



ST KATHARINE'S

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect,

& Honesty

Friday 19th April 2024

NEWSLETTER No: 14

Our Value This Term Is...



Humility

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all, after the Easter Break. There is something lovely about coming back to school after Easter. The trees are greener, the sky is lighter and birds are noisier!

It was lovely to see lots of you in church on the final day of term, to share our Easter Service with us. We were so proud of the children; they had practised the songs for a few weeks in the build up to this and they sang beautifully. Most of our Easter plans were scuppered by the dreadful weather. Sadly, we couldn't parade our bonnets in the way we would have liked but we made do with classroom runways. Mr Sandall and I were very impressed by the effort made by all; our worthy winners were:

Sycamore: Sydney and Jack

Chestnut: Freddie and Olivia

Oak: Ollie and William

Hazel: Jesse

We are looking forward to our summer term. The calendar is filling up quickly with all sorts of events and activities, for all our year groups - the phrase 'buckle up' comes to mind!

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Hazel Classroom

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of our PTA with the support of our wonderful school community we have been able to undertake a complete overhaul of our EYFS (Hazel) classroom. One of the many great things about being part of a multi-academy trust is the ability to share resources and work collaboratively. This year, as part of Excalibur Trust, we have benefitted from training provided by the company Early Excellence. As part of this Mrs Freeman has worked with the company to redesign Hazel Classroom and the Outdoor space. This has included the purchasing of new furniture, storage and most importantly some new high-quality resources. Maria Montessori, is well known to have said that '*play is the work of the child*'. It is a vital part of the EYFS curriculum – not only the play but the high-quality interactions between children and between children and their adults. Having a classroom that elevates and best facilitates that play is hugely important. The £5,000 donation from the PTA, to enable this project, has really improved our EYFS classroom. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Not least Mrs Freeman who has had a busy Easter getting everything ready for the beginning of Term 5. Hazel Class will be sharing their learning with parents **next Wednesday** afternoon, in their lovely new classroom. If anyone else would like to come and see the classroom, please pop in at the end of any school day.

In2Sport Babies!

We have two pieces of exciting news to share with you. Dan, who works in school on Monday teaching PE to Chestnut and Hazel and running Dodgeball and Football clubs, has just become a dad for the second time, with the arrival of his little boy - Albie. We are also delighted to share the wonderful news that Tash and her wife Adelle are about to become parents for the first time. Tash will be taking a bit of maternity leave in the coming weeks to spend time with her family. As director of her sports company, IN2Sport, we feel very lucky that Tash makes the decision to make St Katharine's one of the schools that she continues to teach at. We very much consider her part of our team, after the many years that she has been working with us. We look forward to sharing more happy news when the baby arrives.

Lego Exhibition and Fundraiser - reminder

We enter a year 6 team in a Lego Robotics competition each year and would very much like them to go to the competition next year with the latest Lego Robot. In support of next year's team,

we are hoping to raise a bit of money towards buying the robot. We are holding a Lego Exhibition in the school hall on **Friday 26th April**. There will be a prize for each class. So as not to limit creativity, we are asking children to create ‘something’ out of Lego that can be displayed **within the space of an A4 piece of paper**. We are also asking that each exhibit has a title or short description to go with it and that these are Lego creations built **from scratch** and **not** something made from a Lego Kit. We are also asking for a whole school bake so that those that attend the exhibition can also enjoy a cake! All baked items will be warmly welcome. If people would like to follow the Lego theme into their cooking, please feel free! Children can bring their items to school on Friday morning – staff will be ready to help them get their creations both Lego and edible, to the right place.

The Exhibition and cake sale will be in the **school hall** all afternoon, from 2:00pm onwards. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can come at any time from 2:00pm to enjoy the Children’s creations. There will be a voluntary donation on the door in support of our goal to buy the newest Lego Robot. We have a target to reach of £500 that the children, with the support of the PTA, are working towards.

Celebration Worship Dates Term 5 & 6

Please see below for Celebration worship dates over the coming Summer Term.

Friday Date	What?
19 th April	No Celebration Worship Gems and Hearts
26 th April	Lego Exhibition No Celebration Worship
3 rd May	Celebration Worship Home Learning Achievements
10 th May	Celebration Worship Gems and Hearts
17 th May	Celebration Worship Gems and Hearts
24 th May	Celebration Worship Gems and Hearts
7 th June	No Celebration Worship
14 th June	Celebration Worship Gems and Heart Year 5 Poetry Sharing
21 st June	Celebration Worship Home Learning Achievements
There will be no more celebration worship dates after 21 st June as the calendar is full of move-up dates, sports days and other end of year fun and games! Thank you for all your support this year. We love to see you on a Friday afternoon and look forward to seeing you when we return to business as usual in September!	

After-School Clubs

We are very lucky that we have a group of proactive parents who are keen to get involved in running after school clubs. A demonstration of this is the KS2 Maypole Dancing after-school club starting today, running for 6 weeks. Other recent examples are the Rugby and Netball after school clubs. If you are able and willing to take on the challenge of running an after-school club please do get in touch. It all adds to the richness and diversity of the education that we can offer here at St Katharine’s.

Key Date Planner

Please find attached Key Dates Planner V3. This reflects all the dates that are currently in the school diary between now and the end of the school year. We will begin working on next years’ calendar ready to send out at the end of Term 6 in readiness for the next academic year.

Message from the PTA

The School Fete will be on Saturday 8th June 12-4pm, All are welcome and entry is FREE!!! The poster for the fete has been created by Leanda McConnell and can be found on the notice board and on social media, please feel free to share this poster to your family and friends! We will have all of the normal fete stalls and games along with a bit of Maypole dancing! There will also be visits from our local Police and Fire services. Soon we shall be requesting items to sell on the toy, bric-a-brac and plant stalls. If you have anything that you can donate, we shall be very grateful. Please keep us in mind if you are having a clear out or if you are planting any seeds or separating plants in your gardens! As always, we are desperate for volunteers to help us on the stalls and soon there will be a list of where those volunteers are needed. Alternatively, if you would like to join us for a fete planning meeting this is being held at the swan in Wilton on **Friday 19th April at 8pm!** Thank you all for your support and let’s hope the sun shines!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	
Friday 19 th	Oxenwood visiting Chestnut Class at St. Katharine’s (AM) Anglo-Saxon Day
	Mobile Library visiting

	KS2 Maypole After School Club starts today (6 weeks)
Tuesday 23rd	Year 3/4 Cricket Festival (small group) RESCHEDULED DATE
Wednesday 24 th	Hazel Class ONLY Sharing our learning afternoon – parents invited in from 2.30pm until 3.15pm
Thursday 25th	Sycamore Class visit to Crofton Beam Engine (AM)
Friday 26 th	Lego Exhibition School Hall from 2:00pm
<i>May</i>	
Wednesday 1 st	Rescheduled date for Scootability Years 1-6 (if your child is booked on)
Friday 3 rd	Year 2 Quad Kids at Marlborough College (AM)
Monday 6 th	May Day Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 8 th	Hazel Class trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Romsey
Monday 13th (week commencing)	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday 17 th	Mobile library visiting
Monday 20th	Year 6 pre-residential parents meeting 3.30pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Thursday 23rd	Year 3/4 Athletics at Burbage School CANCELLED
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th	Year 4 Residential at Braeside
Friday 24 th	Walk Safe Sessions Years 1,3 and 6
	Last Day of Term 5
<i>June</i>	
Monday 3rd	First day of Term 6
Monday 3rd	Multiplication Check Year 4 <i>the check will take place during the next fortnight</i>
Tuesday 4th	Year 5/6 Athletics at Marlborough College (small group)

Friday 7th	Final KS2 Maypole Dancing After School Club session
Saturday 8th	PTA Summer Fete 12-4pm
Monday 10th	Year 5 ONLY swimming session
Monday 10th – 14th	Year 6 Redridge Residential Trip
Monday 10th (week commencing)	Phonics screening check week
	Nursery visits for 2024 intake begin this week
Friday 14th	Mobile library visiting
Monday 17th (during week commencing)	Year 6 Bikeability (final details to follow)
Tuesday 18th	New Reception parent information evening 6-7.30pm

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V3** that includes all the dates that we know of for the remainder of the academic year 2023/24. 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. This is the final Key Dates Planner for this academic year.

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...

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- Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents or search online for "Mapac find your school".
- Use the LOG IN/REGISTER tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery to your home / work all year round!

IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

To receive your order before the start of term please order by 31st July.

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

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St Katharine's School

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Saturday 8th June
12-4pm
Free Entry

Games - Plants - Brickabrack
Toys - Books - Maypole
Cream Teas - BBQ - Bar
Mini Farm & lots more

The poster is decorated with a green ribbon border, stars, flowers, a yellow sun, a string of colorful bunting, a potted plant with a pink bow, a jar of jam, a coconut, a duck, a maypole, and a small farm scene with a sheep and a dog.




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Main Stages Classes: Ages 6–14
Saturdays 2pm – 5pm
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Chloe: 07747423648





Challenging Poverty
- information, questions and answers -
Friday 26 April 2024
7.30pm

St James Church
Church Walk, Devizes SN10 3AA

Speakers & Panellists :



Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP
Laura Mayes, Deputy Leader - Wiltshire Council
Representatives from The Trussell Trust

(Tea and Coffee available from 7.00pm)

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Bryony



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Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons
for ages 10 to 14

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SPACES ARE LIMITED – SIGN UP NOW!

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