



Kington St Michael CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Open Morning

Our popular annual Open Morning will be on Wednesday 6th June from 9.15am to 11.30am. Classes and activities will run 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 4th May and would ask you to please take a few minutes to complete it. The confidential results of this analysis are 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 14th 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 11th 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'!

Class Newsletters and Topic Webs

These were sent out to you last week and can also be found on our website. We hope that you have found these useful.

Governor Update (Lauren Herbert – Parent Governor)

As many of you may have seen in the media, announced in September 2017, coming into effect this month, April 2018, the government has rolled out the new National Funding Formula. It was hoped that this would address the vast differences in funding between counties across the country - taking Wiltshire out of the lowest funded group. Unfortunately, this has not happened. Although, under the new formula, the school will continue to receive similar amounts of money as before, there have been no rises to offset the increases in expenditure.

This has put a lot of schools in serious financial difficulties. Thankfully, as a National Support School, we generate around £30,000 extra income each year and this enables us to keep the budget in the black. Thus, the school can continue to offer the outstanding level of teaching we have all become accustomed to.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank families, teachers and friends of KSM for all their hard work and contributions to fundraising campaigns in and around the school. These efforts mean that we can continue to maintain and improve the schools facilities. I look forward to supporting another successful fiscal year at KSM.

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 - Caleb Robinson

Sparrows - Isabel Faroppa

Eagles - Charlie Sturgiss

Kingfishers - James Bell

Hawks - Emily Dickie

Supersonic Superstars

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

Blackbirds - Sawyer Wolfram, Maxi Birch, Alfie Glover

Sparrows - Syrena Scott, Charlie Burnham, Eloise Eggleston, Maximus Tregaskis

Eagles - Abigail Tobin, Evie Marland, Charlie Sturgiss

Kingfishers - Alex Faroppa, Alice Bennett, Orla Gillham, James Bell

Hawks - Emma Holtby, Grace Merrett, Georgia Ives, Oliver Tobin

Congratulations

Very well done to Tabitha Sidaway, who was awarded the Chippenham Hockey Club Under 8 Player of the Season 2017/18; Hetty Hopkins, who has moved up to Level 3 in swimming and Isabelle Armstrong who passed her Grade 2 flute exam with Merit.

50/50 Club

The 50/50 Club winners for March 2018 are:

£20 Chris Ives

£10 Fiona Wheadon

The 50/50 Club winners for April 2018 are:

£20 Kerry Anne Wheeler

£10 Tania Jewitt

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 9th May Trevor Ranger

Wednesday 23rd May Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 6th June Trevor Ranger

Wednesday 20th June Jonathan Brain

Wednesday 4th July Trevor Ranger

Wednesday 18th July Jonathan Brain

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 **Forgiveness**.

DIARY DATES

Fri 4 th May	Annual questionnaires out	Fri 22 nd June	TD DAY
Mon 7 th May	Bank Holiday	Mon 25 th June	TD DAY
14 th – 18 th May	SATs Testing	Fri 29 th June	Reception Drop-In session (1.30pm)
Fri 25 th May	End of Term 5	Sat 30 th June	School Fete
Mon 4 th June	Start of Term 6	Mon 2 nd July	Reception Drop-In session (1.30pm)
Wed 6 th June	Open Morning (9.15-11.30am)	Thurs 5 th July	Reception Drop-In session (1.30pm)
	Chippenham Children's Parliament	Fri 6 th July	Reports out
11 th – 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Testing	Tues 10 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal (9.15am)
Thurs 14 th June	Reception 2018 Meet and Greet	Wed 11 th July	KS2 Performance (1.15pm)
Fri 15 th June	Friends Non-Uniform Day (Contribution to the Summer Fete Tombola)	Thurs 12 th July	KS2 Performance (6pm)
Tues 19 th June	Year 6 Chippenham Games	Tues 17 th July	Parent / Teacher Consultations (3-5pm)
Wed 20 th June	Reception Induction Evening (6.30pm)	Tues 24 th July	Class Swap-Up (1.30pm)
Thurs 21 st June	Sports Day and Picnic (11am)	Wed 25 th July	Leavers' Church Service (1.30pm)
			End of Term 6