



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

Friday 25th June

NEWSLETTER No: 19

Our Value This Term Is...

Peace



Dear Parents,

You will have seen from your SeeSaw accounts and hopefully heard from the children that we have had visitors in school this week! We had to be a bit cloak and dagger about the visiting opera singers, simply because there was an element of surprise in the introduction to the children (disguised as health and safety inspectors...) as such you may not even have believed the children until you saw the evidence for yourselves or heard them humming Nesun Dorma in the bath!

I can report that a wonderful day was had by everyone, and it was amazing to hear singing in the school again. I know that we say this every time we encounter visitors from out of school, but they were truly blown away by the engagement and enthusiasm of the children – easy to take for granted but our learners are really very special. Last week our Year 6 children were finally able to get on their coach to Wales and enjoy their residential. They had an amazing week, kayaking, climbing, paddle boarding, canoeing and abseiling and more. It is such an important right of passage for our Year 6's before they head off to secondary school; we are so pleased that this was possible this year.

Oak Class went on a trip of a slightly smaller scale when they visited Marlborough High Street and the Merchant's House. This trip was in support of the block of learning that they did around the Great Fires of Marlborough and London. We received a letter from the Merchant's House the following day congratulating Miss Denton on the brilliant behaviour of the children and on how much learning they had retained from their topic. It has been so lovely to see just a few glimmers of the kinds of activity that 18months ago we didn't

ever think would become events in our distant memory. I know that I have had to write to you this week with news of some of the cancellations to end of term events. Please have faith that we are slowly getting there... and I sincerely hope that we can begin to anticipate a more settled and typical school year from September.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Whole School Photos

We have the photographer coming into school on Monday 28th June to take the whole school photo. We will be taking the photo in our 2 existing bubbles and by the wonder of technology they will stitch the two halves together! **Children who have PE on that day need to bring a green sweatshirt or cardigan into school with them to put over the top.** They do not need to bring a change of clothing.

Parents Evening and Annual Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report on **Friday 2nd July** via parentmail. We are offering parent consultation meetings via telephone for those of you have concerns or questions, having read the report. These will take place on **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th** both evenings between **4:00 pm and 5:30pm**. You can come into school at the beginning or end of the school day to sign up for a consultation, on the sheets outside the office, or if you are not able to be on site, please call the school office (01672 870 492) and Mrs Thomas will sign up for an appointment on your behalf. If you are happy with the report and feel that you have a good picture of your child's progress you do not need to make an appointment on this occasion.

Uniform

We have a growing pile of lost property in our foyer. Please do make time to call in and have a dig through to see if anything belongs to you. Anything that is named is passed back to the children. It is our intention to either donate or dispose of anything that is remaining in the lost property basket at the end of the academic year. Any uniform will be passed on to the PTA to be sold as second hand.

Strimming

Many thanks to all of you that offered to help us with strimming the nettles in the Spinney recently. It is on occasions such as this that it becomes obvious to us just how lucky we are to have such a great parent community here at St. Katharine's. Thank you.

Thursday 2 nd	First Day of Term 1 <i>Reception 2021 parents see alternative arrangements previously sent</i>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>June</i>	
Monday 28 th	whole school photograph <i>(taken in two halves)</i>
Wednesday 30 th	New Reception Parents' evening 6-7pm Via Zoom*
<i>July</i>	
Friday 2 nd	Reports to Parents <u>all</u> year groups
Wednesday 7 th	Hazel Class trip to Stoney Bridges; Marlborough- details to follow
Tuesday 13 th and Thursday 15 th 4:00 – 5:30	Optional Parent telephone 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 16 th	Gem Day <i>details to follow</i>
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
	New Reception Transition Visit 1:00 – 2:30 <i>This to replace the planned visit at the end of T6</i>

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

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