



Kemble Primary School

Tues 3rd January 2017

January 10th
Stackpole Meeting
3.30pm

January 12th
Science Dome visit
school

January 13th Parent-
Head Chat 9.30am

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

This Terms Worship Theme is: Relationships

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for your kind gifts, cards and kind words. We really were spoilt and appreciate your generosity.

BUDGET - before Christmas it was mentioned on the news that the government was in effect cutting back school & education budgets as costs would carry on rising but the money given to schools would remain fixed. One of the reasons behind schools joining together was to minimise the effect of cutbacks. The federation between Kemble and Siddington, with some shared staffing costs, mean that we are in a good position for the immediate future and providing we keep numbers up, then we should be able to cope. We will however need to look to the future and joining other schools, to enable us to keep providing all we want to for our children and future generations. The governors continue with their investigations into Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) and joining groups of schools.

SCIENCE EXPLORER DOME - We are pleased to tell you that we have booked a science 'explorer dome' to visit the school this term. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will visit the dome (go inside!) for a science lesson! We hope all the children have fun and are inspired scientifically!



SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER - the next school council fundraiser will be on February 10th - money raised will be for playground development and equipment for the children - your support will be very gratefully received.

STACKPOLE RESIDENTIAL - Our Year 6 children will be off on their amazing residential the week of the 23rd January. Please can all parents and children make sure they attend the meetings so that you are up to date with all the information you need - kit list etc!. The final meeting is on January 10th at 3.30pm at Kemble. All payments should have been made by now - if you have any outstanding payments please make sure that these are paid before the leave date - thank you and have fun!



PARENT / HEAD CHAT - I look forward to seeing everyone on 13th January 9:30am at Kemble and 2:45 - or 2:30 if you can at Siddington. I would like to discuss our behaviour policy to make sure parents understand the process and to get any further parental ideas and also thoughts on homework. If you can't make the meeting, please email the office to put forward any ideas or suggestions. Our policies are on the school websites for you to look at prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE & ARRIVING ON TIME - Please try to bring your child to school on time as they often have early work to do and may practice French during register. Children prefer to arrive in time to see their friends in the playground rather than having to come into class while everyone is sat on the floor already. Please remember that all schools have a target of at least 95% attendance. 5% is allowed for 'normal' childhood illness. Schools or children who have less than 95% are investigated. Your help is very much appreciated!

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - we are pleased to say that the old Chestnut Class (old ICT suite) has been re-structured to be the Breakfast Club, After School Club, Library & Cookery area. As it is blue it will be called the Blue Room from now on! If you use the clubs, then please ring the gate bell as last term and a member of staff will admit you and then go via the conservatory, up the stairs to 'The Blue Room'.

The playgroup are temporarily situated in part of the school hall. This will be their home until the end of the project when they will move to their permanent home which will be the current Reception Class. The Reception Class will move to the next door mobile so they still have their lovely outside area. Miss Hancox with Years 1 and 2 will move to the new class in the main building - with new toilets too!

Over the next few weeks the catering kitchen off the hall will be revamped & built. School life will go on as before with children enjoying their hot dinners in the hall. Children eating sandwiches will go in the hall if there is room or in a classroom. This will only be for a maximum of 10 weeks.

HELP!

Is there a budding parent artist out there? We would like to put a mural in our toilets next to the hall (used by Years 3 - 6). We need something bright and friendly - either a scene or characters. If you think you are up to the challenge then please come and see me. I would like this to be carried out during the February half term break or at a weekend

EARLY REMINDER! World Book Day is on March 2nd and children are always asked to come dressed as a character from a book. Start to have a think now and chat through ideas with your children in preparation!

CLUBS There are no Clubs the first week of term. If you have not already done so, please return the clubs form indicating which clubs your child would like to do.

TERM DATES FOR 2017-8 Please find attached a copy of the term dates for 2017/8. We cannot confirm TD Days yet as we have to wait until other schools submit theirs but they will probably be:

4th & 5th Sept 2017

2nd January 2018

One maybe in February 2018 (to be taken with cluster schools)

4th May 2018

We hope that the calendar will help you to plan ahead!

PLEASE REMEMBER—Collection for Syria

Jill Kingston of Kemble House will be organising a collection for Syria as follows:

We will be gathering clothes again at Kemble House (next to the Church) on Wednesday 18th January and Thursday 19th January. Packing on Friday 20th January.

We need for men, ladies and children donations of the following items:

Warm winter outer clothes, Shoes and boots, Warm daytime wear.

Please no duvets, no linen, no dirty clothes, no jumble and no summer clothes. If you would be prepared to help sort or pack please contact Jill Kingston on kingsjill50@gmail.com

JANUARY Birthdays

Jack B, Nicholas, Larissa,

Peter, Archie, Daisy, Oliver M,

Sienna, Ellis, Phoebe P, George