



ST KATHARINE'S
C of E
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

Friday 12th July 2024
NEWSLETTER No: 19

Our Value This Term Is...



Dear Parents,

There comes a moment in the summer term when it is almost impossible to keep up with the everyday and life is spent keeping fingers crossed that all the balls are still in the air! From the children's perspective I imagine it just feels exciting, no two days are quite the same. I know that for adults there is a quiet wish for routine to return.

Sycamore class are in the final stage of preparation for the summer performance; this year they are presenting 'Oliver Twist'. Most days there is a moment where I can hear singing drifting from the school hall. The excitement mounts!

Year six are perhaps the busiest of all, last week they took part in the Junior Good Citizen event in Devizes, learning about staying safe and what it means to be a great member of our communities. We ended the week with our 'Move-up-Morning'. That included all year groups, as our year six learners had a transition visit to St John's, everyone spent a session with their new classes, and we welcomed the children (and their families) that will be in reception in September. I hope that, despite some obvious nerves, everyone is feeling settled and a little more ready for the year to come.

This week has been exciting, with Sycamore class enjoying a day at Lulworth Cove. This is a great trip, in support of a Geography block of learning about Coasts. The children learn first hand about coastal erosion and the forces that shape the island that we live on. Chestnut class enjoyed another Geography focused field trip, a little more locally this time, when they spent the day at the River Kennet in Marlborough, learning about the importance of the

river as an eco-system and again how rivers shape the landscape around; another example of how learning is brought to life by the addition of first-hand experience.

Alongside this, we have managed to squeeze in a football tournament, as a team of our year five and six girls competed at St John's against other local schools. A great opportunity to focus on young girl's sport and encourage them to engage with a sport they might not have tried. I feel tired just writing about it all!

Thanks to all of you, once again, for your support. The children arrive ready for the day ahead, with the equipment they need and sometimes having been transported, by you, to a venue other than school. Many of our staff team are parents too and know the organisation and family logistics management that this requires from you. It does not go unnoticed. There are officially only eight more school 'get-ups' to go. The 'Dates for Your Diary' section of this newsletter will hopefully guide you through them!

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



GEM Day – important details, please read carefully.

We are planning to celebrate Gem Day – **Tuesday 23rd July** - with a medley of activities for the children to enjoy. We are starting the day 'unplugged', by inviting the children to bring in board games of their choice to share with friends. Our only request is that there is no need for batteries or any form of electrical connection for the game to be played. We then plan to have class picnics on the field, eating with friends and teachers. Please ensure that you order either a Sue Brady packed lunch or send in your child with a lunch box. We want to create shared fruit salads for the children to enjoy as pudding. We are asking that each child bring an item to add to a fruit salad. These will be prepared in the morning by our team of staff. Please send your child to school with something to add to the community fruit salad: apples, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, melon pieces. etc... Please **don't include pineapple or kiwi** as we have children with allergies to these fruits. We will provide cream in jugs for those that would like it. We hope to ensure that there is something delicious and healthy for everyone to enjoy. If you have a bit of time to spare on the morning and could come and help in the preparation of these, please get in touch via Hayley in the school office. In the afternoon, we are going to take the children into the forest (spinney

for KS1) and play some forest games. The day will end with ice-creams, funded by the PTA, on the school field. **Please try and keep this a secret from your children – it will be a nice surprise at the end of the day.** The ice-cream van will also linger at 3:15pm if you have a younger sibling that might also like a treat!

On the day, children will need to wear clothing suitable for forest school activity; wellies in school if it is wet and trainers if dry.

The primary aim of any Gem Day is to say thank you to the children for their hard work and effort and for us all to spend a relaxed day together as a school community. We try to balance this with it being a day that does not require parents to find yet more funds from what for some of you are already over-stretched family budgets. We **prioritise** school trips that enhance and ignite learning in our broad and rich curriculum offer, when asking parents to support with funding of coaches and visits. Please know that a lot of thought and planning by our dedicated teaching team, go into any Gem Day, often at the end of busy terms. There have been occasions where parents feel we haven't gone 'Big Enough' with our Gem Day plans. Sometimes it is the simple things that children enjoy. Please lend your support by getting enthusiastically behind us and know that we are always thoughtful and considered when planning any activity for the children to enjoy.

Prescription Medications

All school held medicines will be sent home on the final day of term. Please can we ask that any medication handed in at the beginning of next term comes in accompanied with a newly completed *Administration of Medicines* form. This form can be found on the final page of the *Managing Medical Needs Policy* ([link provided](#)) or can be provided by Hayley upon request.

End of Term Readiness

We will be getting trays and lockers tidy at the end of next week in readiness for the end of term. Please ensure that your child has a strong carrier bag in school by **Friday 19th July** to support with the bringing home of finished projects, completed workbooks etc... no longer needed in school.

End of Year Thank You's

I know that I speak for all staff when I say that we are always overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity when it comes to gifts at the end of the year. For those of you that have been with us a while you will know that in previous years we have said that, while there is certainly no requirement on our part for any acknowledgement at the end of the year, if there is a

desire to buy a gift then we would be delighted, once again with White Horse book tokens that can be spent enhancing the subjects that we teach throughout the year. It enables us to buy some very special larger books that sit alongside our blocks of learning and keep our library current and engaging. We have gaps at the moment in Humanities, RE and the Arts that we would like to turn our attention to. If you have the time and would like to, communicating your thanks to teachers in the form of a card or short message are the things that are treasured. Often a parent will come up to me expressing gratitude or praise for a particular member of staff. I always endeavour to pass on these kind words but I know from my own experience that to receive these in person underline the reason that we do this very privileged job.

Sports Day Practise

We are planning to familiarise the children with some of the events that will feature in our Sports Day next week. Please can all children come to school in PE kit on Wednesday 17th so that they are ready to take part.

Sports Day and Sports Day Backup

Our planned Sports Day is **Friday 19th July, starting at 9:30**. Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch. We have a back-up plan of **Monday 22nd** (at the same time of 9:30) should the weather forecast lead us to cancel.

We will aim to email out a decision to cancel the night before or by 8:00am at the very latest on the morning of Sports Day, should the weather change suddenly from that forecast.

Lost Property

Please remember to keep an eye on the lost property basket to see if anything belongs to you.

We recently had a clear out, but if we accrue anymore items, on the final few days of next week all lost property will be put on a table near the school gate at the end of each day for parents to look through. All remaining lost property at the end of that week will be put into the donation station or given to local charity shops.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's library summer reading challenge is called "Marvellous Makers". The challenge is for children aged four to 11 to read six library books (or the equivalent) over the eight weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a certificate on completion. Children should register at a Wiltshire library where they receive their own special folder to record their reading. It's all free and can make a real

difference to your child's motivation and enjoyment of reading. The challenge will run from **Saturday 13th July to Saturday 7th September**. You can register for the challenge from **13th July** and start to collect stickers and other prizes from **Monday 29th July**.

Triathlon

I am delighted to inform you that in total, **27** pupils from **St Katharine's C of E Primary** took part in the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon 2024 and raised an incredible **£2505.5!** They should all be immensely proud of themselves and what they have achieved. In total, across the 10 events, the series has raised an astonishing **£1,198,794**, which will go to support the work of Restless Development and numerous other invaluable charitable organisations - a true testament to the power of young people to make a positive change across the world. As part of that fund raising, we have made the decision that this year the portion of the fundraising total (**£685.50**) that can go to the charity of our choice will go to the PTA. They do an incredible job for our community and in supporting the school to maintain its offer to children in what are challenging times for school budgets. We are already planning what spending priorities we have for next year after an amazing year that saw the extension to Chestnut Classroom, the complete refurbishment of our early year's classroom, funding for trips, books and much more. Watch this space as we get planning for the year to come.

Bags2School

We are delighted to report that donations to Bag2School collecting from school on Wednesday this week raised £48.40 for PTA funds.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| July | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 16 th | Summer Performance 1 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 th | Summer Performance 2 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm |
| Friday 19 th | Sports Day 9.30am-12.15pm |
| Monday 22 nd | Back up Sports Day 9.30am-12.15pm |
| Tuesday 23 rd | Gem Day Packed lunches only <i>Sue Brady orders must have been placed if required.</i> |
| Wednesday 24 th | Leavers' Service in Church 9.30am <i>Followed by refreshments</i> |
| | End of Term 6 early close 1.15pm |

| September | |
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| Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd | TD Days 1 and 2 No children in school |
| Wednesday 4 th | First Day of Term 1 |
| | Reception Group A 9:30 - 11:30 |
| Thursday 5 th | Reception Group B 9:30 - 11:30 |
| Friday 6 th | <u>All Reception</u> 8:45 - 11:45 |
| Monday 9 th | Reception hours this week 8:45 – 12:00 |
| Monday 16 th | Reception hours this week 8:45 – 1:00 |
| Wednesday 18 th | Year 5 and 6 Lit Fest event in Pewsey |
| Monday 23 rd | Reception Full Time 8:30/45 – 3:15 |
| | Chestnut Class Meet The Teacher 3:15 – 4:00 |
| | PTA AGM at the Swan in Wilton All Welcome 7:00 – 9:00 pm |
| Tuesday 24 th | Hazel Class Meet the Teacher 3:15 – 4:00 |
| Wednesday 25 th | Sycamore Class Meet the Teacher 3:15 – 4:00 |
| Thursday 26 th | Oak Class Meet the Teacher 3:15 – 4:00 |
| Friday 27 th | Year 3 Adventure Day Oxenwood |
| October | |
| Tuesday 1 st | Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Reading Meeting 2:30 – 3:15 |
| Thursday 3 rd | Key Stage 2 times table meeting 2:30 - 3:15 |
| | Y6 Open Evening at St Johns – parents and children |
| Wednesday 9 th | Harvest Festival 9:30 in Church |
| Thursday 10 th | KS 2 Reading Meeting 2:30 – 3:25 |
| Friday 11 th | X Tables Rock Stars relaunch! Dress – Up Day |

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| Thursday 17th | Open Day |
| Friday 18th | Last Day of Term 1 |

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.

TD Days next academic year

2nd and 3rd September 2024

21st, 22nd, 23rd October 2024

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 24th July 2025

Other things you might want to know...



♥ CREATIVE DRAWING WITH HANNAH ♥

STARTING TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
3.15PM - 4.15PM

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Summer Holiday Camps

Ages 5-11

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29TH & 30TH JULY - BIDDESTONE CC
5TH & 6TH AUGUST - WARMINSTER CC
15TH & 16TH AUGUST - WINTERBOURNE CC

Sign up with the Links below

SUMMER 2024 AT FACE

MARLBOROUGH POLEHAMPTON ST MARTINS**

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| 29TH JULY - 1ST AUG | ADVENTURE | OLYMPICS | WORLD CHAMPIONS |
| 5TH - 8TH AUG | OLYMPICS | WORLD CHAMPIONS | ADVENTURE |
| 12TH - 15TH AUG | WORLD CHAMPIONS | ADVENTURE | OLYMPICS |
| 19TH - 22ND AUG | FACE FAVOURITES | | |

**TUES, WEDS & THURS ONLY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOUR WEEKS OF FUN AT FACE

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MARLBOROUGH

| Mon 29th | Tues 30th | Weds 31st | Thurs 1st |
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| Archery Football Nerf Hockey Forest FUN | Laser Tag Dodgeball Fencing Basketball Orienteering Tennis | 'Wet & Wheelie Wednesday' Gymnastics Benchball Invasion games Minute to win it | Archery Laser Tag Nerf Fencing Treasure hunt Mega Tag |
| Mon 5th | Tues 6th | Weds 7th | Thurs 8th |
| Relay races Football Vortex/Javelin Basketball Long/Triple Jump Dodgeball | Archery Tennis Shot Put/Discuss Tri Golf Gymnastics Flag Football | 'Wet & Wheelie Wednesday' Badminton Hockey Goalball Seated volleyball | Boccia Tag Rugby Curling Cricket Archery Rounders |
| Mon 12th | Tues 13th | Weds 14th | Thurs 15th |
| Kick Rounders FACE Vs KIDS Volleyball Obstacles Cricket Foot Golf | Football Dodgeball Tennis Basketball Baseball Tag Rugby | Ultimate frisbee 'Wet & Wheelie Wednesday' Floor is Lava Cornerball Handball | Sports Day Capture the flag Tchoukball Crazy golf Badminton Gymnastics |
| Mon 19th | Tues 20th | Weds 21st | Thurs 22nd |
| CROWD FAVOURITES Each site will choose the children's favourites | GLADIATORS DAY 2.0 !!! Are you Ready? | THE BIG FACE COMPETITION Which site will come out on top? | FACE BIG ONES Archery, Laser Tag, Nerf, Combat, Inflatables... |

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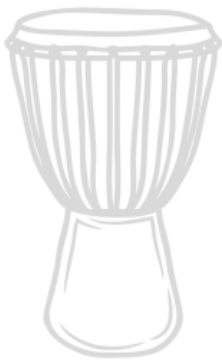
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SUMMER HOLIDAY PERCUSSION WORKSHOPS!

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5 and 6 AUGUST - Beginners - 10am - 5pm
7, 8 and 9 AUGUST - Intermediates - 10am - 5pm

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK
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15 PER SESSION