



ST KATHARINE'S C of E  
SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

NEWSLETTER No: 12

*Our Value This Term Is...*

*Compassion*



*Dear Parents,*

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone!

I hope you managed an enjoyable half term once Storm Eunice had passed and that it wasn't spent mending fences or other damage to your houses. I am also aware that quite a few of our families had Covid in their midst, again, I hope that no one was too poorly and that disruption was kept to a minimum. It has been a very worrying week if we go by the news alone. If you haven't seen it already, please read the parent mail (2.3.22) that gives some detail of the kinds of conversations that have been had in school regarding the unfolding war in Ukraine and some useful website links that may support you to talk with your child/ren at home about this.

Today was World Book Day and as always, the costumes, that celebrate the incredible selection of children's literature available, were amazing! Thank you for supporting this event with your time and effort. A double pat on the back for Oak Class parents who had two dress ups on two consecutive days!

Oak class spent Thursday at Sevington Victorian School. This experience is part of their block of learning on The Victorians, where they focus on finding out about the lives of children during that period in History. The small school room at Sevington feels exactly like a time capsule with

genuine artefacts and objects to help immerse the children in the experience, enabling them to really feel what life might have been like; how it was different and what might have been the same. We are continually evolving our curriculum and identifying experiences and trips such as this that really support and deepen both learning and understanding. Sevington is one of those 'finds' that has a firm place in our curriculum plans. Chestnut and Sycamore are joining up in support of their blocks of learning this term: Chestnut are studying Rivers - *from Source to Sea* (Geography block) and Sycamore are learning about Living Things and Habitats (Science block). They are taking part in 2 workshops with the ARK Water Matters Project (Action for the River Kennett), the first of which was this week. Again, as part of our development of the curriculum we are looking for experiences out of the classroom that support the learning in it and also looking to root our curriculum, where relevant, in our locality. There are so many resources on our doorstep, it is important to us that we are using these and engaging with local providers, as much as possible, to bring our St Katharine's curriculum to life.

*Niki Jones*

Principal

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



#### **Leave of Absence and Penalty Notices**

Please be reminded that if you plan to take your child out of school during term time, you will need to complete a request form. These can be picked up from the school office or found on the website. Please also familiarise yourself with the information on penalty notices that are referred to in your letter from the school should an absence be categorised as unauthorised.

Please find both documents on the website under *leave of absence* on the parent info tab. Or use [this link](#) to navigate to the right page easily.

# News From the PTA

reminder from previous Newsletter

## Easter Trail and Easter Bonnet Competition Friday 8th April at 2:30pm:

The PTA will be having an Easter themed fundraiser event on the last day of term (Friday 8th April) from 2:30pm to 3:15pm.

The school will come outside to enjoy some Easter activities and we invite our St Katharine's families to join in the fun as well. Everyone is welcome from 2:30pm.

The school will come outside to enjoy some Easter activities and we invite all our St Katharine's families to join in the fun from 2:30pm as well.

### The event will include:

#### Easter Trails

The PTA are planning two Easter trails, one for KS1 and one for KS2, and the trails will be within the school grounds with an Easter egg at the end of the trail for all those who take part.

Easter booklets, with the relevant trail maps (KS1 or KS2) and some fun activities, can be purchased for £2.50 by one of the following payment methods;

1. Payment into the PTA PayPal account [stkspta@outlook.com](mailto:stkspta@outlook.com) with the message 'EASTER along with your child/ children's names'.
2. Cash payment on the day of the event.

The booklets will be handed out to children who have purchased one on the afternoon of Friday 8th April.

For those who don't wish to purchase an Easter trail booklet there will be Easter colouring /quizzes / word searches available to enjoy too.

#### Easter Bonnet Competition

If you'd like to have fun creating an Easter Bonnet with seasonally inspired decorations, please bring this in on Friday 8th April and Ms Jones will judge the bonnets during the Easter Trail event. There will be two Easter Bonnet prizes to be won, one for KS1 and another for KS2.

#### Bake Sale and Teas and Coffees

During the afternoon there will be teas and coffees on sale and an Easter themed bake sale for you to enjoy.

We are looking forward to as many of you as possible taking part.

*If you are not present to collect your child at 2:30 they will be supervised by class teachers and support staff until 3:15pm.*

**All monies raised will go to the PTA funds which provide much needed equipment and activities for the school.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut and Sycamore ARK Visit 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bags to School drop bags by 9.00am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	TAG Rugby Tournament at St. John's <b>(1 team from Sycamore)</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs information session for parents 2.30pm-3.15pm
<b>April</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents Evening 2 whole school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bath Rugby Event for whole school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm – 5:30pm Parents Evening 2 whole school (please note this date has changed from version 1)
	Final Oak Class Forest School
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 4
	Easter Service 9:30am in Church refreshments to follow
	PTA Easter Trail Event 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 5
	Sycamore first swimming session
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sir Harold Hillier Gardens trip for Hazel and Oak class <i>(details to follow)</i>
	Chestnut Class First Forest School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Bath Rugby session of block of sessions for Sycamore
<b>May</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Day Holiday School closed

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Vision and Values Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Brady Pizza Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Vision and Values Day parent sharing afternoon. Parents invited from 2:00pm (this timing to be confirmed)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Final Chestnut Forest School
	Year 6 Red Ridge Residential Parents Meeting 2.30pm <i>(details to follow)</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Final Bath Rugby session of block of sessions for Sycamore
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 5

**Items in bold have been added since the previous Newsletter.**

Please also refer to your **Key Dates Planner Version 2**, for all known dates so far, this academic year.

**Remaining TD Days 2021/22**

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Please Note**

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022



# Other things you might want to know...

07917 800 044 INFO@NOTJUSTTENNIS.CO.UK

**not just tennis** **2022**  
Tennis & Sporting Activities  
at Ramsbury Tennis Club  
with Lewis & Catherine from  
Tennis Xperience UK

**DATES:**  
11th / 12th / 13th / 14th APRIL  
19th / 20th / 21st APRIL

**DETAILS:**  
For Children Aged 5-13 (All Abilities)  
Timings: 9.00am - 13.00pm  
Cost: £30.00 per child per day for RTC members.  
An additional £5.00 one off fee for non-members.  
Minimum of 2 day booking

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: / / E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL INFO: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE SPECIFY DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to 'Not Just Tennis' and send to:  
Little Chase, 3 Forest Hill, Great Bedwyn, Marlborough SN8 3LP



## St Katharine's Easter Trail

2:30pm FRIDAY 8th APRIL

St Katharine's families please join us from 2:30pm for:

**EASTER TRAIL**  
All participants will receive an Easter egg at the end of the trail!  
KS1 and KS2 trail booklets are £2.50 and can be purchased by payment into  
the PTA PayPal account [stkspta@outlook.com](mailto:stkspta@outlook.com) with the message 'EASTER  
followed by your child/childrens name' OR by cash payment on the day.

**EASTER BONNET COMPETITION**  
If you would like to enter please bring Easter bonnets into school on the  
morning of Friday 8th April.

**BAKE SALE & TEAS & COFFEES**  
Homemade Easter themed bakes and teas and coffees will be on sale  
during the event.

All monies raised go to the PTA to fund equipment and activities for the school.