



# Kemble Primary School

4th September 2018

10th September—  
Parent / Teacher  
Talks—times to be  
confirmed

17th and 18th  
September  
Deer Park Open  
Mornings 9.15am

18th September  
'Supporting you to  
support your child'  
Parent / Staff  
Conference 7pm  
Kemble School Hall

20th September  
School Photographer

20th September  
Kemble Defibrillator  
Fundraiser—Healthy  
Snacks for sale

20th September  
Kingshill Open evening  
6.15pm

21st September—  
World Peace Day  
KS2 at Deer Park

**Our Vision—To have fun, do our very best and to look after everyone in a caring community.'**

**This Terms Assembly Theme is: RESPECT**

I do hope that you have all had a super, warm and sunny, fun and family / friends filled holiday! You will be pleased to hear that the teachers and TPs have been busy through the break and the schools look amazing and ready for a fun packed term.

I want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Loveridge, Mrs Savage and Mr Stubley, for making our new Willow class (ASC / BC / ELSA & Music lessons) into such an amazing and bright class. The mobile outsides have been painted and look wonderful too. Also our fabulous parents Julia and Dairsie Latimer, Georgie Bamber and Claire Codd, have made the outside garden and playground areas fantastic - thank you so much for your hard work - we are so lucky. Julia and Dairsie have also organised donations from:

Pets at Home : wooden birdhouse; bird seed, coconut shells

Dobbies - end of season plants

Tesco - £15 voucher exchanged for 3 bags

of stone (3 for £10) and two plants

Austin's Country Store - lots of (old)

compost bags and 2 (end of season) plants

Please show your appreciation of these

companies by thanking them when you

visit! If any parents want to help with the

maintenance of any of the beds or wall

tubs then do please make Julia, or the

school office aware - many hands make

light work! If anyone wants to donate plants or seeds, or bird

food, then we will be very grateful - thank you everyone.



**CHANGE OF LOCATION** - Please remember that Breakfast Club and After School Club will be in Willow room from the start of term - access (with code) will be given out. If your children have music lessons in school time, they will be told where their music lessons will be - some will be in the hall, but drums and others may be in the Willow room.

**MDSA wanted** - we require a new MDSA to start as soon as possible please - this position can be from 2 lunch times per week up to 5 lunch times per week. Please see the school office if you are interested in this post of an hour of fun each day playing with the children.

**WELCOME** - we welcome all our new pupils: Livy, Charlie, Louis, Emily, Flora, Emily J, Phoebe, Lexi, Theo, Lola, Willow, Julius, Olivia, Lily and Olivia W in Oak, Meghan and Grace in Horse Chestnut and Finn in Chestnut Class

We also welcome our new staff Mrs Anna-Mai in reception class, who is also our new head of school and pupil premium leader, Miss Sarah Hedley-Dunmore our Beech class teacher - welcome to the team!

Mrs Janvrin has informed us that she will not be returning to teaching at Kemble, we are sad to see her go, but understand her wish to spend time with her lovely family! We are currently recruiting and will confirm what is happening as soon as possible.

**VISION & OUR VALUE - RESPECT** - As part of our vision and values work this year, we will be focussing on looking after each other and our lovely schools, continuing with our 'Kindfulness Kites' and making sure that we continue our work on the 3 things that have once again been highlighted in the news as problems young people are facing:

**1. MENTAL HEALTH** - we will continue our work on good mental health, using a range of resources in our personal, health, social, health education (PHSE) lessons. See the leaflet and share with children to encourage them to think about how they can improve their mental health - children designed these

**2. HEALTHY DIET** - we will encourage children to choose and eat healthily, this aims to reduce sugar and salt intake in line with government recommendations. Tuck shop will continue, but we will make sure it is positioned away from exits from school and offer healthier choices too. Also - if your child has a birthday at school, please try to offer healthier options rather than just sweets, maybe a pencil or little toy, or even something that can be enjoyed by all the children in class or at school; a game or piece of equipment for the playground would be super and different!



**3. INTERNET SAFETY** - we want children to think about internet safety, and cyber bullying every time they are online and also how they can manage social media so that they do not suffer from anxiety or depression.

**MARKING** - In June, staff trialled a no-marking month to see if there was any change on pupil progress. Staff have reported that children did just as well with verbal feedback as with written comments in books, in some cases directly chatting with the children and talking and showing them examples using the visualiser, had better impact than with traditional book marking and this has been trialled with similar results by government studies. Staff will adapt their feedback in books and in lessons over the coming months to make sure that children make the best progress.

**KPG**- Our wonderful parent groups have raised substantial amounts of money in the past few years and this has enabled the school to provide lots of fun and educational equipment for the children, subsidise or pay for trips and visits for the children and provide experiences such as the Life Education Caravan or Christmas theatre trip. Over the next few weeks, the parent groups will be meeting and wanting to 'recruit' new members. The groups are social and have good fun so please support them - children are the ones who benefit - thank you.

**TOILETS** - You may notice that we have new flooring in the corridor by Horse Chestnut and Chestnut class, and in the toilets. With the new flooring, the smell has gone and we will try once again to make sure the toilets stay fresh and clean. The issue in the past has been urine on the floor on a regular basis. Please would you let staff know if your child cannot comfortably use an adult size toilet. If anyone has a toilet 'step up' that they no longer need, then please let the office staff know as we would like one for each toilet (4 in total) thank you.

**EVENTS FOR THE YEAR** - An events calendar will be issued with this letter and will be available on the school website. Please keep the copy of the events calendar safe as this has the main dates and times of events through the whole year. We like to give parents as much notice as possible. Occasionally we do have to cancel or change dates, but we try to keep to our original dates if we can

## Recorder lessons

Annabel Knight will be starting Recorder on Tuesday 17th September - room to be confirmed. She has contacted those parents who expressed an interest. Lessons start just after 3pm and finish at 3.40pm. The cost for the term is £60 and the children are asked to have their own recorders if possible. If you have not expressed an interest yet but want to please contact Annabel direct on [annabel@passacaglia.com](mailto:annabel@passacaglia.com)

## Clubs

As per our note of yesterday, please note that no extra-curricular clubs will be running in either the first week of Term 1 or the last week of Term 2. This does not apply to Breakfast Club and After School Club, which will be running as normal. If you specified either the Dance class, BCSD class or singing lessons on your clubs list choices please ensure that you contact the teachers for those directly as specified, as the Office does not deal with these.

## Parent Pay

Please remember we are now a cashless school. All payments for school trips, lunches for KS2 and After School Club and Breakfast Club are to be done via Parent Pay. We will shortly be asking the parents of the new reception children to set up an account.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Louis, Flora, Olivia S, Ben W, Emma, Ben R, Taya, Scarlette,  
Hayden, Angel,

