

Kington St Michael CE Primary School



«Learning together, aiming high»

NEWSLETTER

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Fair Trade Fortnight

We have had some really good learning going on across the school and now all know a lot more about Fair Trade and countries around the world. We have had some great activities to enjoy - cooking and tasting different foods, African drumming sessions, trips to Morrisons and an ActionAid assembly. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with other classes and parents today.

Easter Church Service

Our Easter service will take place at 1.30pm in St Michael's and All Angels Church on Thursday 29th March. It will be lovely to see you there.

Parent / Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended these meetings recently - particularly those of you who had to rearrange dates due to the snow closure. We hope that you found the discussions, mid-year report and future learning targets helpful and will allow you to further support your child's learning at home. If you were unable to attend these meetings, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in on Thursday 22nd March to take class and Year 6 leavers photographs.

Rock Steady Performance

Those children having music lessons with Rock Steady will be showing off their new skills in a concert on Monday 19th March (9.15am) in the school hall. Parents of these children are invited to attend.

TD Day

Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday 16th April. Teachers will be having a 'Mastery in Maths' training day. Children should return to school on Tuesday 17th April.

Wall of Fame

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

Blackbirds - Jake Drew

Sparrows - Izabella Rattos-Sales

Eagles - Angus Jewitt

Kingfishers - Adam Armstrong

Hawks - Sophie Buck

Earlier in the year my daughter told me that she was learning about Fair trade. So I asked her what it was. Of course, she did not really know yet and so muttered something about bananas. We are well past that stage now as she has researched the logos, has learnt more about the idea and what it means, she has been thinking about the subject and discussing it in class as part of the overall term topic. The other day after discussing the topic with her again, I repeated her new explanation back to her and she replied "Yes, that's it, you've got it. It means the people growing the bananas can sell them for a fair price and this means they can send their children to school." Now I am not quite sure she has completely got the full picture yet, but she has certainly understood much of the concept.

This got me to thinking about how different the curriculum is to when I was at school. I am amazed at how the teachers manage to carefully plan and weave a path between learning, not only the core subjects, but making it interesting and relevant to today's world. Sometimes it's good to take a step back and look at the ideas and concepts that our children are now exposed to. These are so different to earlier generations. It makes me feel that maybe, just maybe, we are actually building a better place for the future and that it really does all start with the early years and primary education.

Congratulations

Very well done to Alfie Glover who has moved up to level 3 in swimming.

Supersonic Superstars

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers in the last month:

Blackbirds - Natan Silva, Isobel Harwood, Lilly Pickard, Digby Lamming

Sparrows - Jack Fenwick, Daniel Cale, Isaac Wheadon, Eloise Eggleston

Eagles - Noah Ridsdale, Sophie Maxwell, Charlotte Ives, Emily Rogers

Kingfishers - Phoenix Rice-Chandler, Lisabelle Hall, Theo Seager, Daniel Harris

Hawks - Ben Clulo, Macy Cathala, Alfie Bull, Elysia Durrant

50/50 Club

Winners for the February draw are:

£20 Angela Armstrong

£10 Kim Wicks

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 21 st March	Jonathan Brain
Wednesday 18 th April	Trevor Ranger
Wednesday 25 th April	Jonathan Brain
Wednesday 9 th May	Trevor Ranger
Wednesday 23 rd May	Jonathan Brain
Wednesday 6 th June	Trevor Ranger
Wednesday 20 th June	Jonathan Brain
Wednesday 4 th July	Trevor Ranger
Wednesday 18 th 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 4 is **Justice**.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 22nd March Class and Leavers' Photographs
Fri 23rd March Easter Experience for classes in Church
Mon 26th March **NO** Clubs this week
Thurs 29th March Easter Church Service (1.30pm)
End of Term 4

Mon 16th April TD DAY
Tues 17th April Start of Term 5
Fri 20th April Class Newsletters and topic webs out
Fri 4th May Annual questionnaires out
Mon 7th May Bank Holiday
14th – 18th May SATs Testing
Fri 25th May End of Term 5

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

Please remember that there are **NO after school clubs or music lessons** in the last week of term - week beginning 26th March, or in the first week of next term – week beginning 16th April.