return it to the correct child. The basket of lost property is currently full with a variety of school jumpers, hats, tracksuit trousers, gloves, alice bands, water bottles and a small pair of football boots. If you are missing anything, please do feel free to call in to the foyer and check if any of it belongs to you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>June</i>	
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th	<i>planned</i> Year 6 Red Ridge Residential
Monday 14 th	Oak Class visit to Marlborough and the Merchant's House am only
Friday 17 th	St John's information evening for Y6 parents
Monday 21 st , Wed 23 th – Friday 25 th	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 17th	Year 6 watching St. John's transition recording
Monday 28 th	St John's uniform fitting evening
Monday 28 th	whole school photograph
Wednesday 30 th	<i>planned</i> Primary Summer Show Case <i>details to follow</i>
	New Reception Parents' evening 6-7pm (date change)
<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
	Move up morning & new reception school visit
Monday 12 th	Optional Parent Consultations this week <i>These consultations are for parents who would like to discuss any concerns they may have, having read the annual report.</i>
Monday 12 th & Wednesday 14 th July	'Healthy Me' & 'Adventurous Me' Whole school activity days <i>details to follow</i>
Friday 16th	Gem Day (date change) <i>details to follow</i>
Monday 19 th	Zoolab with Hazel pm
Tuesday 20 th	<i>planned</i> Sports Day am
Wednesday 21 st	<i>planned (back up) am</i> Sports Day
Friday 23 rd	Leaver's Service Y6 <i>details to follow</i>
	Last Day of Term 6 <u>Early Closure 1:15pm</u>
<i>September</i>	
Wednesday 1 st	TD Days No children in school
Thursday 2 nd	First Day of Term 1

TD Days 2020/21

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

TD Days 2021/22

- ★ Wednesday 1st September
- ★ Wednesday 20th October (**this represents a change of the dates originally published**)
- ★ Friday 12th November
- ★ Tuesday 4th January
- ★ Friday 25th July

Please Note

The TD planned for **15th November** has been replaced by the TD on **20th October**.

We will close at 1:15pm on Friday 22nd July 2022.