

Kington St Michael CE Primary School



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It has been another extremely busy year for us, although we don't know where the time has gone. Many congratulations to all year groups for some excellent results again this year. Our standards remain very high at all phases and are significantly above both local and national averages. Please find attached a graph illustrating attainment in reading, writing and maths for the end of Key Stage 2, compared to national (2017) and county (2016) attainment. You will see that our pupils are working at a significantly higher level. Key Stage 1 have also done exceptionally well, with Year 1 attaining a 100% pass rate in the Phonics Screening and Year 2 doing very well in the end of Year 2 tests. For a full analysis of our results, please follow the links on our Homepage. Such great results are due to the dedication and expertise of staff, hard-working children with great attitudes to learning and the superb support from parents.

We wish all our pupils moving to a new school in September the very best of luck and look forward to hearing of great things about them in the future.

We were also treated to an outstanding performance of 'The Keymaster' from our Key Stage 2 children. It is still getting better every year! DVDs are now available for collection or purchase at the school office (£5).

Fundraising

Classes have been working hard all year to plan, organise and run events. We have enjoyed things such as the KSM Gallery, Strawberries at Sports Day, hot Tuck Shop, a treasure hunt and a book sale. Through the children's creativity and efforts, we have raised £480, all towards the library and outdoor learning projects.

The KSM Gallery was a great success recently, if a little busy! The children's lovely art work raised £233 towards our fundraising. Our fundraising thermometer is now at £5,700. We appreciate that we have hit the fundraising hard this year and we really value the support that parents have given to this. We had planned to have the official opening of the library this term but have had some delays. We are now waiting for the bookcases, which are being made for us, to arrive. We now have enough funds to begin the pond and mound projects too. These will begin in the summer holidays.

Sports Day and House Champions

It was lovely to see so many adults supporting the children at Sports Day. It was a great family occasion with good sportsmanship, weather and picnic. Well done to all the children for trying so hard and congratulations to Saxons - Sports Day Champions 2017.

Very well done to Saxons, as they are also overall House Champions for this academic year.

Staffing

Our only change for the next academic year shall be Mrs Hughes, who will be Teaching Assistant in Kingfishers. She will be replacing Miss Rygor, who is embarking on her teacher training course. We wish her the best of luck for her future.

Reports

We hope that you found the end of year reports informative. Please remember that 'expected' progress and attainment means that your child has made the expected, targeted progress during the year and is working at a standard expected of their year group. With the significantly raised standards of the new curriculum, they have done well.

Parent/Teacher Consultations take place on Tuesday 18th July (3-5pm). No appointment times are required for these but, if you would like to discuss the report, or want to know how you can support your child's learning - especially over the long summer holiday, please pop in.

School Fete

Thank you to all who came and supported this event. The Friends (and helpers) worked extremely hard to make this such a success and raised an amazing £5,302.61. for a small, village school, this is truly incredible. Many people helped to set up, run stalls and tidy away for this event but there were just a few committee members who worked tirelessly for many months to organise everything. We really appreciate how much time and effort it takes and are extremely grateful to our Friends. Without them, the school would not be able to fund the lovely 'extras' for our children.

Leavers' Service

Our Year 6 leavers will be pulling at the heartstrings and leading our end of year Church service on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm. All parents are welcome to join us.

TD Day

Please remember that the children begin school for Term 1 on Monday 4th September as Friday 1st September is a TD Day.

'Pick and Mix' Homework

We had an amazing number of parents in to see the 'Pick and Mix' displays yesterday and the children really enjoyed showing off their lovely work. It was great to see such creative, varied and quality work and it was very apparent that the children enjoyed their learning at home. We hope that parents enjoyed being a part of the children's learning, although we shall be responding to feedback and not doing this in Term 6 again - far too much going on! Much of the work will be displayed in classrooms and corridors so, if you were unable to attend yesterday, do please come and have a look.

Questionnaire Feedback

Many thanks for returning our annual questionnaires. We found your comments and suggestions very helpful during our School Evaluation and Development TD Day. The replies were overwhelmingly positive but, if you have any further feedback, or suggestions for improvement, please contact us.

Parent, pupil, governor and staff questionnaires can be found on our website:

<http://www.kingtonstmichaelschool.co.uk/questionnaires.html>

Governor News

Please look out for the governors' end-of-year newsletter coming out next week.

Wall of Fame

The children remain 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.

Beautiful work in the Hall of Fame this month comes from:

Blackbirds - Jessica Turner

Sparrows - Sophie Baker

Eagles - Oliver Pym

Kingfishers - Rhiannon Seager

Hawks - Ben Clulo

Congratulations

Very well done to Tia Harris, who plays for Melksham Town football team - they were runners up in the Under 10 England National Championships in Birmingham, making them the second best team in the country; Georgia Ives has passed her Level 1 Piano exam with Merit, and, Emily Dickie for achieving her 1 mile swimming award.

Lost Property

This will be put out on a table to look at and take on Monday 17th July. Please take the time to have a look. Anything left at the end of the term will be recycled!

100% Attendance

Very well done to these healthy, committed pupils who have not had any time off school in the whole academic year due to illness or holiday:

Macy Cathala, Imogen Croffie, Emily Dickie, Elysia Durrant, Adam Estcourt, Oscar Field, Orla Gillham, Jaxson Harris, Emma Holtby, Rowan Hosey, Lorna Howard, Harper Jewitt, Eryn Kirby, Harry Maxwell, Ben Owen, Tabitha Sidaway, Charlotte Surry, Edward Vickery.

Supersonic Superstars

Well done to the following children who have worked hard right up to the end of the year:

Blackbirds - Oscar Harford, Lily Chanter, Daniel Cale, Kristen Ramsay, Harper Jewitt, Luke Ridsdale

Sparrows - Alfie Stephens, Elladine Wicks, Amelie Taylor-Fall, Charlie Burnham

Eagles - Phoenix Rice-Chandler, William Meehan, Maddison Dennis, Sophie Maxwell, Anna Gayle, Joseph Pym

Kingfishers - Tabitha Goverd, Macy Cathala, Lewis Davies-Lane, Flo Hayes, Kitty Sidaway, Mia Shorland

Hawks - Joshua Ramsay, Tia Harris, Lorna Howard, Amy Richards, Charlotte Surry, Madison Cobb

50/50 Club

The results of the 50/50 club June draw are:

£50 Kim Lugtenaar

£50 Lisa Marland

£25 Tracy Brennan

This is the final draw for this school year. The draws for July, August and September will take place in September to allow time for new parents to join the 50/50 club.

Guinea Pig

If you are able to offer Ribbons a home for a week, or more, in the holidays, please sign up in the Reception lobby.

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. Parents may find it useful to know which Value we are focusing on each term, in order to discuss at home.

Our Value for Term 1 will be **Courage**

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.

6th September – Trevor Ranger

13th September – Jonathan Brain

4th October – Rev Gubbins

11th October – Trevor Ranger

18th October – Jonathan Brain

8th November – Trevor Ranger

15th November – Jonathan Brain

22nd November – Rev Gubbins

29th November – Jonathan Brain

6th December – Trevor Ranger

Please Note:

There are NO after school clubs OR Music lessons in the last week of Term 6 - week beginning 17th July or, in the first week of Term 1 - week beginning 4th September. These start from Monday 11th September

DIARY DATES

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| Tues 18 th July | Parent/Teacher Consultations (3-5pm) |
| Thurs 20 th | Class swap-up |
| Fri 21 st July | Leavers' Church Service (1.30pm) End of Term 6 |
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| Fri 1 st Sept | TD DAY |
| Mon 4 th Sept | Start of Term 1 |
| 4 th Sept | Teaching student starts in Eagles for Terms 1, 2, 5 and 6 |
| Fri 8 th Sept | Class Newsletters and Topic Webs out |
| Mon 11 th Sept | Clubs and Music lessons start |
| Tues 12 th Sept | Hawks trip to Sevington |
| Wed 13 th Sept | Kingfishers trip to Sevington |
| Thurs 14 th Sept | Eagles trip to Sevington |
| Fri 15 th Sept | Sparrows trip to Sevington |
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| Thurs 21 st Sept | Information session for Reception parents (3pm) |
| Fri 22 nd Sept | Fire Safety Training for Year 6 and Year 2 Newsletter out |
| Fri 29 th Sept | Harvest Church Service (1.30pm) |
| Tues 3 rd Oct | Individual Photographs |
| Mon 9 th Oct | Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 4 |
| Wed 11 th Oct | Reception Open Morning |
| Fri 13 th Oct | Newsletter out |
| Wed 18 th Oct | End of Term 1 |
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| Mon 30 th Oct | Start of Term 2 |
| Tues 31 st Oct | Parent / Teacher Consultations (3-6pm) |
| Thurs 2 nd Nov | Parent / Teacher Consultations (3-6pm) |
| Thurs 9 th Nov | SEND Parent / Teacher Consultations |

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm for what we do in school. We have had another great year and can only remain at this level with all your great support for the children's learning. We look forward to another exciting year in 2017/18.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank all my staff for their hard work, dedication and continual aim to improve. We have all needed to be flexible this year due to various events and staff absence. Many thanks to them, the governors and the children for making this school such an inspiring and positive place to be.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September.

