



**ST KATHARINE'S
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*
Friday 26th January 2024
NEWSLETTER No: 9
Our Value This Term Is...
Truthfulness



Dear Parents,

We have had another busy fortnight in school leaving only a fortnight until the end of Term 3. It really does seem like we have only just returned from the Christmas break!

A small group of eight, year sixes travelled to Bristol on Wednesday of this week, to take part in a Lego robotics, League competition. This group of children accompanied by Mr Sandall and Mrs Crewe had what can only be described as a brilliant day competing against 23 other teams from across the Southwest. The teams were largely made up of upper key stage 2 children and some from years 8 and 9. The children had to ensure that their Lego robot accurately and consistently performed a series of challenges around a board and also had to present to a panel of judges around a theme – this year's theme was creativity. The team are in the process of writing an article for the website (news section) – please have a look next week if you would like to find out a bit more. Huge thanks must go to Mr Sandall who has run and guided the children taking part in the term leading up to the competition. We were very proud to hear that they had come a very respectable 9th place overall. Hazel Class were visited by the dentist this week. They learnt about how important it is to brush your teeth twice a day, the kinds of food that help our teeth to stay healthy and the foods that can damage our teeth if we eat too much of them. The dentist then left

everyone with a goody bag that meant they could go home and practise being even more brilliant at looking after their teeth than they already are!

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Website Refresh

In the summer term, last academic year, we were visited by a photographer, commissioned and financed by the Excalibur Academies Trust, to take some new photographs for our school website. With the support of Calliaweb, who created and support the ongoing management of our website, we have been able to give the website a bit of a refresh.

[Please take a look](#) (at some of the pages that you may not ordinarily visit) to see for yourselves. As one of the primary users of the school website, your opinions are valuable. Any feedback that you might have around ease of use, simplicity of navigating to the content that you want etc. are all helpful.

We are in the process of ensuring that any posted content such as the News section are communicated via social media – we will be asking you to 'follow' us in due course.

Drop Off

Drop off is a particularly busy part of the school day. Please can we ask that you observe the turning circle in the morning, ensuring that you pull in safely and that your children get out of the car quickly. Ideally children are ready to go when you pull up. There isn't time for long farewells and getting things out of the boot space for example. If your child is not quite ready to be independent, please park up and bring them to the gate – there are no restrictions on cuddles at the gate!

When using the turning circle, for safety we ask that you only allow your child/ren to get out of the vehicle at the point when you are in contact with the adult on duty. It can be dangerous when drivers are not expecting children to be walking between cars in the turning circle.

If an adult is not on duty on the turning circle – please do not drop your child and leave your child unattended. We have had incidents where children have then doubled back and there has been no adult to supervise in what can be a busy area for traffic. Mrs Crewe or another member of staff will always be on the turning circle at 8:30. Please wait until then to drop off.

Revisiting our School Rules

You may remember that in September of 2022 we reviewed the school rules and replaced what was a long, complicated and often forgotten list of rules with three simple ones:

- ★ We are Safe
- ★ We are Considerate
- ★ We are Respectful

Over the next three weeks we are going to take a bit of time to return to these rules, one by one, to really explore what each word means, what it looks like in practise and to tease out the difference between them. Please feel free to start a conversation at home about this to see what has stuck or resonated with your child/ren.

Uniform Reminders

Recently we have found ourselves needed to give the children a few too many reminders about our uniform rules in school. Please support with this at home by checking the following:

- nail varnish is removed before school
- any transfers/ stick on tattoos are removed before school
- **no jewellery is worn to school** apart from a small pair of studs (if ears are pierced) and a watch, once children are ready for this

Please can children with long hair make sure that hair is tied back and hair accessories are in a neutral or school uniform colour: brown, black, nude or green. Please avoid large bows.

Thank you for your support with this.

• The Education Hub

Please do have a look at the link below for a DfE resource for parents about all things education. This website is a one stop shop for information across a wide spectrum of issues related to education. Subjects are organised by category on the front page. Follow the link below to explore for yourselves.

[The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk)

Triathlon Event Key Stage 2

Lots of children have already signed up with a team to take part in this event. Last year was our first experience of taking part as a school, it was a huge success and enjoyed hugely by everyone that took part. If you have a child taking part (or not) and would like to offer your services by volunteering on

the day please follow [this link](#) which will take you straight to the form enabling you to sign up. If you want to find out a bit more first please see the poster on the notice board section of this newsletter.

Braeside Courses

There will be new courses available for parents to book at Braeside Education Centre for Spring/Summer 24 from February half term. These courses are for children with a passion in or a talent for a particular subject. Courses take place during the school day and are paid for by parents. Please contact Braeside directly to book courses or to find out more about the suitability of a course for your child. If you would like more information, we are also happy to talk this through with you.

Contact details for Braeside are:

Telephone: 01380 722637

A Few Messages from the PTA

Termly Cake Sales

The PTA will be holding cake sales once a term until the end of the academic year. Once again, we kindly ask for cake donations from each class. If you are able to donate cakes for the sale, please be mindful of allergies: *no nuts or sesame seeds*. If the cakes are homemade, can you please include a label to let us know the ingredients (this will help parents of children with allergies including dairy).

Dates:

- ★ Friday 23rd February 3:15 = Sycamore
- ★ Friday 26th April 3:15 = Chestnut
- ★ Saturday 8th June (Summer fete, please bring donations on Friday 7th June) = Hazel & Oak (summer fete)
- ★ Friday 19th July = Sycamore

Quiz Night

The PTA are delighted to announce that we have decided to host our very own quiz night!!!! It's on Friday 23rd February from 8pm at East Grafton Village Hall!!!! Teams of 4!! This is a new thing for us and we feel a great way to get our parents together for a bit of fun!!! Please head to www.pta-events.com/stkatharines to book your ticket. As always if you have any questions please do ask and we really hope as many of you can join us as possible! Thank you for your support!

Bags 2 Schools

A reminder that Bags2Schools will be making a collection next Wednesday 31st January. All donations must be brought to school at drop-off on

this date before 9am.

Please have a cathartic new year's declutter and fill lots of bags (any bin bag) to make money for the school!

Yes please to Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories

No thank you to uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric

Website: www.braeside-education.co.uk

Monday 25th	Parents Evening 2 whole school 3.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 26th	Year 3/4 Cricket at St. Katharine's School (small group) (details to follow)
Wednesday 27th	Parents Evening 2 whole school 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 28th	Easter Service in Church 9.30am
	Easter trail, Bonnet Competition and Cake Sale 2pm-3.30pm
	Last Day of Term 4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>January</i>	
Friday 26th	Mobile Library visiting
<i>February</i>	
Tuesday 6th	Year 6 SATs information session for parents 2.15pm – 3.15pm
	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 19th	First Day of Term 4
Friday 23rd	Mobile Library visiting
<i>March</i>	
Monday 4th	Oak Class visit to Sevington Victorian School
Friday 8th	World Book Day Dress Up
	PTA Mother's Day Shop 1pm-3pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 12th	Scotability (details to follow)
Wednesday 13th	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament (details to follow)
Friday 15th	Whole school cricket taster session
Friday 22nd	Sharing our learning afternoon – parents invited in from 2.30pm until 3.15pm
	No celebration worship this week
	Mobile Library visiting

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V2** that includes all the dates that we know of for the remainder of the academic year 2023/24 (at this point).

Our aim is that we give you advance warning and enable you to plan well ahead for some of the main events in the year. As events come into the school diary they will be added to the dates sections of the Newsletter and to Key Dates Planner V3 which are resent at the beginning of 5.

TD Days

There are no remaining TD days this academic year.

Please Note

We will close at 1:15pm on Wednesday 24th July 2024.

Other things you might want to know...



BECOME AN EVENT VOLUNTEER FOR TEAM RESTLESS!

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Come and join us for the most exciting event in the school calendar by becoming a volunteer at the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon.

Volunteering at the Schools Triathlon is a great way to show your support for the event and all the children taking part. You'll be part of the fun and excitement as well as helping to ensure the day runs smoothly for everyone involved.

What will I be doing?

No experience is needed. Just bring bags of energy and enthusiasm and we'll allocate your role on the day. This could involve:

- Meet and Greet at the registration stand, welcome budding young triathletes and their families
- Route marshals, help triathletes (and parents) get to where they need to go
- Hand out medals and goody bags to our excited finishers
- Car Parking, welcome them and wave them off.

How long do I need to volunteer for?

You can either help for the full day (8am-5pm) or half a day (either AM or PM)

We'll even provide you with a free t-shirt and complementary breakfast/lunch to say thank you.

What next?

Sign up today and we'll let you know all the information you'll need for the day. You can also send this invitation on to anyone you think would like to volunteer with.

Without the presence of our incredible volunteers working together this event wouldn't be possible. By volunteering you'll be supporting young people achieve something great and ensuring every penny donated goes to charity.



The Schools Triathlon is the largest sports fundraising event for children in the UK. Since 2015, more than 25,000 children have raised over £3.4m for Restless Development and 100s of different charities chosen by participating schools. As part of a team, children of all abilities are invited to take on the challenge of swimming, running and cycling to raise money for charity.

Restless Development

Through education and training Restless Development develops young people's skills so they can support themselves and their community. We support young people all over the world to use their youth power to lead change and tackle challenges they face such as lack of education, unemployment and climate change.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO BECOME AN EVENT VOLUNTEER



Please check out our FAQs, or email us on volunteers@restlessdevelopment.org

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FEBRUARY CAMPS

MULTI SPORTS	BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15 12 th - 15 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	£65
GIRLS FOOTBALL	GIRLS - 5 TO 16 13 th & 14 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	1 DAY £30 2 DAYS £38
3 DAY FOOTBALL	BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15 13 th - 15 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	£50
GOALKEEPER DAYS	BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15 14 th & 15 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	1 DAY £20 2 DAYS £38

FACILITY

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Please contact us for more details on the packages we offer.
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BEGINNING YOUR SPORTS JOURNEY

FOOTBALL FUN FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN & ENJOY A NEW SPORT

PARENT & TODDLER SESSION

15 PLACES AVAILABLE TO BOOK FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

FROM 2 TO 5 YEARS OF AGE

DATES : 21st FEBRUARY - 27th MARCH 2024
17th APRIL - 22nd MAY 2024
5th JUNE - 24th JULY 2024

TIMES: 10:00am to 10:30am

FACILITY: INDOOR HALL TRAINERS ONLY

MARLBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE
BARTON DENE
SN8 1PB

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE GET IN TOUCH
VIA EMAIL: mattcoombes@soccerecexcellence.co.uk OR CALL: 07766 203176
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
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£21

6 WEEK COURSE

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STANLEY PARK STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND STANLEY LANE, CHEFFENHAM SN3 2DP	FOOTBALL & GK CAMP BOYS & GIRLS - 5 TO 16 16 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	£25
BEVERSBROOK BEVERSBROOK LANE, CALNE SN11 9FL	BOYS & GIRLS - 5 TO 16 12 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	£25
MARLBOROUGH HARLBOROUGH YOUTH CENTRE THE RECREATION GROUND, ST MARGARET'S HEAD SN8 1AA	FOOTBALL & GK CAMP BOYS & GIRLS - 5 TO 16 16 th FEBRUARY 2024 9am to 3pm	£25

FACILITY

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Friday 2nd February 2024

Civic Centre Trowbridge BA14 8AH

Registration from 9.30am
Event Runs from 10am to 2pm

Parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses from the WPCCC.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
You can book online www.surrey.gov.uk/parents/SEND
Alternatively
Phone: 01225 794647
Email: respon@wpcpc.co.uk
Booking closes 5pm on 23rd January 2024

Are you a parent carer of, or professional working with, a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

This free to attend event is aimed at parent carers who are looking for information or support for their child or young person with SEND. Professionals who work with children and young people with SEND are also invited. You can talk to a number of different services in Wiltshire at their stands and find out more information about them and how they can help.

Visit over 30 information stands
Participate in an information workshop
Enjoy free tea, coffee and cakes
Meet other parent carers

See our virtual pre-event pack for lots more info: 

You can book using this QR code: 

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR SCHOOLS PARENTS

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FEBRUARY @ FACE Sports

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th

MONDAY
INVASION GAMES
Refine skills and score lots of GOALS in loads of different sports!

Polehampton : WEDNESDAY
Marlborough: TUESDAY

THURSDAY
TOURNAMENT DAY
Put your team to the challenge : Dodgeball, tennis, gymnastics, cricket & MORE!

WEIRD & WONDERFUL
Take a trip around the world with us, trying some amazing games from different countries!

Polehampton : TUESDAY
Marlborough: WEDNESDAY

SURVIVAL SKILLS
Show off your skills and learn new ones in den building, fire building, laser tag, fencing and more!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
FOUR DAYS OF FUN AT FACE
MONDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 15TH

BASED WITHIN MARLBOROUGH ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & POLEHAMPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL (TWYFORD)

£28 A DAY **8.30AM-5PM** **5-11 YEAR OLDS**

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