



ST KATHARINE'S

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

Friday 24th June 2022

NEWSLETTER No: 19

Our Value This Term Is...

Trust



Dear Parents,

I met one of our parents on the playground this morning, with a slightly wide-eyed look on their face. The look of someone who is spinning lots of plates and hoping that they all keep spinning. I think I may have reflected back the same expression and having sat down to write to you today, I understand why.

My first task, when composing the newsletter, is always to cast my mind back to the previous fortnight and try to reflect all the things that we have been up to.

I will begin with the Family Festival and whilst the PTA have written about that later in the newsletter, I would just like to add my heartfelt thanks to the organisers, helpers and supporters of that event. It really was joyous. We have waited a long time to properly come together as a community and this event was worth the wait. I went home with a very happy glow and feeling truly blessed to be the headteacher of this very special school.

Forgive me if I rattle through the next section there is quite a lot to mention and to celebrate. To summarise therefore, we have had a busy old time of it. In the last fortnight we have seen: Year 4 take part in an orienteering event, rehearsed a play, waved goodbye to Year 6 as they set off on their residential week in Wales, been swimming, a group of Year 5 took part in Quadkids, Chestnut and Sycamore took part in a Bath Rugby workshop, our EYFS teachers have visited all of

our new reception children in their settings and Chestnut Class went to St Francis to perform their contribution to a 'music through the decades' event. I think I have covered it all!

There is yet more to enjoy in this craziest of terms and so to all of you that might be feeling the pace ramping up and wondering from one day to the next what needs to happen to get your child where they need to be with the right equipment, *thank you!* We really do appreciate all your support.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Gem Day Details

We are hoping that if the weather is kind to us, we will hold our Gem Day on Wednesday 20th July.

We will take our usual route to the column monument, where we will picnic and then return to school for the end of the school day. Children will need the appropriate clothing for walking and either a light raincoat or sunscreen and a hat (possibly both). Please do not book a Sue Brady lunch on that day and make sure that your child has a packed lunch in school in a bag that is easy to carry.

Parents are welcome to join us. Please sign up in the school office if you intend to come. Please note that we cannot allow dogs to join us on the walk.

Optional Parents Evenings and Reports

You will receive an end of year report on Friday 1st July. This will be sent by Parent Mail with an additional attachment detailing attendance. After this we will send details of how to sign up for an optional, virtual parent consultation. We are not expecting everyone to take up this offer. This meeting is for those parents who have concerns following receipt of the report or questions that have arisen because of that.

Move up Mornings

On Friday 1st July we are holding our Move Up Morning. Our new starters will be joining us for a stay and play, Year 6 will have a day at St Johns and everyone else will spend a session (where possible) with their new teacher.

Our class structure is by now embedded and as such parents will already have assumed what comes next. For clarity, our teaching and learning teams next year will be:

Hazel Class (EYFS): Mrs Groves, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Mackenzie

Oak Class (Y1&2): Mrs Jowdie and Miss Denton

Chestnut Class (Y3&4): Mrs Crocker and Mrs Ellaby

Sycamore Class(Y5&6): Mrs Crew and Mr Sandall

Summer Performances

Sycamore class are very busy rehearsing for this year's production of Terry Pratchett's *The Amazing Maurice*. Tickets are currently on sale for the parents of Sycamore class. Any unsold tickets will go on general sale from Thursday 30th June if **any** parent would like to come along and see the performance. Please call or email the school office if you are interested. Spare tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis from the morning of 30th June.

Mrs Crewe

Our wonderful Mrs Crewe will be missing the final fortnight of term to go in for her long-awaited knee-operation. She has carried on stoically, despite considerable discomfort for some time and whilst we will greatly miss her presence at the end of term, we wish her a speedy recovery, lots of well-earned rest and we look forward to seeing her when she is ready and able.

Her final day of work this academic year will be Monday 4th of July.

Medication In School

Please be reminded that any medication, however mild (for e.g. medication to help with the symptoms of hay fever) **must** be given to a member of staff to administer and the permission form (available in the school office) filled in. It is essential that we are aware of any medication that is taken by children in school and that this is properly supervised by a member of staff.

My Child At School (MCAS)

We hope that you have all had a chance to familiarise yourselves with the new MCAS system that is being rolled out across Excalibur schools. We are looking forward to it being operational here at St. Katharine's. It will provide us with a single platform that enables parents to directly update contact details and permissions held here at school, together with functionality to communicate with our families and make trip/club

bookings and payments. Thank you to those of you who have already activated your account. If you are yet to do so, please locate the invitation code email (sent on 10th June), together with the ParentMail guidance document sent out on 9th June. Together these messages have all the information you need to activate your account. The website is: www.mychildatschool.com If you need any help with this process, get in touch with Hayley in the office. Please do bear with us if we encounter any teething problems; the system is new to us here at St. Katharine's as well. Thank you all for your time and patience while we take steps to ultimately improve the service we provide to our families.

Celebration Worship 1st July CANCELLED (final celebration worship on 8th July)

Please see dates below but by way of a reminder, there is no celebration worship next week (1st). We will hold the final celebration worship on Friday 8th July. There will not be a focus on any class but a chance to come together for the final in-school collective worship of the school year. On the final day of the school year (Thursday 21st July at 9:30), we will hold our Year 6 Leavers' Service largely written by our Leavers. The parents and families of our Year 6 children will, of course, attend (and have pole position in the church with complementary tissues)! Other parents, who would like to join the service, are also welcome.

PTA update: Family Festival raises over £3,000!

We are thrilled to announce the St Katharine's Family Festival made an incredible **£3,013!** This is a huge amount of money that goes a long way in our small school. We will also be able to secure match funding for this event, which will increase this total further. If you work for an organisation that offers match funding, then please do get in touch as it is an incredible way to maximise our fundraising efforts!

It is not possible to individually thank the countless people who got involved to make this event happen, but a special mention and our heartfelt thanks goes to Lee Matthews who organised the bands, sound equipment and stage, making it an event to remember! As always, a huge thank you to Tamara and Nick Spencer for doing an incredible job on the BBQ. The preparation behind this, as well as the task of cooking up 300+ burgers/sausages for a very hungry crowd is an unenviable task which they did with ease and with smiles on their faces.

A special mention to Sam Phillips and Anna Hebard, who to the delight of many, many children brought their ponies, Jimmy and Ruby. The logistics of making this all happen is hugely appreciated. And finally, a special thank you to Lauren Martin for all her support including providing the hay bales, a very large shopping trip and all her help on the day. There are many others who we are very grateful to for their support. These events are just not possible without your help, whether it was running the Welly Wang, making teas and coffees, manning the bar or painting faces!

Thank you also to everyone that came along and supported the event. It was a very special occasion for our St Katharine's community.

The PTA Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>June</i>	
Monday 27 th	Uniform fitting evening at St. John's
	KS 2 after-school Running Club final one today
Tuesday 28 th	Whole school photos and Y6 group (pm)
	Y6 trip to Junior Good Citizen Event (am only)
Wednesday 29th	KS 2 Mini-marathon Event <i>at St Katharine's</i>
	Summer performance dress rehearsal 1-3pm (children only)
Thursday 30th	Rounders Festival (Y6 small group)
<i>July</i>	
Friday 1 st	Move up morning
	Reports to parents
	Y6 transition day at St Johns
	Celebration Worship 2:45pm cancelled
Monday 4th	Sycamore Class <u>final</u> swimming session

Tuesday 5 th	Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral – Y6
Wednesday 6th	Summer Performance Sycamore 7:00 – 8:30
Thursday 7th	Summer Performance Sycamore 7:00 – 8:30
Friday 8 th	Clay Workshop – Chestnut Class (am)
	Final Celebration Worship
Saturday 9th	Church Fete 2:00 – 4:30 (see flyer)
	St. Katharine's Parkrun Takeover (running club)
Monday 11 th	Year 6 attending matinee performance of The Addams Family at St. John's
Tuesday 12 th	Parents Evening (Optional)
	Mrs Arnold's last day with Chestnut
Wednesday 13 th	In2Sport Activity Day <i>all children in PE kit today</i>
Thursday 14 th	Shelburne Ensemble Performance to Whole School
	Parents Evening (Optional)
Friday 15th	Sports Day 9:30 – 12:15
	Final Netball afterschool club – Sycamore (block of 5 sessions)
	Tusk Force Cake and Bead Sale 3:15 – 3:45
Monday 18 th	Sports Day Back-up (in case of rain on 15 th) 9:30 – 12:15
Tuesday 19 th	Scotability Y1-6 (children who have signed up working in

	<i>groups throughout the day)</i>
Wednesday 20 th	Gem Day Whole School Walk and Picnic
Thursday 21 st	Leavers' Service St Katharine's Church 9:30
	Last Day of Term 6 Early Closing 1:15 Pickup
	Mrs Pattenden's Last Day
Friday 22 nd	TD Day No children in school today

Items in bold have been added since the previous Newsletter.

Please also refer to your **Key Dates Planner Version 3**, for all known dates so far, this academic year.

Other things you might want to know...

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2022
Tennis & Sporting Activities
at Ramsbury Tennis Club
with Lewis & Catherine from
Tennis Xperience UK

DATES:
25th - 28th JULY
1st - 4th AUGUST
8th - 11th AUGUST

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

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

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**ST KATHARINE'S
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**SUMMER
FETE!**

**SATURDAY 9TH JULY
2PM - 4.30PM**

**PUPPET
SHOWS AT
2.30PM &
3.30PM**

**STALLS INCLUDE: Accessories,
Bottles, Gardening & Produce
Teas with tasty cakes
Lots of kids' games
including 'Bale Castle'.
Come and sit inside a Cadillac,
DeLorean or a huge Tractor!!**

***** Cash welcome! ***!**