



# Kemble Primary School

Tues 24th January 2017

January 23rd Y6 to  
Stackpole (till 27th)

February 10th Non-  
Uniform Day

End of Term 3

February 20th  
INSET Day 3

February 21st  
Return to school

March 2nd  
World Book Day

March 3rd  
Parent / Head Chat

March 22nd  
Oak assembly

March 24th  
School Council  
Fundraising—Red  
Nose Day  
Interim Reports out

March 27th  
Parents' evening 5-  
7.30pm

March 28th Parents  
Evening 3.30-5.30pm

April 6th  
Easter Service  
9.30am

## This Terms Worship Theme is: Compassion

### Dear Parents,

Wow - the term is full steam ahead and I can't believe that Stackpole time is here again! The children arrived safely and are very excited and looking forward to all their fun activities. Classrooms are looking fabulous with lots of new topics and work.

Thank you so much to all the teachers and teaching assistants for all their hard work.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND EMAILS** - please can you make sure that the office has your up to date details. If a child is poorly or has an accident, we need to get in touch with parents and we sometimes find we do not have a correct number. Always report any changes to details and circumstances remembering that if we can't get hold of a parent, we do phone the next emergency number for advice or for them to pick up a child.

**BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** - please remember to pay in advance for these - we cannot allow parents to book children in without paying as we have to buy food, drink and pay for staffing depending upon numbers - thank you. If there is an emergency then we will try to accommodate, but sometimes we have to say no if we have optimum numbers.



**JOB VACANCY** - We are very lucky that Mrs Lavery is helping out at lunchtimes, but this is only a temporary measure. We need a MDSA to work from 1 hour per week to 5 hours which is our ideal situation. The role includes supervising lunchtimes and helping children and also playing with the children and encouraging happy playtimes. Please speak to the school office if you are interested.

**SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA** - please allow 48 hours before a child returns to school after being poorly so that no spread of infection occurs.



**JOB VACANCY** - Unfortunately Mrs Peacock who has been helping Mrs Loveridge in breakfast club has had to resign due to family commitments. We are looking for someone to help, welcoming the children in the morning, helping serve cereals and toast and drinks, playing with the children and then helping to pack away. The post can be a job share, but ideally we would like someone for 5 mornings 7:30am to 8:30am - this position would suit a parent! Please obtain details from Kemble school office 01285 770 303 or [admin@kemble.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kemble.gloucs.sch.uk) . Please fill in an application form and submit this with a hand written letter saying why you would like to work at our school. Thank you.

**MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (MAT)** - the governors, with the head and chair of Deer Park School have a meeting with Rachel Howie the director of education for the diocese on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January to discuss multi academy trusts and what would be the best options for us as small schools in a federation. We will involve parents and staff in a consultation process when we have more information and time scales. Staff and parents who are in schools who have joined a multi academy trust see no difference to the running of the school, it is usually just the back office/ HR / service buy-in that changes. We will keep you informed.



**BUILD PROJECT** - We are so pleased that the development project is going to plan. The current schedule is for us to regain use of the catering kitchen by the second week after half term! It will be alongside the hall in a new extension and will enable Philippa to have a super space to cook our delicious meals. It will mean that all children can eat together for the first time whether they are sandwiches or hot dinners.

Approximately 4 weeks after this the new office space, toilets and Beech class will be ready! We will then plan a move day for them and when they are settled, Mrs Newton and reception class will move next door and then playgroup can move into their final destination.



After Easter, we will look at the playground areas and finalise these so that children have access to a range of play-spaces. Happy Days!

**HALF-TERM FUN** - our end of Term 3 break is approaching fast - we break up at the usual time on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Why not do a phone around and plan a group visit to a local free museum or the library or park and then plan a picnic together on one day? Why not ask your children to design their dream playground for school - I would love to see some ideas! Or what about asking them to tidy their bedrooms... and choose 3 toys to donate to children who are in need? Just a few ideas! Don't forget we have a teacher training day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - we have a fabulous maths expert in - and so we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February for Term 4.

**TOILETS** - We are thrilled that Miss Bremner (Toby Andrews' mum) has come forward to help us update the 'boring' toilets, just up the stairs from the hall. Miss Bremner will be designing and painting a mural in the coming months - spending a penny will be a delight! Thank you.

**WALL JUMPING** - Please could the energetic dads who have been seen on our CCTV jumping over the wall to collect children from clubs, please refrain from doing so - although it is fun to watch your athletic moves, it is against school rules and sets a poor example to the children - please ring the bell on the gate and wait to be let in!

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### **LUNCH ORDERS FOR TERM 4**

The children will be bringing home lunch menus for Term 4. Please can you return your orders into the school office by Monday 3rd April. Please can you ensure your school dinner account is always in credit. Chasing families that are not in credit takes up a lot of time for the school office.



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