



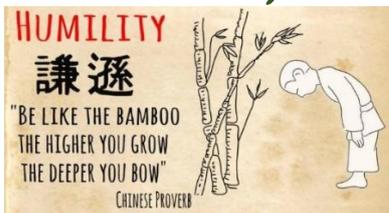
ST KATHARINE'S
C of E
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

Friday 25th April 2022
NEWSLETTER No: 15

Our Value This Term Is...

Humility



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter Break. I hope that you managed some rest and relaxation and that you enjoyed the sunshine making its multiple appearances!

Our term ended with the Easter service and Egg Hunt; it was so lovely to see so many of you at Church and on the playground after school. It was the first time in a while that we have been able to come together as a school community. I hope it is the first of many opportunities for this to happen as we begin to return to something resembling our lives before the pandemic.

Looking ahead in the school diary, it is certainly set to be a busy time in the months ahead. You will have had the Key Dates Planner (version 3) and any new dates (not known at the time of publishing the KDP) are always communicated in the dates section of the newsletter. Both the Key Dates Planner and previous newsletters are all easily accessible on the school website on the parent pages.

There are so many events to look forward to that we may be a little tired when the Summer Holidays arrive but I hope that we will have made many happy memories for the children in the weeks leading up to that.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Parent Meeting: Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)

As you will know from previous newsletters on this subject, there has been new legislation around the teaching of SRE in school. In a much overdue initiative, the requirement to teach a well-planned sex and relationships curriculum in all schools has been statutory since September 2020.

We purchased a personal, social and health education (PSHE) scheme of work in July 2021 called Jigsaw. Since September, **all classes** have covered units on the themes below:

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me

In this term (Term 5), we are all looking at the theme of Relationships and in Term 6 we will focus on a unit entitled 'Changing Me'.

It is in these final terms of the school year that we will cover the content that is defined as 'Sex and Relationships'. I have been working with a parent working party to share some of the learning objectives and lesson content and to gain some insight into parental perspectives.

We would now like to offer you **all** the opportunity to find out more about what your children will be learning and the thinking and rationale behind this, so that you are not only better informed but also able to support this learning at home. This is a meeting for parents of all age groups.

On **Tuesday 24th May** there will be a meeting in school **at 2:15pm**. I am leading the meeting not only as Principal but also as the PSHE lead for the school. I am expecting the meeting to be finished by **3:15pm**, ready for the end of the school day. The meeting will take place in Sycamore classroom; please come straight to the classroom and we will sign you in there.

If you are not able to attend, we will be making the termly overview of lesson content available to all parents prior to the beginning of Term 6.

**This is the same date as the Sycamore trip to Lulworth Cove which will not be the most convenient for all of you as the trip has a later pick up. I apologise in advance. We can offer refreshments and access to Wi-Fi after the meeting if people would like to stay in the classroom to get some work done.*

Celebration Worship Dates

We are delighted to be able to invite parents to join us for Celebration Worship in the weeks ahead. There will be some of you who won't have experienced this at all and some of you who have

probably forgotten what the inside of the school looks like!

Please be mindful that we have limited space in the school hall and as such maybe prioritise the dates when your child's class will be sharing something about their learning. We normally have room for everyone who wants to attend but I am conscious that there might be lots of you wishing to come, given the absence of these types of events in our lives. All parents are of course welcome. Friday Celebration Worship starts at 2:45 and ends at 3:15, ready for home time. The dates are in the calendar but to help you plan they are as follows:

- ★ **Friday 27th May** – Sycamore sharing learning
- ★ **Friday 10th June** – Chestnut sharing learning
- ★ **Friday 17th June** – Oak sharing learning
- ★ **Friday 24th June** – Hazel sharing learning
- ★ **Friday 1st July**
- ★ **Friday 8th July** – final celebration worship

**If a date is not listed above, it is because there is no celebration worship in that week.*

In addition to these dates, we would like to invite parents in to school from **2:00pm on Friday 20th May** so that we can share with you the outcomes of our whole school Vision and Values Day on 13th May.

School Trips

We are very fortunate to have a very supportive PTA, who with your help raise a significant amount of money each year. With that, each class is given £500 a year to supplement the cost of trips and visits outside of the classroom.

Having spent the last 2 years being largely unable to take children on trips to places that will enhance and extend the work that we are doing in the classroom, we are keen to reinstate this; we are proud that our teachers think carefully about how to bring classroom learning to life.

We are very conscious that everyone is being hit by the rises in the cost of living right now and know that it is affecting everyone. The money from the PTA is used to lessen the cost of trips across the year – often supplementing what can be the most expensive element – the bus journey.

If you are finding it difficult to pay for an item such as a trip, please do let us know. It isn't an easy thing to do but without this knowledge we cannot respond appropriately and offer our support. If there were a significant short fall in the number of parental payment contributions, creating a deficit for the school, we would be forced to explore the cancellation of planned trips, something that we would be

very loath to do. Please do help us to keep lines of communication open so that we have all the information that we need, when making plans.

Save the date - Summer Festival

The PTA are organising a Summer Festival @ St Katharine's on **Saturday 11th June 3-8pm**. There will be live bands, pony rides, BBQ, bar, traditional fete games and much more...

More information to follow in the coming weeks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	
Friday 29 th	Cake Sale for green canopy
May	
Monday 2 nd	May Day Holiday School closed
Tuesday 3 rd	Walk to School Sessions
Wednesday 4 th	ARK River visit – KS2
Monday 9 th – 13 th	KS 2 SATs Week
Friday 13 th	Whole School Vision and Values Day
	Sycamore Class girls' cricket experience (small group)
Monday 16 th – 20 th	KS 1 SATs Week
Monday 16th	Chestnut Class Cricket Festival at St. Katharine's (small group)
Tuesday 17th	Year 6 pre-residential parents meeting 2.30pm (note date change from previous newsletter)
Thursday 19 th	Sue Brady Pizza Day
Friday 20 th	Vision and Values Day parent sharing afternoon. Parents invited from 2:00pm (timing TBC)
Saturday 21 st	Trip to Bath Rugby
Tuesday 24th	Final Chestnut Forest School
	Sycamore trip to Lulworth Cove

	Parent Meeting on the Sex and Relationships Curriculum 2:15 – 3:15 (Sycamore Classroom)
Thursday 26 th	Final Bath Rugby lessons, lunchtime and afterschool clubs block of sessions for KS2
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Term 5
	Celebration Worship – Parents welcome (Sycamore sharing)
<i>June</i>	
Monday 6th	First Day of Term 6
Monday 6th – 10th	Phonics screening check week
	Year 4 multiplication check week
Thursday 9th	Chestnut trip to Mary Rose in Portsmouth (details to follow)
Friday 10th	Accelerated maths day at St. John's (small group)
	Celebration Worship – Parents welcome (Chestnut sharing)
Saturday 11th	PTA Summer Festival 3 – 8 pm Details to follow
Monday 13th	Year 5 only swimming session
Monday 13th – Friday 17th	Year 6 Red Ridge Residential Trip
Monday 13th (week commencing)	Nursery visits for 2022 intake begin this week
Tuesday 14th	Music Cluster Project – Chestnut Class (details to follow, St' Francis School pm only)
Thursday 16th	Y6 Transition Information evening for parents only (St. John's)
	Y5 Quadkids (details to follow)
Friday 17th	Orienteering Y4 (details to follow)

	Celebration Worship – parents welcome (Oak sharing)
Monday 20th (week beginning)	Nursery visits continue
Tuesday 21st (am), Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th	Y6 Bikeability (groups to be decided) (details to follow)
Tuesday 21st	Whole School Bath Rugby Workshop (pm)
Friday 24th	Celebration Worship – parents welcome (Hazel sharing)
Monday 27th	Uniform fitting evening at St. John's
Tuesday 28th	Whole school photos and Y6 group (pm)
	Y6 trip to Junior Good Citizen Event (am only) (details to follow)
Wednesday 29th	New Reception parent information evening 6-7pm
	KS 2 Mini-marathon Event (details to follow)
Thursday 30th	Summer performance dress rehearsal 1-3pm (children only)

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 22nd July

Please Note

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 21st July 2022