

## Kemble Primary School

Tues 6th September

September 6th
Stackpole meeting Y6

September 13th Roald Dahl Day

September 14th
Mathletics Info session
3.30pm

September 19th Deer Park Open Morning

September 20th Deer Park Open Morning

September 22nd Kingshill Open Evening

September 28th
Deer Park Open Evening

September 29th Kingshill Open Morning

September 30th Kingshill Open Morning Parent/Head Chat 9.30am

> October 6th Harvest Festival

October 17th and 18th
Parents Evenings

October 20th— 30th Half Term

> October 31st Term 2

# This Terms Worship Theme is: RESPECT

#### Dear Parents,

Welcome back or welcome! We hope that you all had a restful, fun break with your children - what super weather this year! We have a packed year for you once again starting today with Marc Griffiths a ventriloquist with a difference! Check out 'Get Out Your Box' on Google to get a flavour of Marc's act - all to do with raising self-esteem, good choices and being a friend - a super, fun way to start the year for the children and the staff!

We have collated the events calendar over the summer break and this will be out as soon as we can confirm last dates of other organisations. We have planned in special treats for the children and put on key dates in the year. We hope that we do not have to change any, but occasionally it is out of our control and dates have to change. Have a look at all the wonderful things planned.

Handy Person Needed - We are sad to say that Bob our super handyman has left due to gaining a full time position over the summer- we are so pleased for him! This means that we need a handy person asap! There will be an advert for the handyperson position on the school noticeboards - 3 hours per week at Kemble and 2 hours per week at Siddington (flexible) - £8.26 per hour. Application forms are available from the school offices.

CALENDAR - We attach a sheet with the holidays and TD Days again for your record and 2017/18 can be found on the Gloucestershire

website. Please remember that no holidays are allowed out of term time - we can only agree absences for the following:

For armed forces who need to spend time together

Families who need to spend time together due to exceptional

circumstances Thank you for understanding - we have to follow the
rules!

CLUBS - Please remember that clubs will start next week. Some of the clubs will have to be split due to the numbers who have requested to join them. A list of who is in which club will be circulated by Thursday. Please note children are expected to attend every week. Reception children will be invited to join clubs after Christmas when they are more used to school.

KPG I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to KPG for all their hard work making our Fun Day a huge success - what an amazing team! We have had nothing but praise for the stalls, activities and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who supported this very special day. Candice Beard is stepping down from chairing KPG and I want to say 'thank you so very much' for all your hard work.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - We are a growing school (now over 100 pupils) and it is becoming increasingly difficult to store clothing for parents to purchase in school. So once our current stocks have been sold, we will not be able to provide school clothing and will let you know how you can purchase it. We will be able to supply swimming caps and book bags - we do hope you understand

No Toys! We frequently have to sort out issues with regards to children bringing home toys into school. Please can you make your children aware that this year toys are not permitted at school unless teachers specifically request, but skipping ropes can be brought in for playtimes - if they are named. Hard balls are not permitted in both schools due to the damage that is being caused to roof tiles.

BUILD UPDATE - We have had a few meetings over summer and as reports and surveys have come in, it has become apparent that the phasing of the development may not work to suit our needs, so the plan is to try to organise works to be carried out at the same time. We therefore anticipate no disruption to the school activities at all, but we 'may' have 1 term whereby we have meals brought in rather than cooked on site. This happens at Siddington and other local schools and the meal quality is still good! We will keep you updated. The current development plan is available in the school office.

From October half term until approximately the end of January, the centre part of the school will be sealed off. There will be temporary offices for myself and Mrs Turner and Mrs Jackson in the school staffroom, playgroup are already settled in the school, and work will start extending the small kitchen. Breakfast and After school club will use the hall and small kitchen until they need to knock through then, the small kitchen will be out of use and the playgroup room will be used. Beard have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and the build site will be completely sealed off from the children. They are experienced with working with schools and understand our needs and the importance of heightened safety and minimum disruption.

We will keep you informed of progress and I am sure you are as keen as we are knowing that our school will be 're-vamped' and updated - to become a much nicer place for the children to be..

NEW CHILDREN.... We are so pleased to welcome our new Reception Class children, Sophie A, Rollo, Poppy B, Jack, Florence, Larissa, Sophie H, Emma, Ellouise, Jeannie, Callum, Ben, Harry, Taya, Poopy W, Digby and Nicholas. We also welcome Levente in Horse Chestnut Class.









#### Vaccine Update/Reminder

Please note the following health advice from the NHS.

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. This is because the vaccine does not always work fully the first time. Therefore if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this now by contacting your *GP/Practice Nurse*.

Children in year 1, 2 & 3 are also eligible for flu vaccine this year.

Further information can be accessed from the following website

http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx

#### Forest School

Please remember that your children will be carrying out a term of forest school work and cookery. Children will need welly boots and a waterproof top for Forest School. (we will supply waterproof bottoms).



Forest school will be held as follows, starting next week:
Autumn—Wednesday AM Oak, Wednesday PM Beech
Spring—Wednesday AM Oak, Wednesday PM Horse Chestnut
Summer—Wednesday AM Oak, Wednesday PM, Chestnut



### September Birthdays

Scarlette, George L-P,
Aderyn, Angel, Isabelle,
Grace M, Fraser, Ben,
Taya, Emma,