

Kington St Michael CE Primary School



«Learning together, aiming high»

NEWSLETTER

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Our popular annual Open Morning will be on Wednesday 7th June from 9.15am to 11.30am. Classes will run as normal and activities will continue as normal. Visitors are invited to come in to school to see the school in action and to work alongside the children. This is available for existing parents, prospective parents and members of the community. Visitors are encouraged to visit all classes, rather than just where their own child may be.

Annual School Review

As a part of our school development and improvement process, we ask for the opinions of all our stakeholders - pupils, parents, governors and staff. We shall be sending our annual questionnaire out to parents on Friday 5th May and would ask you to please take a few minutes to complete it as the confidential results of this analysis is used on our School Review and Development TD Day in June. We really value and appreciate your opinions.

SATs Week

Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their statutory SATs tests during the week beginning 8th May. All other year groups will also be assessed during this week as part of our ongoing assessment process. Reception 'Foundation Stage Profiles' will also be completed. In order to be able to assess progress and attainment accurately, it is important for all children to be in school over this period. It will be a tiring week for them and they will need lots of early nights!

Year 1 children will also be completing their statutory Phonics Test during the week beginning 12th June. Although all of these assessments form an important part of their education and allow us to plan and target effectively for each child, we aim to put as little pressure on the children as possible. Many of the assessments are done as part of the everyday activities. Please help your child by giving them encouragement and reassurance and by avoiding terms such as 'exams'!

An information leaflet for parents regarding Year 2 and Year 6 progress measures is attached.

Class Newsletters and Topic Webs

You will receive class newsletters and topic webs via email at the end of the first week of next term. We hope that you find these useful.

Fundraising

We continue our efforts to raise funds for our exciting library and outdoor learning projects. We have a fundraising thermometer in the lobby to track our progress - currently at £4900.

Citizenship Award

We have not awarded any Citizenship Awards recently and would really like to! Please remember to complete this booklet at home with your child and send in to school for teachers to add to.

Governor Update (Ingrid Frater – Co-Opted Governor)

As you will be aware, we are currently busy doing as much as possible to raise money for the school's outdoor improvements. The prospect of developing "the mound" is a really exciting one. The new space will be a fabulous additional feature of the school, and an area that will enable more outdoor play and learning for the children; a wonderful resource! To achieve this, everyone is getting involved in ensuring that we have the necessary funds to make the plans become a reality; not least the children themselves! Earlier in the year, each class was tasked with coming up with a fundraising plan, and these were coordinated by the School Council whose meeting in January focused on this. The children have definitely thrown themselves into thinking of ideas and organising their events, with ones including Hawks' bring and buy sale and Sparrows' tuck shop. More events to look out for in the summer term include Kingfishers' "Do Something Silly Day" and "Britain's Got Talent" and Eagles' art gallery sale and summer café. Well done to everyone so far who has been involved in fundraising, and thank you to everybody for your support and contributions! It really will make a huge difference!

Wall of Fame

The children continue to be very keen to feature in our Wall of Fame display in the main entrance. They are all working hard to produce their best work at all times and concentrate on the presentation of every piece of work.

Showcased on the Wall of Fame this month are:

Blackbirds - Lily Chanter

Sparrows - Edward Vickery

Eagles - Sophie Maxwell

Kingfishers - Tabitha Goverd

Hawks - Charlotte Surry

Supersonic Superstars

Well done to the following children who particularly impressed their teachers at the end of last term:

Blackbirds - Oscar Harford, Lily Chanter, Luke Ridsdale, Rowan Hosey, Isaac Wheadon, Syrena Scott

Sparrows - Jefferson Lamming, Evie Marland, Evelyn Weston, Charlie Burnham, Nancy Meehan, Abigail Tobin

Eagles - Alethea Owen, Evie Eggleston, Maddison Dennis, James Ives, Olivia Eddy, Lucy Rogers

Kingfishers - Rhiannon Seager, Seth Langford-Lampriere, Grace Merrett, Amelia Niker, Alice Dunn, William Vickery

Hawks - Ben Clulo, Doyle Churchill, Callum Bodill, Joshua Maxwell, Harry Maxwell

Congratulations

Very well done to Adam Estcourt, who has passed his Grade 2 Rockschoool exam with Distinction; and, Kristen Ramsay for passing her Tae Kwondo Kicking Dragon grading and becoming a red belt.

50/50 Club

The 50/50 Club winners for April 2017 are:

£25 Lisa Tuck

£15 H Armstrong

Assembly Visitors

We have a member of the Clergy to lead assembly each week – usually on a Wednesday. If you would like to attend any of these, please feel free to do so. Assembly takes place from 12.40pm to 1pm.

Wednesday 26th April – Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 3rd May – Trevor Ranger

Wednesday 10th May – Katherine Bloomer

Wednesday 17th May – Reverend Whiffin

Wednesday 24th May – Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 7th June – Trevor Ranger

Wednesday 24th May – Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 21st June – Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 28th June – Katherine Bloomer

Assembly Theme

Each term we focus on a different Christian Value. We discuss the meaning, use and benefits of the Value in assemblies and circle time and encourage its use around school. We look at what the word means, different words meaning the same and why it is important in our lives. Value Certificates are awarded to those who have demonstrated that particular value well.

Parents may find it useful to know which Value we are focusing on each term, in order to discuss at home. Don't forget that you can find out more about this term's value by looking on our website. Follow the link 'Our School' on the Homepage menu and then visit the 'School Council and Worship Council' page. You will find a link called "Home – School Value".

Our Value for Term 5 is **Service**.

DIARY DATES

Mon 24 th April	Start of Term 5
Fri 28 th April	Class newsletters and topic webs out
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
3 rd – 5 th May	Year 3 and 4 Residential trip
Fri 5 th May	Annual questionnaires sent out
Mon 8 th May	SATs Testing week
Fri 26 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Wed 7 th June	School Open Morning
Thurs 8 th June	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish
Fri 9 th June	'Pick and Mix' homework sent out
12 th – 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics testing
Wed 21 st June	Reception Intake Information Evening (6.30pm)
Thurs 22 nd June	Sports Day and Picnic (11am)
Fri 23 rd June	TD DAY
Mon 26 th June	TD DAY
Sat 1 st July	School Fete
Fri 7 th July	Annual Reports out to Parents
Mon 10 th July	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal (9.15am)
Tues 11 th July	KS2 Production Performance (6pm)
Wed 12 th July	KS2 Production Performance (1.15pm)
Thurs 13 th July	'Pick and Mix' homework in – open to parents from 2pm
Tues 18 th July	Parent/Teacher Consultations (3-5pm)
Fri 21 st July	Leavers' Church Service (1.30pm)
	End of Term 6

Please remember that there are
NO after school clubs or music lessons
in the first week of next term
– week beginning 24th April.
Clubs and music lessons begin on
Tuesday 2nd May