



Kemble Primary School

25th June 2018

27th June
Beech assembly

29th June
School Fundraiser

5th July
School Sports Day 12
Noon Picnic
1pm Races

16th July School Play
9.30am Dress
Rehearsal (Young
children to watch this
one)

7pm Performance 1—
No young children
please

18th July School Play
Performance 2—7pm
No young children
please

23rd July
Visit to Cotswold
Beach

25th July 1pm
Leavers Service and
last day of term

This Terms Assembly Theme is: Thankfulness

The term is speeding ahead as it often does and classes are busy with topics, plays, props and sports. Our sports days are fast approaching and with that in mind we thought a reminder and prompt for new parents would be helpful.

SPORTS DAY - Siddington is Tuesday 10th July 12:00 picnic and 1:00 start. Kemble is Thursday 5th July 12:00 picnic and 1:00 start.

The children are put into houses when they start at school Thames - red, Wye - yellow, Avon - green and Severn - blue. On sports day the children wear their PE kits to school, and they can wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house. However be careful with yellow as thunder flies are often attracted to this colour - maybe wear white and we can give the children a yellow band to wear.

In the morning children will be involved in field sports and fun events linked to the sports day and at 12:00pm if parents can come along with picnic 'hampers' and blankets and plenty of sun cream and drinks, the children are led out onto the field and we have a whole school picnic. Children whose parents cannot attend can sit with friends or with staff. At 12:45 the children go with staff to the toilet and are brought back onto the field where they sit in their houses with staff. We ask that parents sit well back from the track and when your



children are running, please keep away from the finish line tape. Also - please do not cross the track to see you child. This year, at the end of the events we will be handing out sports trophies (rather than at the end of term leaver's assembly) so that more parents can watch. Let's hope for a fine day!

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - please see the attached results from the governors. The areas to develop / improve were discussed with parents at the parent / head meetings on Friday as well as other areas that were raised:

Bullying: If parents think or know that their child is being bullied then please make the staff aware at school as soon as it happens. There is a definition of what bullying is on the school websites, in the Behaviour & Anti-bullying policy. The policy shows our anti-bullying measures and there are forms to fill out by the child or by the parent if you want to log the incidents. The school and staff will do all they can to stop bullying, but we do need to be told. Please do not wait until the questionnaire to inform us of such an important aspect of your child's school life.

Communication: Teachers will issue a topic web / letter at the start of each term and these can also be viewed on the website. The parent meetings that were initially praised and well attended have dropped in numbers over the last 3 - 4. The staff will therefore only carry out the beginning of year sessions, but as always, parents are welcome to meet parents at any time and we have our usual interim reports followed by parent's evenings, information evenings for hot topics and progress meetings for children who may not be progressing as quickly as we would hope. We will also be starting a new system in September so that all absences, late entries to school, behaviour and safeguarding concerns are logged electronically so that we can share information swiftly and deal with concerns as soon as they arise. Staff receive notifications when someone logs a concern.

- Please can parents STOP parking on the zig-zag / double yellow lines outside the school - this should not be used even for drop off however quick you think you may be. The police may be called if this continues
- The speed of cars (and tractors) through the village was raised and I asked parents to speak to the parish council clerk about this and it can be taken to our ward councillor.



- **Consistency of trips across the year groups** - I have raised this with staff and asked them to consider places to go, but it has to be a valuable place to enhance the topic.
- **Sun cream application** - this was raised by a parent and I explained that teachers or TPs will remind children about this before break time and lunch time and they will supervise and help little ones if needed. It is best if parents use a strong sun cream before school to make sure that all areas are covered and to provide a hat with a neck flap.
- **Lunches** were mentioned and I explained that I checked on the portion size with Caterlink and the portion size is the same for all primary school children, but common sense does prevail and younger children may have a smaller portion than a large Year 6 pupil. I have requested that we have some parent lunch sessions so you can eat with your child to see how the lunch times are organised. I will await the response form Caterlink! It was also mentioned about handing out cutlery and I reassured a parent that hand gel or hand washing is carried out by staff before lunch times (we have gel in the hall for this reason). Disposable gloves were discussed and this is something I will look into.
- **Homework** - this is always a tricky one as some parents say we give too much and some say not enough. Last year we did adapt the homework after feedback from parents and there is a new study that has been carried out that I will look into over the summer and liaise with parents as to further ways forward. I did explain that it was not necessary for teachers to mark homework as this is best done by parents when they are doing the homework.



- **Positive:**
 - Lots of praise for the teachers, especially for making the SATS such good fun! The children loved being spies!
 - Praise for the questionnaire and having an opportunity to discuss the issues and the feedback

MENTAL HEALTH - Over the past 2 years we have been building mental health information into our PHSCE curriculum and support for children by training a member of staff as an Emotional Literacy Support Advisor (ELSA). In September our new classroom will be kitted out to serve not only as our new After School Club / Breakfast Club, music and drama room, but also as a room where children can go to receive extra support if they need it. To make sure we are giving parents and staff as much information and support as possible too, **I have arranged a key mental health speaker to come to Kemble School Hall on September 18th at 7:00pm.** Please save this date as it will be a very informative evening all about 'Supporting You to Support Your Child'. If your child leaves for Year 7 at the end of this year and you want to come back - please do! This evening is open to all. And can help to prepare all parents and staff for the challenges that children face today. Please arrange a babysitter and I will provide wine and nibbles and can also display our PHSCE & Relationship and Sex Education resources too. I am hoping that we will have a packed hall - this is so important - please try to come.



END OF YEAR KS2 PRODUCTIONS: We are thrilled once again that our very talented Key Stage 2 pupils will be entertaining us with their end of term play 'Shakespeare Rocks!'. We do like the evening performances to be child-free, so we make the dress rehearsal available for children in school and for younger children to attend - this is on Monday 16th July at 9:30am for both schools. The evening performances are Performance 1 7:00pm on Monday 16th July and 7:00pm on Wednesday 18th July for both schools. We do not mind parents filming the production, but we do ask that the films are not posted on any social media websites and are only used for personal family use. Please remember to turn mobile phones off during the performances and the hall do get very warm, so dress with care!

MDSA - We are still looking for a MDSA for Kemble school and do have an opportunity for a MDSA at Siddington school. The job is for 1 hour per day from 12:00 - 1:00 at Kemble and 12:15 to 1:15 at Siddington. The role involves supervising children eating their lunch, putting up and taking down tables and benches, playing games with the children and dealing with minor bumps and bruises. Please see the school offices if you are interested in these very important roles.

ARCHERY CLUB - We have an archery set in each school and it would be super to be able to offer this as a regular club in each school. If there are two parents who are interested in running an after school club for children - we can train you up! We always ensure our club runners have a clear DBS check as we take safeguarding very seriously at our schools. The office staff will take you through this process. Please see the staff to see which days are free to run the club - thank you!

Trip to Cotswold Beach—23rd July

Finally if you have not returned your permission slip for the trip to the Beach, please can you do so. A copy of the permission slip is attached at the end of this newsletter.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sophia, Celia, Georgina, Kit, Anya, Freya, Oliver T, Edward,
Sebastian



School Trip to Cotswold Beach—Monday 23rd July 2018

Name(s): Class(es):.....

IParent / carer give my permission for my child(ren) to attend the Cotswold Water Park & Beach on Monday 23rd July 10:00am - 3:00/ 3:20pm.

Please let us know how you will transport your child(ren) and which other children you will be taking:

I will drive my child to the beach, drop off and then pick up at the end of the day

I will drive my child (and others) to the beach and I will be staying

I will be driving the following children to the beach and picking them up afterwards:

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My child(ren)

Will be transported to and from the beach by:

Thank you very much and we know that this will be a very special day for everyone - a time to celebrate all the hard work and good year, have a lovely time with Mrs Newton and relax - let's hope the sun shines for us!